



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

Re : SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 5 – 2025

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 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 and Côte Ste. Catherine locks 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 12, is -0.5 degree Celsius. Last year's temperature was 2.1 degrees Celsius. The ten year average is 1.7 degrees Celsius.

At 23:59 December 11, the number of ocean vessels above St. Lambert was 46 as compared to 65 in 2024. Above Port Weller the number was 32 as compared to 35 in 2024.

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 15, 2025.

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

December 12, 2025