



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

2026 - SEAWAY NOTICE #5

Maximum Permissible Draft - Montreal to Lake Ontario

Mariners are advised that effective today, April 2, 2026, the **maximum permissible draft in the Montreal-Lake Ontario section is 8.08 m for all ships.**

The maximum permissible draft remains at 8.08 m for the Welland Canal for all ships.

Ships equipped with an approved and operational Draft Information System (DIS) will be permitted to transit at a draft of up to 7cm above the maximum allowable draft, at their own discretion, provided they meet the requirements set out in Section 29 of the Seaway Handbook Practices & Procedures.

Conditions will continue to be monitored closely and mariners will be promptly advised of any changes.

There will be zero tolerance for ships to transit at drafts in excess of those specified in this Notice.

April 2, 2026