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## **Notice to boaters on the Cataraqui River**

Work to begin over the navigation channel as part of building the Third Crossing bridge: boater disruption anticipated

This is a notice advising boaters of upcoming work activity in the navigation channel in the Cataraqui River starting in May 2020. As part of building the Third Crossing bridge, work will include the operation of the temporary bridge over the navigation channel throughout 2021 which will require some boating delays of up to 30 minutes at a time.

The temporary bridge allows the construction team to move equipment from the east shore to the west shore in order to continue building the permanent bridge. The temporary bridge will remain in an 'open position' allowing boaters to safely pass underneath with a minimum clearance of 6.7 metres. At times when the temporary bridge will be in use, boat traffic will be stopped temporarily (up to 30 minutes) to allow for work activity. Please see attached signs and traffic control procedures for more information.

Public safety remains paramount at all times. A standard operating procedure which outlines safety protocols and procedures has been created and reviewed by the Federal Regulatory Agencies. Key highlights of the procedure are outlined below:

- When work in the navigation channel is required, spotter boats will be positioned 100meters north and south of the bridge to inform incoming boaters by directing / stopping boats using large and visible STOP signs to ensure safe boat traffic control
- Advanced signage has been placed 400 meters north and south of the bridge to alert boaters of potential stoppages when the Spotter Boat is active at the bridge location
- When work is finalized in the navigation channel, spotter boats will communicate to boaters to continue to pass through the channel using large and visible SLOW signs
- Radio communication between spotter boat(s) and construction workers will be ongoing to ensure clear, concise communication to allow for the temporary opening and closing of the navigation channel

- Other measures are already in place to ensure boaters have safe passage through the navigation channel that include – upstream and downstream signage and markings indicating Port and Starboard on the navigation channel

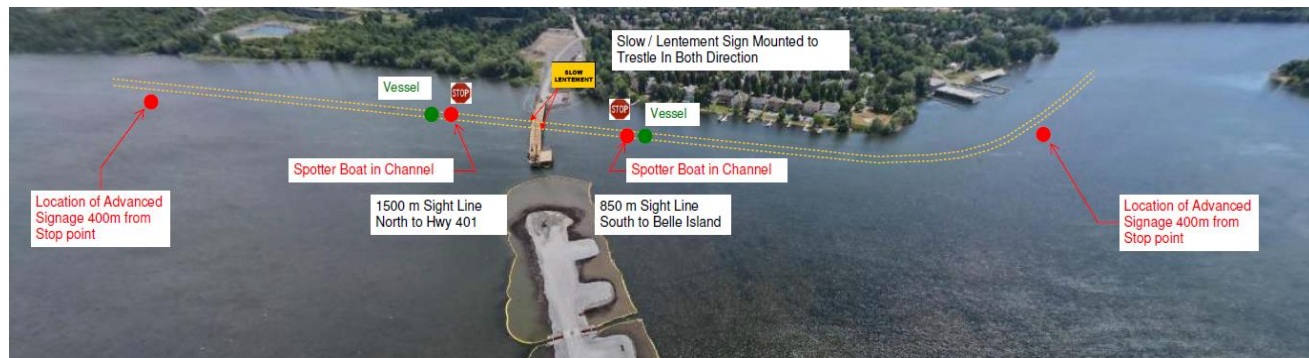
**Image of location of work commencing over navigation channel**



**Image of work over navigation channel and the traffic control measures (red is spotter boats)**



## Traffic Control Lifting Over Navigation Channel Side View (Stopping Point to Scale)



Best regards,  
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