



**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.12- 2023**

***This is the final Radio Message for the 2023 closing period. Information will be available from the respective Traffic Control Centre.***

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 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 26, is 1.0 degrees Celsius. Last year's temperature was 0.0 degrees Celsius. The ten year average is 0.6 degrees Celsius.

At midnight December 25, the number of ocean vessels above St. Lambert was 12 as compared to 15 in 2022. Above Port Weller the number was 7 as compared to 6 in 2022.

**Mariners are advised that the ice booms in the Melocheville anchorage area of the Beauharnois Canal have been installed. Use of the anchorage is not recommended.**

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

**Navigation will be restricted to daylight only beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> from St-Zotique to Cape Vincent.**

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

**DOT/CCG STATION**

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

December 26, 2023

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