



Administration de Pilotage des Laurentides
Laurentian Pilotage Authority

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Laurentian Pilotage Authority, in collaboration with the Mid St. Lawrence Pilots Corporation issues a notice restricting certain ship departures

Montreal, May 6, 2017 – The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) in collaboration with the Mid St. Lawrence Pilots Corporation, has determined last night that ships leaving berth between Montreal and Trois-Rivières with a draft of 10 metres or more shall be restricted to day departures between 5:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. This exceptional and temporary measure has been put in place due to exceptionally high water levels between Pointe-Citrouille and Montreal. The objective of the LPA is to ensure the safety of navigation on the St. Lawrence River and the protection of citizens and shoreline properties. This measure will be reevaluated on a daily basis in collaboration with the Mid St. Lawrence Pilots Corporation. The LPA will continue to monitor the situation on the St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers in collaboration with the Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada and the Pilots Corporations.

“In these exceptional circumstances and in view of the continuous pressures experienced by residents with the water floods, we are taking the measures necessary to ensure that maritime transport does not exacerbate the situation and that we can continue to ensure the safety of pilotage and navigation services” said Mr. Fulvio Fracassi, Chief Executive Officer at the LPA.

This action was taken in response to the Canadian Coast Guard's current notices to Mariners Q-0276 concerning the safe speed of vessels.

About the Laurentian Pilotage Authority

The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) is a financially self-sufficient federal Crown corporation responsible for administering and providing marine pilotage services on the St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers. The LPA's mission is to ensure navigation safety by providing efficient marine pilotage services at a reasonable cost in cooperation with pilots, their corporations, and the shipping industry.

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