



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

2020 – Notice to Shipping #14

MAISONNEUVE REGION

MONTREAL / LAKE ONTARIO SECTION

Increased Flows – Montreal Lake Ontario Section

Mariners are advised that outflows from Lake Ontario are expected to be higher than normal at the beginning of the navigation season. These flows will create velocities higher than normal in the navigation channels and variations in the normal current patterns may occur. Mariners are advised to take these conditions into account when transiting the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section.

As a result of the high flows, no meeting or passing will be allowed in the following critical areas until further notice:

- American Narrows, between Sunken Rock Shoal (U.S. LT 189) and Point Vivian
- Brockville Narrows, between Skelton Island and Needles Eye Island
- Wiley Dondero Canal, between CIP 9 (buoy 56) to mooring cells below Copeland Cut

Mariners are to adjust their speeds accordingly to accomplish this.

Mariners should exercise caution especially when navigating in areas of high cross currents including but not limited to: Galop Island; Toussaint Island; Ogden Island; Copeland Cut; and the South Cornwall Channel (Polly's Gut).

Mariners are reminded that there is a zero tolerance for ship's draft in excess of the maximum permissible draft, as per Seaway Notice No. 8.

Mariners are asked to provide feedback on navigation conditions encountered due to the higher than normal outflows.

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