

# Growing the Great Lakes Seaway System Our Common “4<sup>th</sup> Coast”



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# Growing the Great Lakes Seaway System Outline

1. Who we are
2. How we operate
3. Where we are going
4. Challenges and opportunities

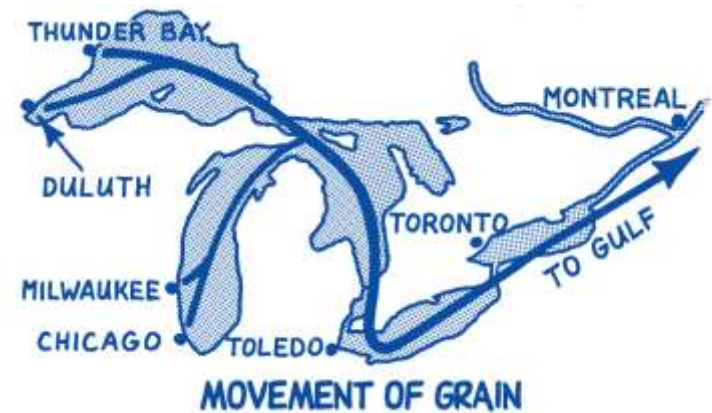
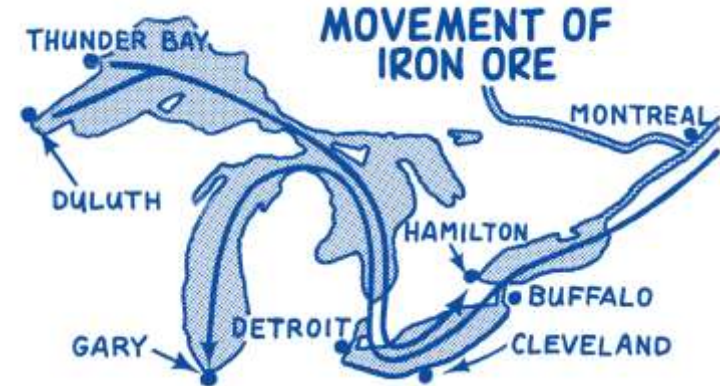
# 1. Who We Are

- The Great Lakes Seaway System, a bi-national gateway to the heartland of North America
- 3,700 km marine highway
- serves a region that is:
  - home to 100 million people
  - 26% of US industry
  - 60% of Canadian industry



