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### § 401.50 Anchorage areas.

Except in an emergency, or unless authorized to do so by the vessel traffic controller, no vessel shall drop anchor in any part of the Seaway except in the following designated anchorage areas:

- (a) Point Fortier (Lake St. Louis).
- (b) Melocheville (Beauharnois Canal).
- (c) St. Zotique, Dickerson Island and Stonehouse Point (Lake St. Francis).
- (d) Wilson Hill Island and Morrisburg (Lake St. Lawrence).
- (e) Prescott and Union Park (St. Lawrence River).
- (f) Off Port Weller (Lake Ontario).
- (g) Off Port Colborne (Lake Erie).

[39 FR 10900, Mar. 22, 1974, as amended at 40 FR 25813, June 19, 1975]

### § 401.51 Signaling approach to a bridge.

(a) Unless a vessel's approach has been recognized by a flashing signal, the master shall signal the vessel's presence to the bridgemaster by VHF radio when it comes abreast of any of the bridge whistle signs.

(b) The signs referred to in paragraph (a) of this section shall be placed at distances varying between 550 m and 2,990 m upstream and downstream from moveable bridges at sites other than lock sites.

(68 Stat. 93-96, 33 U.S.C. 981-990, as amended and secs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13 of sec. 2 of Pub. L. 95-474, 92 Stat. 1471)

[48 FR 20691, May 9, 1983, as amended at 49 FR 30936, Aug. 2, 1984]

### § 401.52 Limit of approach to a bridge.

(a) No vessel shall pass the limit of approach sign at any movable bridge until the bridge is in a fully open position and the signal light shows green.

(b) No vessel shall pass the limit of approach sign at the twin Railway Bridges on the South Shore Canal at Kahnawake until both bridges are in a fully open position and both signal lights show green.

[39 FR 10900, Mar. 22, 1974, as amended at 61 FR 19551, May 2, 1996; 65 FR 52914, Aug. 31, 2000]

### § 401.53 Obstructing navigation.

No vessel shall be operated, drop anchor or be fastened or moored in a

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manner that obstructs or hinders navigation.

### § 401.54 Interference with navigation aids.

(a) Aids to navigation shall not be interfered with or used as moorings.

(b) No person shall, unless authorized by the Corporation or the Manager, set out buoys or navigation markers on the Seaway.

[39 FR 10900, Mar. 22, 1974, as amended at 65 FR 52914, 52915, Aug. 31, 2000]

### § 401.55 Searchlights.

No searchlight shall be used in such a manner that its rays interfere with the operators at a Seaway structure or on any vessel.

### § 401.56 Damaging or defacing Seaway property.

The master of every vessel shall:

(a) Navigate so as to avoid damage to Seaway property; and

(b) Prevent defacement of Seaway property by any member of the vessel's crew.

### § 401.57 Disembarking or boarding.

(a) Except as authorized by an officer, no person, other than a member of the crew of a vessel passing through, shall disembark or board any vessel while the vessel is passing through.

(b) No member of the crew of a vessel passing through shall disembark or board except for the purpose of carrying out essential duties as directed by the Master.

(c) Persons disembarking or boarding shall be assisted by a member of the vessel's crew.

[39 FR 10900, Mar. 22, 1974, as amended at 70 FR 12972, Mar. 17, 2005]

### § 401.58 Pleasure craft scheduling.

(a) The transit of pleasure craft shall be scheduled by the vessel traffic controller or the officer in charge of a lock and may be delayed so as to avoid interference with other vessels; and

(b) Every pleasure craft seeking to transit Canadian Locks shall stop at a pleasure craft dock and arrange for transit by contacting the lock personnel using the direct-line phone and

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make the lockage fee payment by purchasing a ticket using the automated ticket dispensers.

[70 FR 12972, Mar. 17, 2005, as amended at 72 FR 2620, Jan. 22, 2007]

**§ 401.59 Pollution.**

(a) No vessel shall:

(1) Emit sparks or excessive smoke; or

(2) Blow boiler tubes.

(b) No vessel shall discharge into Seaway waters any substance not in conformity with applicable United States Federal Regulations and Canadian Regulations with the exception of the waters of the Welland Canal where two specific zones are established in which no substances shall be discharged, namely,

(1) From Lock 7 (Thorold) to mile 17 (Welland); and

(2) From Lock 8 (Port Colborne) to the outer Port Colborne Piers (Lake Erie).

(c) A record shall be kept by the vessel of each location within the Seaway or adjacent waters where bilge water has been discharged.

(d) Except as authorized by the Corporation or the Manager, no vessel shall discharge garbage, ashes, ordure, litter or other materials.

(68 Stat. 93-96, 33 U.S.C. 981-990, as amended and secs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13 of sec. 2 of Pub. L. 95-474, 92 Stat. 1471)

[39 FR 10900, Mar. 22, 1974, as amended at 45 FR 52379, Aug. 7, 1980; 65 FR 52914, 52915, Aug. 31, 2000]

**RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

**§ 401.60 Listening watch and notice of arrival.**

(a) Vessels shall be on radio listening watch on the applicable assigned frequency while within a Seaway traffic control sector as shown on the General Seaway Plan and shall give notice of arrival in the manner prescribed in

§ 401.64 upon reaching any designated calling in point.

(b) Notice of arrival shall be deemed to have been given when it is acknowledged by a Seaway station.

**§ 401.61 Assigned frequencies.**

The Seaway stations operate on the following assigned VHF frequencies:

156.8 MHz (channel 16)—Distress and Calling.  
156.7 MHz (channel 14)—Working (Canadian Stations in Sector 1 and the Welland Canal).

156.65 MHz (channel 13)—Working (U.S. Stations in Lake Ontario and Sector 4 of the River).

156.6 MHz (channel 12)—Working (U.S. Stations in Sector 2 of the River).

156.55 MHz (channel 11)—Working (Canadian Stations in Sector 3, Lake Ontario and Lake Erie).

[55 FR 48599, Nov. 21, 1990; 56 FR 732, Jan. 8, 1991]

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The Seaway stations are located as follows:

VDX20 (Seaway Beauharnois)—Upper Beauharnois Lock—Traffic Control Sector No. 1.

KEF (Seaway Eisenhower)—Eisenhower Lock—Traffic Control Sector No. 2.

VDX21 (Seaway Iroquois)—Iroquois Lock—Traffic Control Sector No. 3.

WAG (Seaway Clayton)—Clayton, N.Y.—Traffic Control Sector No. 4.

WAG (Seaway Sodus)—Sodus, N.Y.—Traffic Control Sector No. 4.

VDX72 (Seaway Newcastle)—Port Hope, Ontario—Traffic Control Sector No. 5.

VDX70 (Seaway Newcastle)—Port Weller, Ontario—Traffic Control Sector No. 5.

VDX22 (Seaway Welland)—St. Catharines, Ontario—Traffic Control Sector No. 6.

VDX68 (Seaway Long Point)—Port Colborne, Ontario—Traffic Control Sector No. 7.

(68 Stat. 93-96, 33 U.S.C. 981-990, as amended and secs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13 of sec. 2 of Pub. L. 95-474, 92 Stat. 1471)

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**§ 401.63 Radio procedure.**

Every vessel shall use the channels of communication in each control sector as listed in the table to this section.