



Administration de pilotage
des Laurentides

Laurentian Pilotage
Authority

2020-2021 Winter Dispatching Rules

These rules apply to all vessels transiting during the winter period.

As per Section 35 (2) of its Regulations, the Authority shall determine the winter navigation period in each pilotage district, in the interests of the safety of navigation, in consultation with the Canadian Coast Guard, the pilots and shipowners.

During the winter period, two pilots are assigned at all times to every vessel.

1. Non-compliant vessels are restricted to the departure windows defined in Sections 8.15 and 8.16 and may continue their transit after twilight until they reach their destination or the Three-Rivers station if the pilot deems this to be safe (see following pages and compliant vessel form).
2. Furthermore, the following vessels departing from a berth or anchorage **and heading downstream are subject to a restricted departure window:**
 - Tankers over 25,000 DWT
 - **Vessels over 245 meters and up to 270 meters LOA**
 - Container ships with a draught over 10.5 meters
 - Vessels other than container ships with a draught over **10.0 meters**

Once in transit, no further restrictions (under point 2 only) apply to these vessels and they are free to continue to their destination.

For departures from Montreal, if tidal conditions conflict with the departure window for several days, certain vessels may proceed upon agreement between the Authority and the Corporation.

After boarding a vessel, should the pilot ascertain that it does not comply with or meet the conditions of points 1 and 2, the pilot shall retain the vessel at berth or conduct it to an anchorage within the harbour limits, after which his or her assignment ends.

In heavy ice conditions, only vessels that are adequately equipped may depart downstream at night. The criteria for assessing whether a vessel may depart downstream are determined jointly by the Authority and the Corporation in consultation with the Canadian Coast Guard.

8.15 – Morning and twilight times are defined as follows:

Vessels departing from a berth located upstream of section 94 of the Port of Montreal or from a port other than Montreal (Morning is defined as 60 minutes before dawn)											
Month	December		January		February		March			April	
Date	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	14	15	1	15
Morning	05:45	06:00	06:00	06:00	06:00	05:30	05:00	06:00	05:45	05:00	04:45
Twilight	17:00	17:00	17:00	17:15	17:30	18:00	18:15	19:15	19:30	20:00	20:15

* **Bold red characters identify Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).**

Vessels departing from a berth located at/or downstream of section 94 of the Port of Montreal, including moorings at “Pointe-aux-Trembles” and Montreal East (Morning is defined as 30 minutes before dawn)											
Month	December		January		February		March			April	
Date	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	14	15	1	15
Morning	06:15	06:30	06:30	06:30	06:30	06:00	05:30	06:30	06:15	05:30	05:15
Twilight	17:00	17:00	17:00	17:15	17:30	18:00	18:15	19:15	19:30	20:00	20:15

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8.16 – The following schedule applies to pilots dispatched to a non-compliant vessel or vessel restricted under points 1 and 2:

PORT	UPSTREAM	DOWNSTREAM
MONTREAL		<i>Between morning and 4 hours before twilight</i>
CONTRECOEUR	<i>Between morning and 2 hours before twilight</i>	<i>Between morning and 3 hours before twilight</i>
SOREL, TRACY, LANORAIE	<i>Between morning and 3 hours before twilight</i>	<i>Between morning and 2 hours before twilight</i>
THREE-RIVERS	<i>Between morning and 3 hours before twilight</i>	<i>Between morning and 3 hours before twilight</i>
BECANCOUR	<i>Between morning and 1 hour before twilight</i>	<i>Between morning and 2 hours before twilight</i>
QUEBEC CITY*	<i>No departures between 2 hours before twilight and 04:00. Between 04:00 and dawn, departure is allowed only on a rising tide.</i>	
QUEBEC CITY – Berth 86	<i>No departures between 2 hours before twilight and 04:00. Between 04:00 and dawn, departure is allowed one hour before low tide.</i>	

*For the purposes of this section, “rising tide” means from 1 hour after low tide in Quebec City until high tide in Quebec City.

Ile Blanche reservation process

When the Authority and the Corporation agree that the ice conditions at Quebec Bridge are not safe, the reservation at Ile Blanche is implemented.

The pilot is called and reserved as soon as the upbound vessel reaches Ile Blanche and he is informed of the vessel's usual ETA for Quebec.

Taking into account ice conditions, stage of tide and weather conditions, the pilot will then give instructions regarding the optimum boarding time in Quebec.

Upbound traffic rules (compliant vessel)

No restrictions for vessels in transit. Departure at all times from berths or anchorages. However, when Ile Blanche agreement is in effect, departures from Quebec are restricted to the following schedule:

Departure window	Condition
2h before twilight up to 30 minutes before dawn. (<u>Morning = dawn - 30 minutes</u>)	Departure with rising tide only.

*For the purpose of this section, "rising tide" means from one hour after low tide at Quebec until high tide at Quebec.

For departures from Quebec- 86, the assignment can take place one hour before low tide