# The Seaway Story

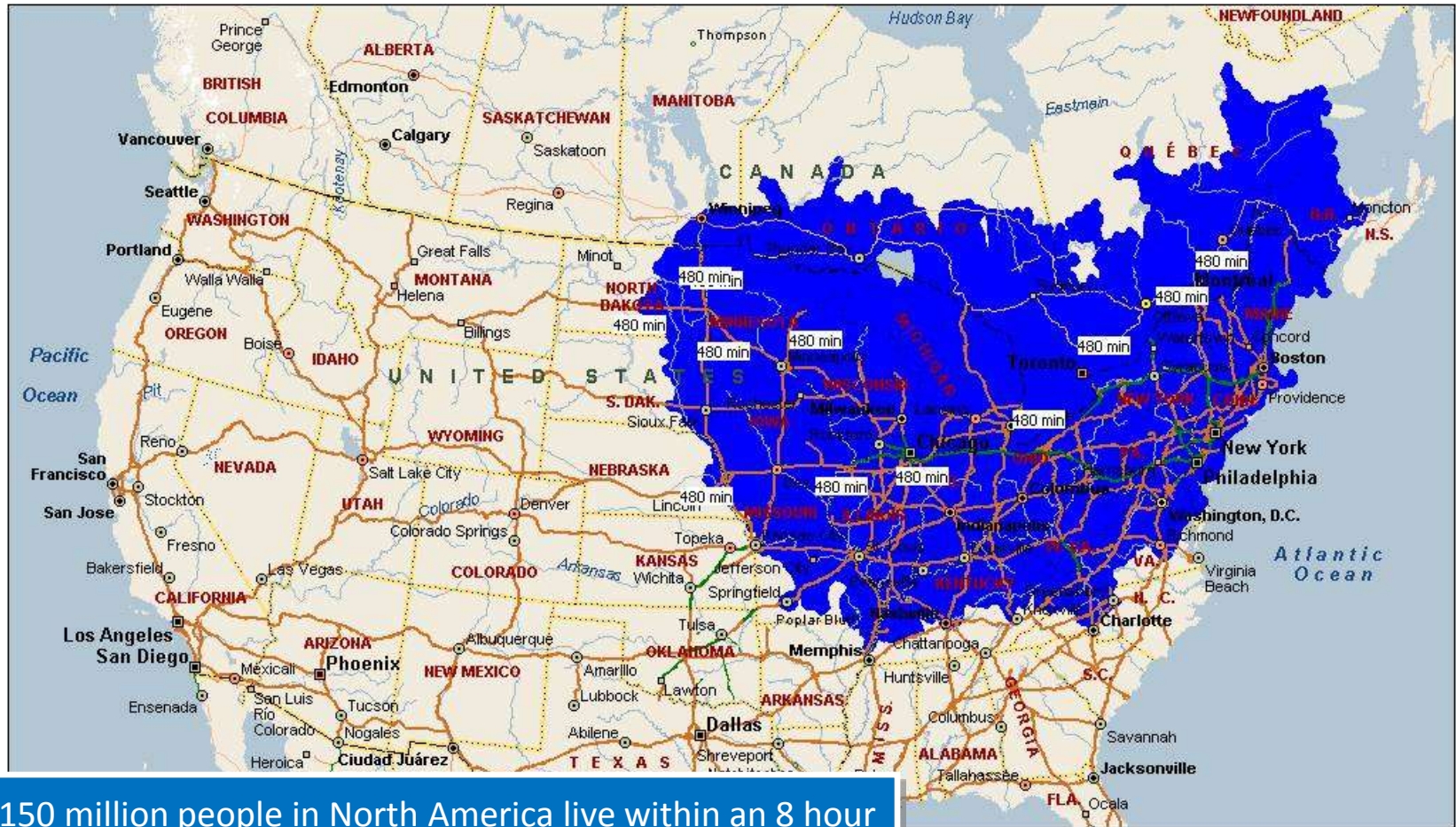
- The Seaway was built to transport bulk cargoes – grain westbound for export and iron ore eastbound for steel mills
- Since 1959, the Seaway has moved over 2.5 billion tonnes of cargo valued at over \$375 billion



# Seaway + GL Ports = Hwy H<sub>2</sub>O



# Strategic Location



Over 150 million people in North America live within an 8 hour drive of a major port on the Great Lakes Seaway System

# Connectivity

- More than 40 provincial and interstate *highways* and nearly 30 *rail lines* link the ports of the System with consumers, products and industries all over North America



