



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

Re: SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 9 OF 2026

This is the final radio message for the opening of the 2026 navigation season.

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 are in place at opening. Further details are available in Seaway Notice #4 of 2026.

MONTREAL-LAKE ONTARIO SECTION

The Montreal-Lake Ontario section is mostly open water, with few chunks of broken ice.

Ice conditions are improving in the Wiley-Dondero Canal, two-way traffic is discretionary.

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.

The Prescott-Ogdensburg ice boom A and the Galop ice boom G area have been completely removed from the navigation channel.

WELLAND CANAL

The Welland Canal and Lake Erie are open water.

April 1st, 2026