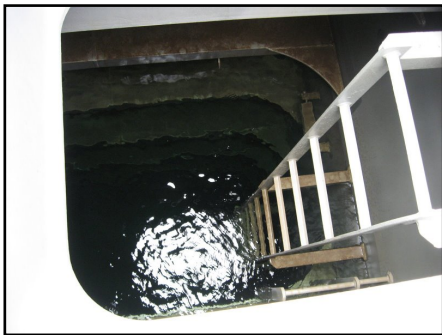




# Great Lakes Seaway System Ballast Water Inspection Program

## Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System Ballast Water Inspection Program Media Day

The Canadian and U.S. St. Lawrence Seaway Corporations, joined by Fednav Ltd., and several other federal agencies, are hosting a media day event at St. Lambert Lock in **Montreal, Quebec, Monday, May 5, 2008**, to showcase the waterway's ballast water inspection program.



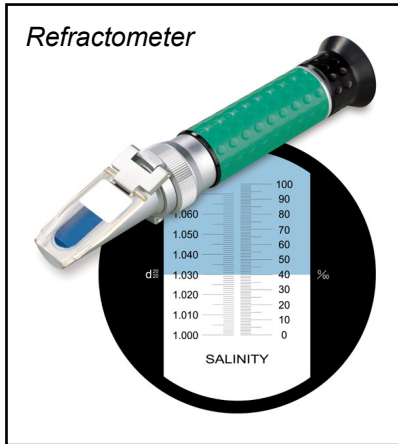
The Seaway ballast water inspection program is just one component of the strict enforcement regime maintained by Transport Canada, U.S. Coast Guard, and the two Seaway Corporations to protect the Great Lakes Seaway System against unwanted aquatic invasive species. Other Seaway requirements include saltwater flushing, detailed documentation, and enforceable fines.

The media event on May 5 in Montreal will include a tour of the Vessel Traffic Control facility at St. Lambert Lock; press conference with Seaway leaders, industry representatives, scientists, and mariners; first-hand observation of a Seaway ballast water inspection; tour of the Fednav Ltd., vessel *M/V FEDERAL KIVALINA*, and interviews with senior U.S. and Canadian ballast water experts (*see agenda on back side*).

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- \* Maritime transportation on the Great Lakes Seaway System provides approximately \$2.7 billion in annual transportation cost savings compared to competing rail and highway routes
- \* One ship at 25,000 metric tons (typical Seaway capacity) equals 225 rail cars or 870 trucks
- \* Ships emit only 1/10th of the emissions that trucks produce
- \* The marine mode generates very little noise pollution
- \* Transporting by ship alleviates traffic congestion, and reduces road maintenance and repair costs
- \* The marine mode is the safest mode of transportation





## Media Day Agenda

- 2:00 p.m. Arrive at St. Lambert Lock
- 2:15 p.m. Tour of Vessel Traffic Control Center
- 3:00 p.m. Press Conference
- 3:30 p.m. Shipboard Tour and Ballast Water Inspection Onboard *M/V FEDERAL KIVALINA*
- 4:40 p.m. Presentations and Q&A Session



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## Media Day Sponsors and Participants

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