## 2. How We Operate



### Lock Dimensions

Length = 233.5m

Width = 24.4m

Depth = 9.1m

### Max Vessel Size

Length = 225.5 m

Beam = 23.7 m

Draft = 8.08 m



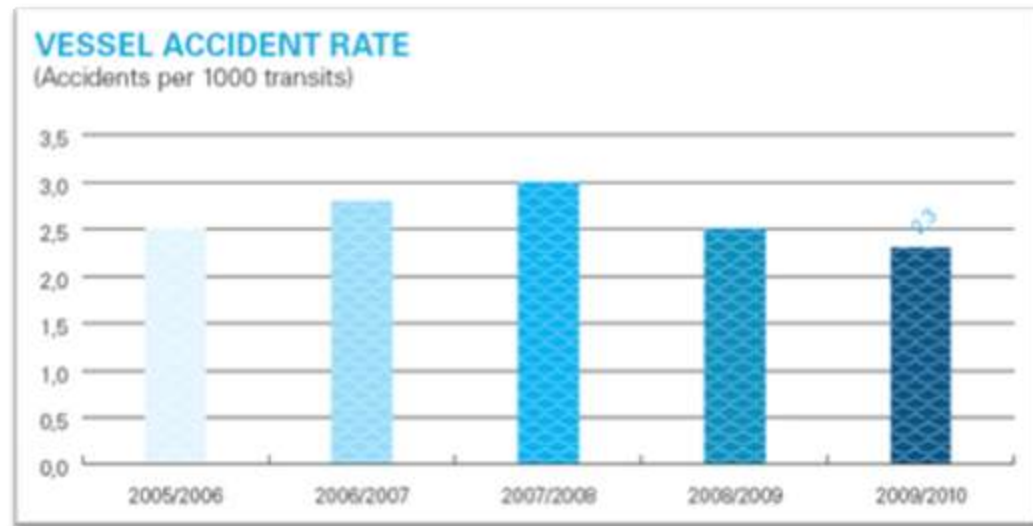
# Seamless Operation

- Common rules and regulations for system use
- Vessel inspections and clearance done once for all agencies
- Operations and Traffic Control Centers linked to satellite based AIS navigation provide a highly secure operating environment



# Safe and Secure

- ISPS Code governs security approach
- 220+ cameras overseeing operations and installations
- Only 12 vessel incidents in 2009 (over 3,631 transits)



# Reliable and Efficient

- St. Lawrence Seaway has a consistent record of 99%+ system availability
- Customer expectations on transit times, delays are routinely met
- Infrastructure upkeep assured through Asset Renewal funding from both Corporations



# Engaged with Our Communities

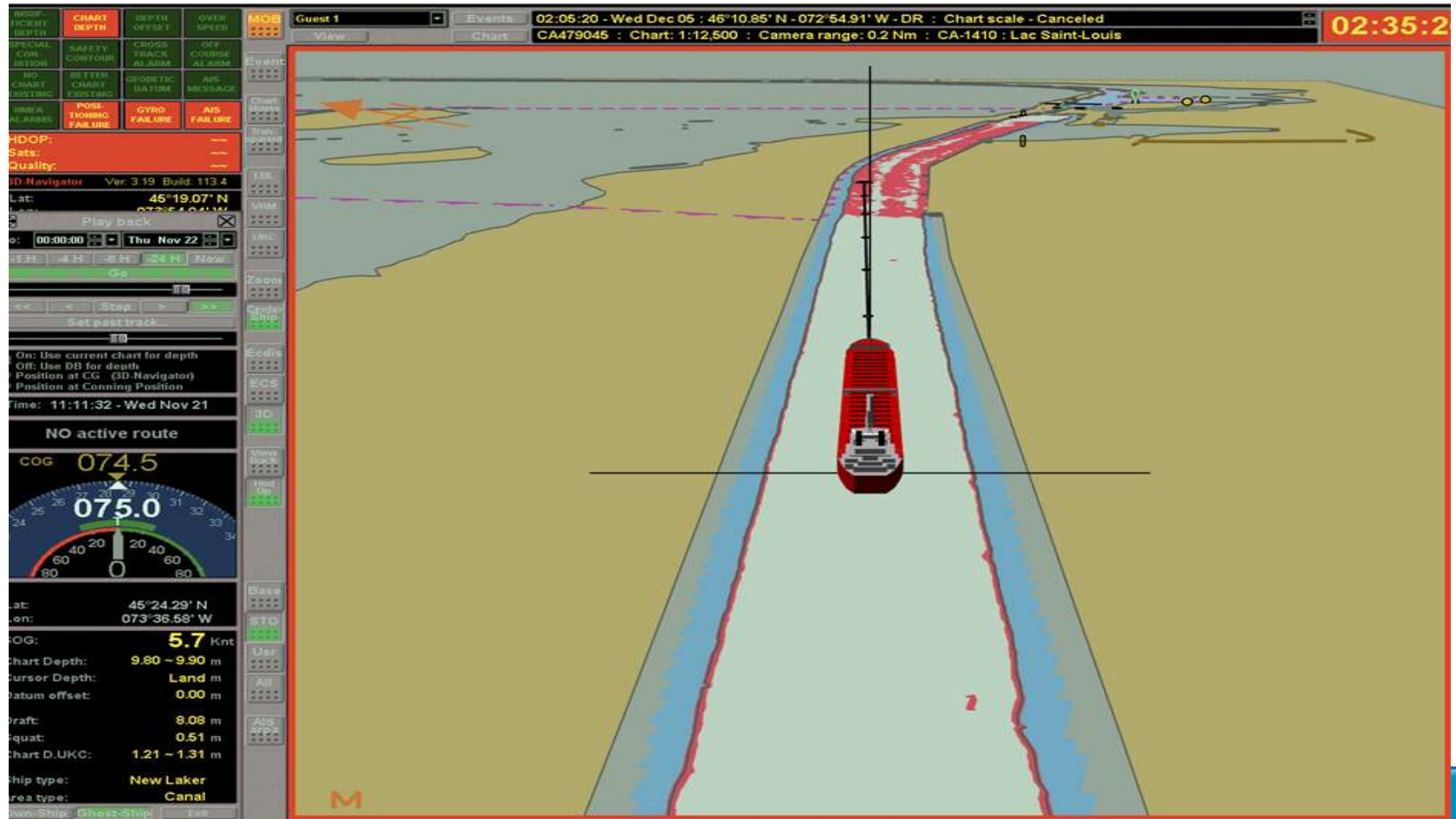
- Emergency planning exercises carried out jointly with government agencies and community interests to ensure preparedness
- Joint Observational Study concluded with Mohawks of Akwesasne on Ice breaking
- Use of water resource to generate green power
- Lessee environmental compliance verification program to ensure good stewardship of lands

