



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

SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 01 – 2025

This is the first radio message for the closing of the 2025 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 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, 2024 are to be postponed until further notice.

A reminder that all ships must be clear of the MLO Section by 12:00 January 5, 2025. All ships must be clear of the U.S. Locks by 23:59 January 4, 2025. In order to clear the MLO Section by the above dates, the following cut-off times for accepting ships have been established:

- Downbound at Cape Vincent: 06:00 January 4, 2025
- Upbound at CIP2 02:00 January 4, 2025

Ships must be clear of the Welland Canal by 12:00 January 10, 2025. In order to clear the Welland Canal by the above date, the following cut-off times for accepting ships have been established:

- Downbound at CIP16: 20:00 January 9, 2025
- Upbound at CIP15: 20:00 January 9, 2025

There is some light ice remaining in some areas of the Wiley-Dondero. There is no ice present in the South Shore Canal.

Water temperature at St. Lambert on January 01 is 0.5 degree Celsius. Last year's temperature was 2.1 degrees Celsius. The ten years average is 0.3 degrees Celsius.

At midnight January 01, the number of ocean vessels above St. Lambert was 11 as compared to 2 in 2024. Above Port Weller the number was 4 as compared to 1 in 2024.

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 Thursday, January 2, 2025.

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

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