



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

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Re: SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 1 OF 2023

This is the first Radio Message for the opening of the 2023 navigation season.

The Montreal/Lake Ontario section will be open to navigation on **March 22nd at 0800 hours**.
The Welland Canal will be open to navigation on **March 22th at 0800 hours**.

Details on the maximum permissible drafts for both the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section and the Welland Canal are available in Seaway Notice no.2 of 2023.

MONTREAL-LAKE ONTARIO SECTION

Ice conditions in the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section of the Seaway are available through the local Traffic Control Centres.

Navigation may be restricted until the commissioning of lighted aids has been completed. Mariners are warned to exercise extreme caution in the use of winter markers as the position of the markers may have been affected by ice. Further information concerning this is available from the appropriate traffic control centre.

Work is ongoing for the removal of the Prescott-Ogdensburg ice boom A and Galop ice boom G. The booms should be removed from the navigation channel in time for opening.

WELLAND CANAL

The Welland Canal and Lake Erie are mostly open water.

This radio message is the first and last for the opening navigation season of 2023.

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