# Making the Most of Our System

## Draft Optimization Tool (DOT)

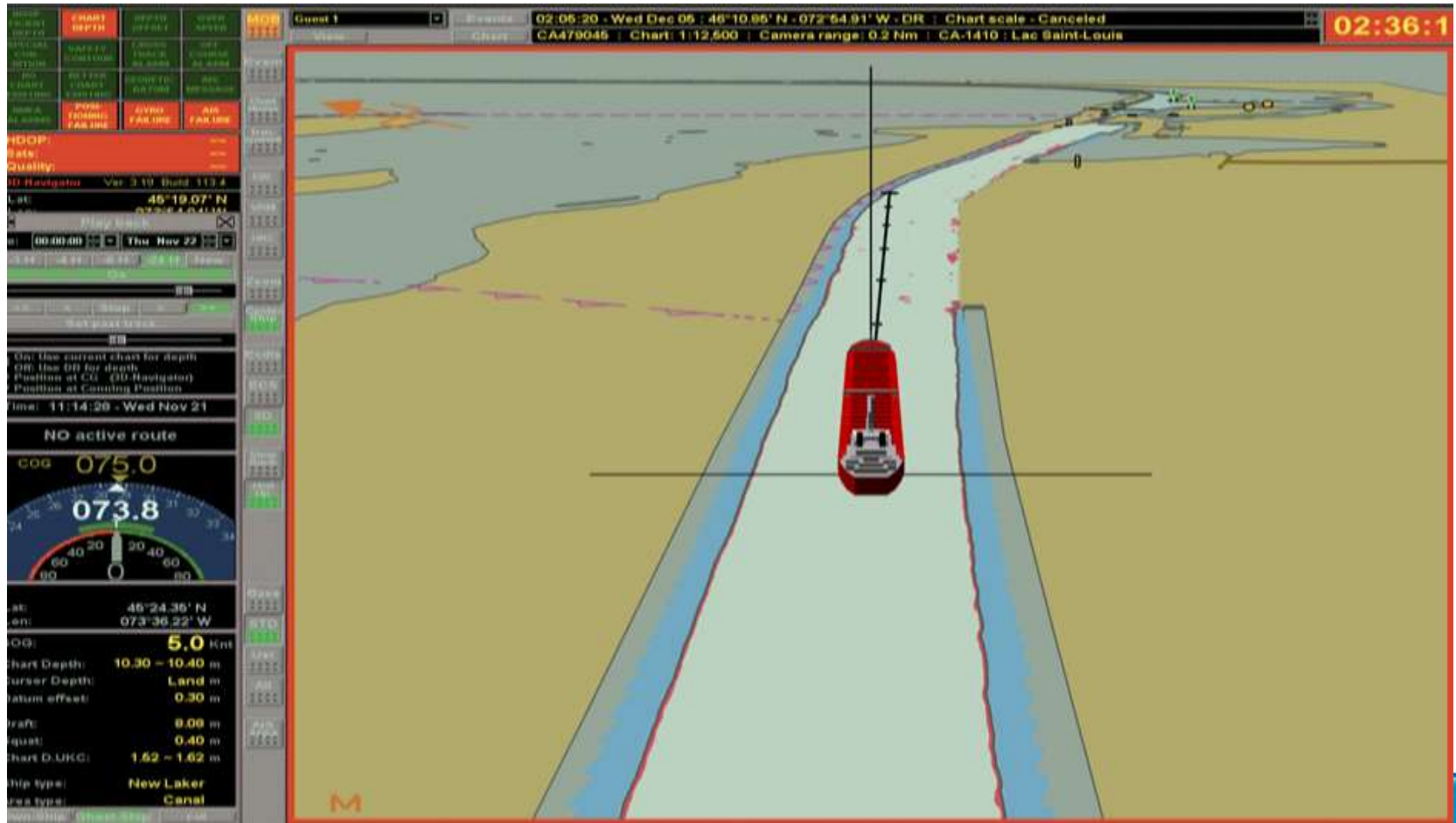
- Software that integrates information and provides a projection of a vessel's under-keel clearance in real-time
- Relies on a real-time water level gauge network along the vessel's route
- Monitor's vessel's position and speed in real-time via AIS
- Calculates squat equations to approximate the squat of the given ship-type in the existing navigation environment
- Provides a visual representation to the captain / pilot

