



Marine Traffic Resumes on St. Lawrence Seaway After Vessel Re-floating

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CORNWALL, ONTARIO –At 8:59 am this morning, marine traffic has resumed on the St. Lawrence Seaway, after the successful re-floating of the NACC Argonaut. The Canadian-flagged cement carrier, is now proceeding to safe anchorage for its inspection on Lake St-Francis. No injuries or pollution resulted from the incident or the re-floating. Cooperation between agency and marine industry partners minimized impacts to the supply chain and enabled the quick resumption of shipping on the essential transportation binational artery.

At 5:33 am on Sunday, September 24, 2023, the NACC Argonaut experienced a grounding event on the waterways, between St-Regis and Cornwall Island at Buoy D90 on the Canadian side of the international border. Immediate measures were taken to protect individuals and the environment. Water levels on the Seaway were not a contributing factor. Immediate steps were taken to protect people and the environment. Fifteen vessels in total travelling the Seaway experienced a temporary pause in marine traffic. Two tugs assisted in the operation to stabilize and recover the NACC Argonaut.

The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation would like to thank all those involved for their professionalism and contribution to a safe and successful resolution.

The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation was established in 1998 as a not-for-profit corporation by the Government of Canada, Seaway users and other key stakeholders. In accordance with provisions of the Canada Marine Act, the Corporation manages and operates the Canadian assets of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Since the St. Lawrence Seaway's inception in 1959, 3 billion tonnes of cargo has been transported via the waterway. For more information concerning the Seaway, please visit www.greatlakes-seaway.com

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