

## SAFETY AND MARINE OCCURRENCES

Navigational safety on the St. Lawrence River is the primary objective of the Authority and its pilotage system, which must be efficient and economical while meeting users' needs.

In 2008, no major accidents occurred on account of a failure of the pilotage system. Certain marine occurrences, such as collisions with a wharf or other port equipment, were reported and recorded. Approximately 99.9% of all pilotage missions were completed uneventfully in 2008. Pilots' competence, the ongoing training program and the quality of the navigation equipment contribute to efficiency, quality and excellence in marine safety, of which we are proud of.

Marine accidents and incidents in 2008.

OCCURRENCE	2007			2008		
	Very serious	Moderately serious	Not very serious	Very serious	Moderately serious	Not very serious
Collisions			2	6	1	2
Stranding/striking		2	6	9	3	3
Berthing contact		5	9			12
Mechanical breakdowns			9			4
Other		2	3			4
Total	0	9	29	0	4	25

29 events were recorded for 2008, down from the 38 occurrences of 2007.