



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

SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 17 – 2024

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 shall be designated a wintering vessel in accordance with all the terms outlined in Seaway Notice No. 12 of 2024.

In addition, the implementation of the power to length ratio restrictions and minimum draft requirements, scheduled to begin December 7 and December 12, are to be postponed until further notice.

Ice is now present in areas of the South Shore Canal and in the Wiley-Dondero Canal

One way navigation is in effect between Côte Ste Catherine Lock and St. Nicolas Island. In between Côte Ste Catherine Lock and St. Lambert Lock, ships can meet at only 2 places : below Côte Ste Catherine Lock or 1500 feet above St. Lambert Lock's upper wall. One way navigation is in effect in the Wiley-Dondero Canal. More detailed information may be obtained from the respective Traffic Control Centre.

Water temperature at St. Lambert on December 29, is -0.2 degree Celsius. Last year's temperature was 2.3 degree Celsius. The ten years average is 0.7 degree Celsius.

At midnight December 29, the number of ocean vessels above St. Lambert was 16 as compared to 4 in 2023. Above Port Weller the number was 5 as compared to 2 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 Monday, December 30, 2024.

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

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