



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

Re : SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 1 – 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. 13 of 2025.

It is important for mariners to note that any vessel which enters the Seaway upbound at CIP2 after 2359 hrs on December 9th 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 for December 7, will be postponed until further notice.

Ice is forming at St-Lambert lock 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 08, is -0.2 degree Celsius. Last year's temperature was 2.1 degrees Celsius. The ten year average is 2.3 degrees Celsius.

At 23:59 December 07, the number of ocean vessels above St. Lambert was 48 as compared to 61 in 2024. Above Port Weller the number was 29 as compared to 35 in 2024.

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

The next radio message will be issued Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

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

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