

**MEDIA ADVISORY
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Notice to Mariners, Pleasure Boaters and Users of the St. Lawrence River

Nautical Vigilance Required Near the New Champlain Bridge Project

Montreal, Tuesday, August 4, 2015 – As the New Champlain Bridge Project gets underway, Signature on the Saint-Laurent wishes to advise St. Lawrence River users that preliminary works for the construction of a second jetty will begin on August 10, 2015. The jetty, which will serve as a work area for the construction of the cable-stayed portion of the bridge, will be built on the river side of the St. Lawrence Seaway dyke and extend 250 metres into the river. It's expected to remain in place until 2019.

The rock required to build the jetty will be delivered by ship via the Seaway. In all, some 15 to 20 shipments will be needed. Rock unloading and placement activities will be carried out from the dyke, while membrane installation will be done from boats and barges.

In general, traffic on the river will increase significantly for the duration of the project. Therefore, river users are asked to pay special attention when passing near the construction areas located downstream of the existing Champlain Bridge, near Nuns' Island (west jetty) and now near the Seaway dyke (jetty serving the cable-stayed portion of the bridge).

This downstream area is considered a construction site and work may be performed there around the clock until the end of the project. As a result, river users should be cautious when passing through this zone both during the day and at night.

Buoys and additional signage will be installed to indicate the location of the work site as well as barges. Some "no wave" buoys and speed limit reminders already went up in mid-June. A navigation corridor will clearly indicate the route vessels should follow. In addition, the jetties are illuminated at night to ensure visibility.

For safety reasons, boaters are encouraged to stay within the navigation corridor and reduce speed when approaching the construction areas and crafts performing works.

In all, three jetties will be built on the river. The third one will be built on the South Shore, also downstream from the existing Champlain Bridge, in the fall 2015. Two other jetties will be built in the Nuns' Island channel as of September 2015 to facilitate the construction of the new Nuns' Island bridge.

Information

Our website is under development; however, for more information, you can contact us by email at info@SSLC.ca or through our info-line at 514-876-1020. For up-to-date information, follow us on Twitter [@nouv_champlain](https://twitter.com/nouv_champlain).

About the New Champlain Bridge Corridor Project

The New Champlain Bridge Corridor Project is one of the largest infrastructure projects in North America. It also includes a new bridge leading to Nuns' Island, and the reconstruction and widening of the federal section of Highway 15 on both sides of the river. The project is being carried out as a public-private partnership (P3) between the Government of Canada and the Signature on the Saint-Laurent consortium. Works are scheduled to take place over four and a half years.

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