



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

SEAWAY NOTICE NO. 13 - 2012

Maximum Permissible Draft – Montreal to Lake Ontario and Welland Canal

Mariners are advised that due to low and declining water levels on Lake Ontario, water levels at Port Weller Harbour and from Kingston to Cardinal are approaching alert levels. In spite of the measures imposed recently, the water levels continue to decline and are forecasted to do so in the next weeks. Consequently, **effective December 11, 2012** and until further notice, the **maximum permissible draft will be reduced by 0.8 dm (3")**.

- **In the Montreal-Lake Ontario section, draft will be reduced to 79.2 dm (26'-0") for all vessels with the exception of inland vessels greater than 185 m in OAL for which the maximum permissible draft will be reduced to 80.0 dm (26'-3").**
- **In the Welland Canal section, draft will be reduced to 80.0 dm (26'-3").**

The transit conditions described in the Maisonneuve Region Notices to Shipping no. 6, 8, 9, 10, 13 and 15 as well as the Niagara Region Notice to Shipping no. 14 remain in effect. Conditions will continue to be monitored closely and mariners will be promptly advised of any changes.

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