



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

SEAWAY NOTICE NO #10 – 2023

NOTIFICATION TO ALL VESSELS – Notice of Strike Received

The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) was served with a 72-hour notice of strike by UNIFOR on October 18, 2023 for locals 4211, 4319, 4212, 4323 and 4320. The union intends to begin strike action as of 00:01 on Sunday October 22, 2023.

The SLSMC remains committed to obtaining a fair settlement, and will continue to bargain in good faith with the assistance of a federally-appointed mediator.

As a result of UNIFOR's strike notification, SLSMC has started implementing its detailed plans for an orderly and safe shutdown of navigation, within the 72-hour notice period. The following cut-off times have been established to allow 24 hours to clear the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section (MLO) of upbound ships, 28 hours to clear MLO of downbound ships, and 14 hours to clear the Welland Canal by 00:01 October 22, 2023.

Cut-off times to clear the MLO Section:

- Upbound at CIP 2: 00:01 October 21, 2023
- Downbound at Cape Vincent: 20:01 October 20, 2023

Cut-off times to clear the Welland Canal:

- Upbound at CIP 15: 10:01 October 21, 2023
- Downbound at CIP 16: 10:01 October 21, 2023

Should the unionized workers proceed with strike action:

- St. Lawrence Seaway will be closed to all traffic at 00:01 October 22, 2023

Please submit anticipated traffic lists leading up to the anticipated closing to marineofficers@seaway.ca.

October 19, 2023