



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

Re : SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 18 – 2025

Mariners are advised that the Montreal-Lake Ontario and Welland Canal drafts are as outlined in Seaway Notice No. 15 of 2025. A new draft restriction has been in effect since December 23 in the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section.

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.

The removal of navigation aids in the Montreal-Lake Ontario section is in progress, more detailed information may be obtained from the respective Traffic Control Centre.

One-way traffic is in effect in the South Shore Canal. No vessel meets in the South Shore Canal. One-way traffic is also in effect in the intermediate pool between Eisenhower and Snell Locks.

Ice is present in the South Shore Canal, at Beauharnois, in the Saint-Zotique and Pointe Fortier anchorages and in the Wiley-Dondero canal in the Montreal-Lake Ontario section. More detailed information may be obtained from the respective Traffic Control Centre.

It is extremely important that vessels transiting through all ice-covered areas proceed at the slowest safe speed in order not to disturb the ice fields. Mariners are advised to exercise particular caution when transiting the Beauharnois Canal.

Water temperature at St. Lambert on December 28, is 0 degree Celsius. Last year's temperature was 0 degree Celsius. The ten year average is 0.8 degree Celsius.

At 23:59 December 27, the number of ocean vessels above St. Lambert was 26 as compared to 20 in 2024. Above Port Weller the number was 4 as compared to 4 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 Monday, December 29, 2025.

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

December 28, 2025