



2024 - NOTICE TO SHIPPING #9

NIAGARA REGION
WELLAND CANAL

Linehandler Training in Welland Canal Locks

Mariners are advised that they may be asked to deploy their mooring lines in the Welland Canal locks starting April 22nd through April 26th & April 29th through May 3rd 2024 even if their ship is deemed compatible with HFM. Our operations personnel will be conducting linehandler training on any one of the Locks during the above mentioned dates and we ask for your cooperation during this time.

For linehandler training on upbound vessels, the ships will be advised at CIP 15 if training is taking place and at which lock.

For linehandler training on downbound vessels, the ships will be advised when departing lock 8 if training is taking place and at which lock.

Please take note of the reminder on mooring and cast-off procedure attached in appendix.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated during this time.

April 19th, 2024



Reminder - Mooring and Cast-Off Procedure

The following is a reminder of the traditional mooring and cast-off procedure when HFM is not in operation. **At all times, the ship must follow instructions of the Seaway officer in charge of the mooring operation.**

Mooring

1. Ship proceeds to appropriate final mooring position (guided by Vessel Self Spotting or spotting instructions from Seaway personnel)
2. Mooring lines are typically placed on mooring posts in the following order (The Seaway officer in charge will inform the ship should the order be different):
 - a. Forward mooring lines #2 and then #1
 - b. Aft mooring lines #4 and then #3 (if required)
3. The handline for the first mooring line, mooring line #2, will be deployed/taken once the vessel is stopped at its final mooring position.

The slack of the mooring lines may only be taken up after the appropriate signal has been received from the lock personnel.

Lockage

The proper tensioning of the lines during the lock fill or dump operation is the responsibility of the ship crew.

Winches or hand-held mooring lines shall be properly attended to avoid the necessity of engine or thruster manoeuvres during the locking operation.

Care must be taken to ensure the ship does not back up past the "STOP" signal at the stern of the ship when preparing to depart the lock after raising or lowering.

Cast-Off

The ship is to remain secured until the Seaway officer in charge of the mooring operation gives the cast-off instructions.

When a ship is instructed to cast off, the mooring lines are to be slackened and the Master must ensure that they have all been cast off and clear of the bollards before commencing to heave the lines inboard.

Mooring lines will be cast-off in the following order:

- a. Aft mooring lines #4 and then #3 (if applicable)
- b. Forward mooring lines #2 and then #1