

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

2010 - NOTICE TO SHIPPING # 16

MAISONNEUVE REGION MONTREAL / LAKE ONTARIO SECTION

Update on testing at Lock 3, Maisonneuve

Further to the Maisonneuve Region Notices to Shipping n⁰10 and n⁰11, issued on May 21st and 27th, this notice is to advise you of the progress of the on-going testing initiatives.

Stop and hold testing of downbound vessels

The Seaway has gathered sufficient amount of information thanks to the cooperation of the industry. As such, the Seaway has decided to suspend testing for downbound vessels. Mariners are advised that beginning today, July 5th, **testing for downbound vessels has ceased**.

Lateral hydraulic assist

Lateral hydraulic assist testing began May 28th for upbound vessels with an overall length of 21m or less. We continue to modify the testing parameters in order to produce better results and to allow a fair evaluation. **Testing of lateral hydraulic assist will continue for upbound vessels with an overall length of 21m or less**.

We continue to ask Masters/Pilots involved in testing to provide comments/concerns with respect to the testing directly to the lock crew.

Your cooperation in these tests is greatly appreciated.

Maisonneuve Region

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