



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

2025 - SEAWAY NOTICE #13

Maximum Permissible Draft – Montreal to Lake Ontario and Welland Canal

Mariners are advised that water levels on Lake St. Louis are low and continuing to decline.

Effective **August 23, 2025**, the **maximum permissible draft** in the **Montreal-Lake Ontario section** will be reduced to **80.0 dm (26'-3")** for all ships.

Reduced outflows and low water levels are expected to persist for some time. We will continue to monitor conditions closely and will advise of any change as soon as possible.

Speed restrictions remain in effect as described in the latest Montreal-Lake Ontario Notices to Shipping.

In the **Welland Canal**, maximum permissible draft will remain at **80.8 dm (26'-6")** for all ships.

Ships equipped with an **approved and operational Draft Information System (DIS)** will continue to be permitted to transit at a draft of up to **7cm (3")** above the maximum allowable draft.

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