



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

SEAWAY NOTICE NO. 5 – 2023

Draft Information System Audits and Requirements

Please be advised that throughout the 2023 navigation season, the Seaway will be conducting random audits on ships equipped and approved to use the Draft Information System (DIS) in order to verify DIS requirements, performance, user knowledge and training.

Requirements validated during the audit may include, but not be limited to:

- Operational AIS with accuracy approved by the Seaway
- Up-to-date electronic and high resolution charts
- Documentation attesting to user training
- Correct information entered into the DIS, ex. DIS ship type, draft, etc.
- **Operational bow thruster***

***Please note:** In order to use the DIS, a ship must be fitted with a bow thruster and the bow thruster must be operational. Section 29 of the Seaway Handbook Practices & Procedures will be updated to reflect this requirement next year.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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