



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

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2026 - NOTICE TO SHIPPING # 13

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**Commissioning of the Hands Free Mooring System at Lock 8**

The gradual commissioning of the Hands-Free Mooring (HFM) system at Lock 8 will begin on Friday, June 12, during daylight hours only.

During the initial communication at the approach limit, vessels will be informed whether the HFM units will be used, and of their final mooring position. Masters and pilots are requested to follow the instructions provided by lock personnel.

We thank you for your cooperation during this commissioning period.

June 11, 2026