



The Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System
Le réseau Grands Lacs - Voie maritime du Saint-Laurent

2020 – Notice to Shipping #7

MAISONNEUVE REGION

MONTREAL / LAKE ONTARIO SECTION

SLSMC Preventive Measures for COVID-19 (Cancelled 2020/03/23)

The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation has put a series of measures in place to ensure the continuity of operations in the Montreal – Lake Ontario (MLO) section for both domestic and ocean vessels. These measures are designed to maintain an efficient transportation system while safeguarding the welfare of all personnel. We are continuing to follow the evolving situation and are working to ensure that lock operations will be reliable when commercial navigation resumes on April 1, 2020 (MLO).

For ocean vessels coming into the St. Lawrence Seaway, adherence to the 96 hour advance notice of arrival to the Government of Canada is essential. In addition, all crew members of domestic and ocean vessels must be monitored for symptoms of the virus and **notice must be immediately provided to the St. Lambert Traffic Control Centre** of any confirmed or suspected cases of the virus on board, prior to Seaway inspectors boarding the ship.

New restrictions on transportation mean that all cruise ships carrying 500 or more people will be prohibited from entering Canadian waters. Consequently, cruise ships should monitor Transport Canada communication channels for further updates, as these stipulations may change in the future.

Please note that there may be limited capacity to assist ships requiring mooring lines for a lockage at a lock equipped with Hands-Free mooring. Operators of such ships requiring the use of mooring lines are required to contact the St. Lambert Traffic Control Center. The Traffic Control Center will advise on the order of turn and estimated schedule for lockage.

In addition, in order to protect our employees, limitations to interfaces will be implemented. Further details are available in the Seaway Notice No. 10 - 2020.

Please be assured, the current health crisis related to Covid-19 has our full attention and the situation is being constantly monitored. We will keep you informed of any changes.

Maisonneuve Region
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