



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

SEAWAY NOTICE NO. 6 – 2023

Tie-Up at Approach Walls at Canadian Locks

Ships transiting the Seaway are responsible for making their own provisions for tie-up at the approach walls at the Canadian locks.

Ships are required to establish their tie-up strategy for lock approach walls and confirm their strategy with the SLSMC prior to entry into both the Montreal-Lake Ontario (MLO) Section of the Seaway and the Welland Canal. Either of the following strategies will be acceptable:

- Use of landing booms to land ship crew to secure the ship; or
- Ship contract in place with a 3rd party service provider for tie-up at a lock approach wall.
(Ships are responsible for contacting their 3rd party service provider to ensure they are at the designated lock approach wall prior to arrival of the ship.)

Ships that do not to have a tie-up strategy in place for the lock approach walls may be delayed and/or put to anchor until such time that the traffic pattern can accommodate their transit.

Please note that in the event of an emergency, SLSMC personnel will be deployed to tie-up ships at a lock approach wall on a best effort basis. In this case, an emergency situation comprises a marine accident or incident as [defined by the Transportation Safety Board](#), a failure of Seaway equipment or a severe unforeseen weather event.

Please note, this notice applies only for tie-up at lock approach walls. Arrangements for planned interfaces at leased wharves are to be made directly with the lessee.

Ships with Third Party Service Providers

Ships contracting with a 3rd party service provider shall make arrangements in advance of their arrival into the Seaway so that the 3rd party service provider can comply with, and obtain:

- Appropriate SLSMC security clearance
- Safety orientation
- Security orientation



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Please have your 3rd party service provider contact the applicable regional security team two weeks in advance to allow for sufficient time to obtain the above-noted required security clearance, safety and security orientation:

- For the MLO Section: surete@seaway.ca
- For the Welland Canal: security@seaway.ca

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