



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 – 2023

This is the first radio message for the closing of the 2023 navigation season. Messages will be issued Monday through Friday. As the need arises, weekends will be included. The purpose of this message is to provide Seaway users with information that may facilitate the planning of vessel transits throughout the remainder of the navigation season.

Mariners are advised that the Montreal-Lake Ontario and Welland Canal drafts are as outlined in Seaway Notice No. 14 of 2023.

It is important for mariners to note that any vessel which enters the Seaway upbound at CIP2 after 2359 hrs on December 9th shall be designated a wintering vessel in accordance with all the terms outlined in Seaway Notice No. 14 of 2023.

Water temperature at St. Lambert on December 08, is 0.9 degrees Celsius. Last year's temperature was 3.7 degrees Celsius. The ten year average is 2.4 degrees Celsius.

At midnight December 07, the number of ocean vessels above St. Lambert was 37 as compared to 44 in 2022. Above Port Weller the number was 23 as compared to 20 in 2022.

The Prescott/Ogdensburg ice boom opening has been reduced to 600m and is indicated by quick flashing green and red buoys.

All closing procedures outlined in Seaway Notice No. 14 of 2023 remain in effect.

The next radio message will be issued Monday, December 11th 2023.

The Seaway Control centre will only broadcast critical information on the air.

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Please broadcast 3 times at time coinciding with regular radio broadcasts.

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