



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

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**Re: SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 1 OF 2025**

This is the first Radio Message for the opening of the 2025 navigation season.

The Montreal/Lake Ontario section will be open to navigation tomorrow, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 0800 hours.

The Welland Canal will be open to navigation tomorrow, **March 22<sup>th</sup> at 0800 hours.**

Details on the maximum permissible drafts for both the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section and the Welland Canal are available in Seaway Notice no.2 of 2025.

**MONTREAL-LAKE ONTARIO SECTION**

**There is some ice present above Côte Ste.Catherine lock and below Beauharnois locks. Lake St. François is relatively clear of ice.**

**There is ice in the Wiley-Dondero Canal, one way navigation is in effect.**

Further details are available through the local Traffic Control Centres.

Navigation may be restricted until the commissioning of lighted aids has been completed. Mariners are warned to exercise extreme caution in the use of winter markers as the position of the markers may have been affected by ice. Further information concerning this is available from the appropriate traffic control centre.

The Prescott-Ogdensburg ice boom A and Galop ice boom G have been removed from the navigation channel. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area as the openings may not be clearly marked.

**WELLAND CANAL**

The Welland Canal is generally open water with some ice present above lock 8. Some ice is also present in the eastern portion of Lake Erie. Further information is available through the local Traffic Control Centre.

The next radio message will be issued Monday, March 24, 2025.

March 21, 2025