

## **Notice to mariners, pleasure boat navigators and users of the St. Lawrence River**

### **Navigation with caution required near the New Champlain Bridge and new Nun's Island Bridge work-sites in the river**

**Montréal, October 14, 2015** – Signature on the Saint Lawrence Group wishes to advise the St. Lawrence River users that the east jetty will be built in the St. Lawrence River from the south shore in Brossard. Works for this jetty will start in mid-October 2015. As well, a jetty in the Nun's Island Canal for the construction of the new Nun's Island Bridge will be built, starting in late October 2015.

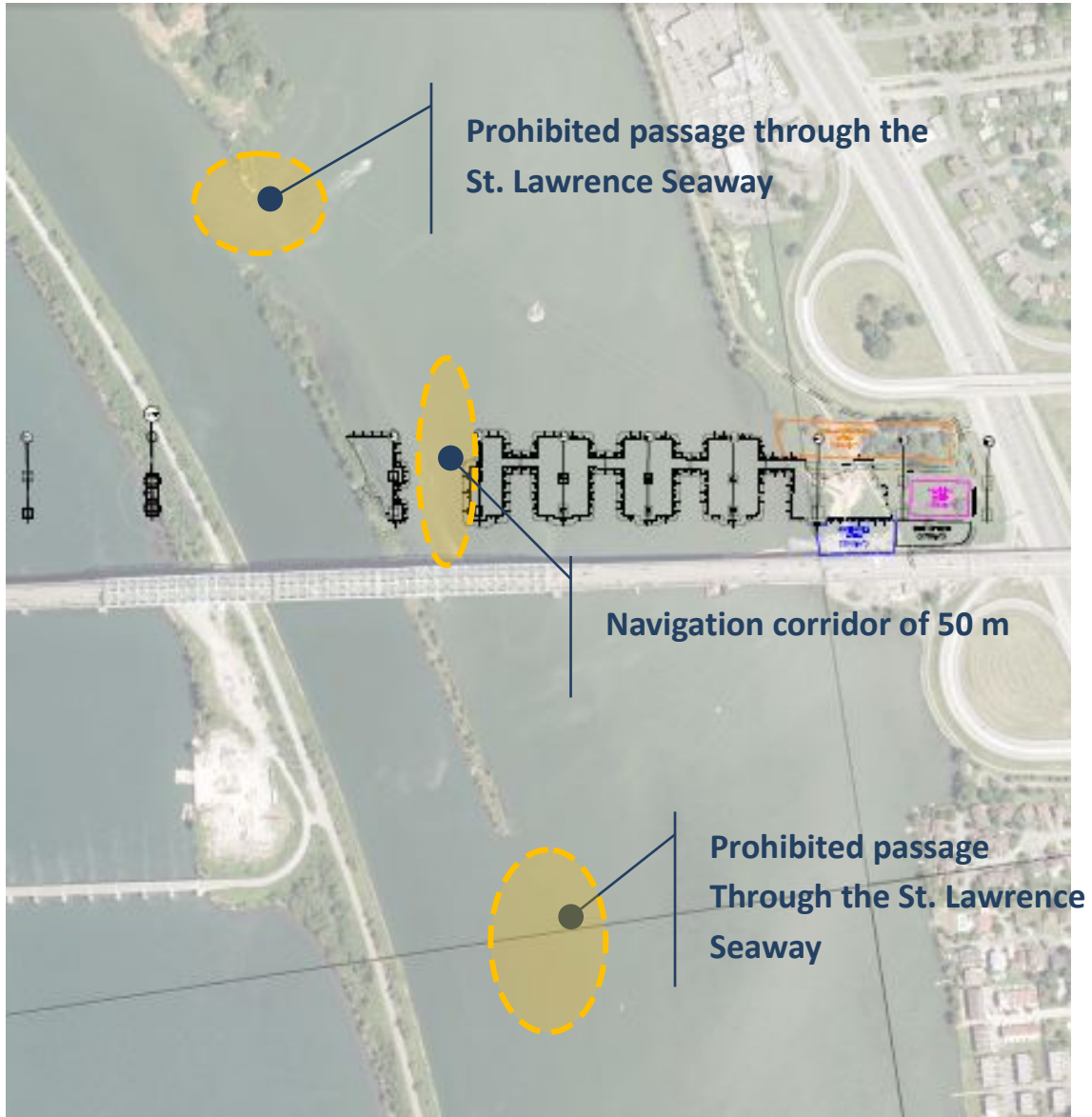
#### **East jetty – South Shore in Brossard**

The East jetty for the New Champlain Bridge will be built to allow a construction area for the east portion of the new bridge. It will be built from the south shore and will extend 425 meters into the river. It will remain in place until 2019. It is important to note that the jetty reduces the navigation passage to 50 meters, causing a slight increase of current in the passage. A navigation corridor will clearly indicate the passage for the Petit Bassin region.

#### **Caution required near the St. Lawrence Seaway**

Please be advised that it is forbidden and dangerous to enter the St. Lawrence Seaway if unauthorised. International cargo ships navigate in the Seaway that could gravely collide with pleasure boats. There are several natural passages leading to the Seaway, however, all passages are forbidden entries; two forbidden passages are situated near SSL's work site. The following plan illustrates the situation:

The plan illustrates the East jetty, the Navigation corridor and the forbidden accesses to the St. Lawrence Seaway in the proximity of the work site:



### **West jetty for the new Nun's Island Bridge**

The West jetty will be built from the west shore of the Nun's Island Canal and will extend 140 meters into the river. It will serve as a working area for the demolition of the former Nun's Island Bridge, and for the construction of the west portion of the new Nun's Island Bridge. It will remain in place for one year. A navigation corridor will indicate the navigation passage in the Nun's Island Canal.

### **Security measures to respect**

Generally, nautical traffic will be more frequent for the entire duration of the project. It is, therefore, recommended to respect the navigation corridors, reduce speed and pay particular attention while passing close to the project works, directly downstream of the existing Champlain Bridge, near Nun's Island (west jetty), near the Seaway dyke (jetty serving the cable-stayed portion of the bridge), and now on the south shore (east jetty), as well as in the Nun's Island Canal (west jetty for the new Nun's Island bridge). In this context, these navigation zones are considered a construction work site. Work will also be performed during the night; therefore, the same recommendations apply during night time.

Buoys will be installed to indicate the location of the work site and barges. The jetty will be illuminated at night to ensure visibility. We invite the navigators and pleasure boaters to respect these indications and markers for their own safety, and to reduce speed while approaching these sites or crafts performing works. We also advise to respect the navigation corridors that will clearly indicate the route for passage, and to respect the interdiction of passage into the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In all, three jetties will be built for the construction of the new Champlain bridge, and two jetties will be built for the construction of the new Nun's Island Bridge.

Our Web site [www.newchamplain.ca](http://www.newchamplain.ca) presents the New Champlain Bridge Project. You will find a series of useful information in relation to on-going work. We invite you to subscribe in order to receive notices. You can also write to us at [info@sslc.ca](mailto:info@sslc.ca) or call us at 514-876-1020.

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