



2026 - NOTICE TO SHIPPING # 3

MAISONNEUVE REGION MONTREAL / LAKE ONTARIO SECTION

Final Mooring Position Tolerances for Full Sized Ships Using HFM

The Vessel Self Spotting System (VSS) displays to a qualified ship its distance to go before reaching the ship's designated final mooring position (FMP). VSS will display 0 when the bow of the ship is at its designated FMP, regardless of where that is in the lock.

Mariners are advised that a **two metres tolerance** on final mooring positions is in effect at Iroquois lock and Locks 1 through 4 in the MLO section, for full sized ships (i.e. overall length of 222.5m or greater) using Hands Free Mooring (HFM).

Downbound: full sized ships will be directed to go to the stop symbol (0 displayed on the VSS).

Upbound: full sized ships will be directed to go to 1m past the stop (-1 on VSS).

Ships will be processed with HFM once they are stopped within the acceptable final mooring position zone as described in the table below.

Vessel Direction	Final Mooring Position Zone	
	From	To
Downbound	0m (stop symbol)	-2m (2m past stop)
Upbound	-1m (1m past stop)	-3m (3m past stop)

Note: A full sized vessel being processed with HFM and stopping within the tolerances specified above will not be subject to violation (*Clause 40.(1) of the Seaway Practices and Procedures*).

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