



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

---

2024 - SEAWAY NOTICE # 06

## **Tie-Up at Approach Walls at Canadian Locks**

Ships transiting the Seaway are responsible for making their own provisions for tie-up at the approach walls at the Canadian locks.

Ships are required to establish their tie-up strategy for lock approach walls and confirm their strategy with the SLSMC prior to entry into both the Montreal-Lake Ontario (MLO) Section of the Seaway and the Welland Canal. Either of the following strategies will be acceptable:

- Use of landing booms to land ship crew to secure the ship; or
- Ship contract in place with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party service provider for tie-up at a lock approach wall.  
***(Ships are responsible for contacting their 3<sup>rd</sup> party service provider to ensure they are at the designated lock approach wall prior to arrival of the ship.)***

**Ships that do not to have a tie-up strategy in place for the lock approach walls may be delayed and/or put to anchor until such time that the traffic pattern can accommodate their transit.**

Please note that in the event of an emergency, SLSMC personnel will be deployed to tie-up ships at a lock approach wall on a best effort basis. In this case, an emergency situation comprises a marine accident or incident as [defined by the Transportation Safety Board](#), a failure of Seaway equipment or a severe unforeseen weather event.

Please note, this notice applies only for tie-up at lock approach walls. Arrangements for planned interfaces at leased wharves are to be made directly with the lessee.

### **Ships with Third Party Service Providers**

Ships contracting with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party service provider shall make arrangements in advance of their arrival into the Seaway so that the 3<sup>rd</sup> party service provider can comply with, and obtain:

- Appropriate SLSMC security clearance
- Safety orientation
- Security orientation



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

---

Please have your 3<sup>rd</sup> party service provider contact the applicable regional security team two weeks in advance to allow for sufficient time to obtain the above-noted required security clearance, safety and security orientation:

- For the MLO Section: [surete@seaway.ca](mailto:surete@seaway.ca)
- For the Welland Canal: [security@seaway.ca](mailto:security@seaway.ca)

March 11, 2024