



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

Re: SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 5 OF 2026

The Montreal/Lake Ontario section and the Welland Canal are now open to navigation.

Details on the maximum permissible drafts for both the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section and the Welland Canal are available in Seaway Notice no.1 of 2026.

Transit restrictions were put in place earlier this week. Further details are available in Seaway Notice #4 of 2026.

MONTREAL-LAKE ONTARIO SECTION

There is broken ice present in the South Shore Canal, in Beauharnois canal and on Lake St. François.

There is ice in the Wiley-Dondero Canal, therefore one way navigation is still in effect.

Further details are available through the local Traffic Control Centres.

Navigation may be restricted until the commissioning of lighted aids has been completed. Mariners are warned to exercise extreme caution in the use of winter markers as the position of the markers may have been affected by ice. Further information concerning this is available from the appropriate traffic control centre.

It is extremely important, for vessels transiting through all ice covered areas and the ice booms in the Beauharnois Canal, to proceed at the slowest safe speed in order not to disturb the ice fields.

Prescott-Ogdensburg ice boom A has been completely removed from the navigation channel. **Please be advised that diving operations are scheduled for today in the Galop ice boom G area. All vessels transiting the vicinity are requested to exercise extreme caution.**

WELLAND CANAL

The Welland Canal is generally open water with broken ice present above lock 8 up to Port Colborne. Further information is available through the local Traffic Control Centre.

The next radio message will be issued Friday, March 27, 2026.

March 26, 2026