



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

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**Re : SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 1 – 2017**

This is the first radio message for the closing of the 2017 navigation season. Messages will be issued Monday through Friday. As the need arises, weekends will be included. The purpose of this message is to provide Seaway users with information that may facilitate the planning of vessel transits throughout the remainder of the navigation season.

***Mariners are advised that the Montreal-Lake Ontario and Welland Canal drafts are as outlined in Seaway Notice No. 21 of 2017.***

It is important for mariners to note that any vessel which enters the Seaway upbound at CIP2 after 2359 hrs on December 9<sup>th</sup> shall be designated a wintering vessel in accordance with all the terms outlined in Seaway Notice No. 26 of 2017.

Water temperature at St. Lambert on December 8, is 4.3 degrees Celsius. Last year's temperature was 3.8 degrees Celsius. The ten year average is 2.9 degrees Celsius.

At midnight December 7, the number of ocean vessels above St. Lambert was 42 as compared to 38 in 2016. Above Port Weller the number was 24 as compared to 26 in 2016.

The Prescott/Ogdensburg ice boom opening has been reduced to 610m and is indicated by quick flashing green and red buoys.

All closing procedures outlined in Seaway Notice No. 26 of 2017 remain in effect.

The next radio message will be issued Monday, December 11

**DOT/CCG STATION**

Please broadcast 3 times at time coinciding with regular radio broadcasts.

December 8, 2017

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