



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

Re : SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 9 – 2025

Mariners are advised that the Montreal-Lake Ontario and Welland Canal drafts are as outlined in Seaway Notice No. 13 of 2025. On December 23, a further draft restriction will be applied in the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section as outlined in Seaway Notice No. 15 of 2025.

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. 14 of 2025.

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

One-way traffic is in effect in the South Shore Canal. Ships can meet below Côte Ste. Catherine Lock.

One-way traffic is in effect in the intermediate pool between Eisenhower and Snell Locks.

Ice is present in the South Shore Canal in the Montreal-Lake Ontario section, and in the Wiley-Dondero canal, more detailed information may be obtained from the respective Traffic Control Centre.

Water temperature at St. Lambert on December 18, is 0 degree Celsius. Last year's temperature was 0 degree Celsius. The ten year average is 1.2 degrees Celsius.

At 23:59 December 17, the number of ocean vessels above St. Lambert was 38 as compared to 56 in 2024. Above Port Weller the number was 25 as compared to 36 in 2024.

The A ice boom (Prescott/Ogdensburg) opening has been reduced to 600m and is indicated by quick flashing green and red buoys.

The installation of Ice Boom G is complete up to the ends of the navigation channel.

All closing procedures outlined in Seaway Notice No. 14 of 2025 remain in effect.

The next radio message will be issued Friday, December 19, 2025.

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

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