



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

SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 1 – 2024

This is the first radio message for the closing of the 2024 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. 12 of 2024.

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. 12 of 2024.

Water temperature at St. Lambert on December 09, is 1.9 degrees Celsius. Last year's temperature was 0.9 degrees Celsius. The ten years average is 2.4 degrees Celsius.

At midnight December 08, the number of ocean vessels above St. Lambert was 61 as compared to 36 in 2023. Above Port Weller the number was 39 as compared to 21 in 2023.

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. 12 of 2024 remain in effect.

The next radio message will be issued Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

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

December 09, 2024