# Draft Optimization



Red zones identify draft issues at current speed / squat

# Draft Optimization



Once vessel decreases its speed, the draft profile is repainted "all clear"

# 3. Where We Are Going



New influx of cargo to the East Coast is projected as a result of both the Panama Canal expansion (China) and burgeoning trade with India



# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Business Opportunities

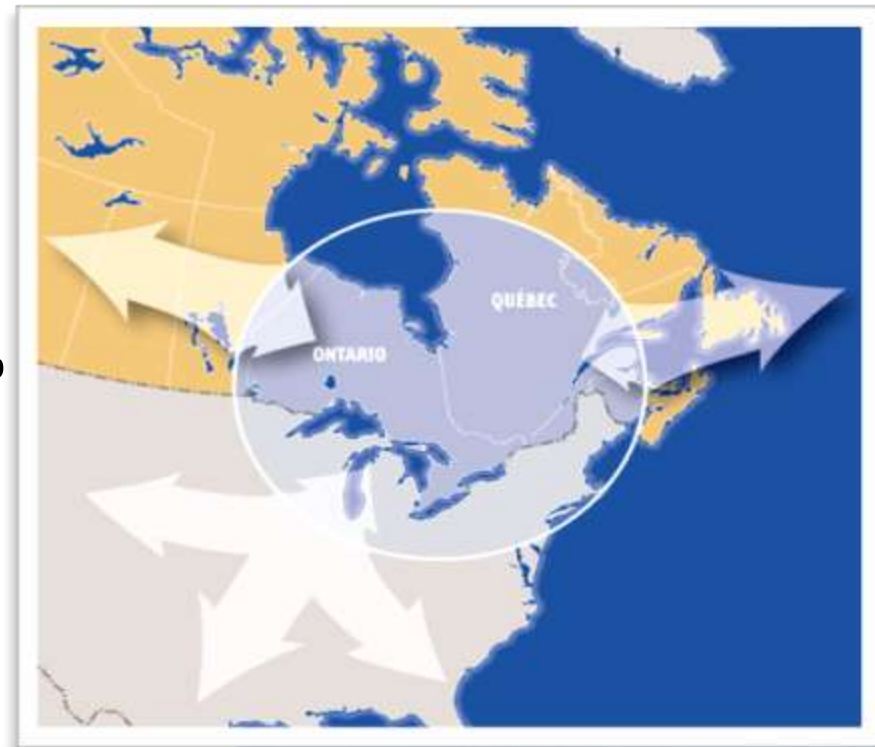
- Bulk cargo in evolving market
- General cargo, and break-bulk cargo
- Project cargo, such as wind turbines and heavy machinery
- Feeder services from coast and river ports into the lakes
- Inter-lake 'short sea' services



# Focus on our Customers

## Continental Gateway and Trade Corridor

- 71% of Canada's international trade flows via the 4 modes of transportation within this gateway
- Seaway is currently running at 50% capacity, and represents a reliable means of moving cargo between coastal ports and points inland

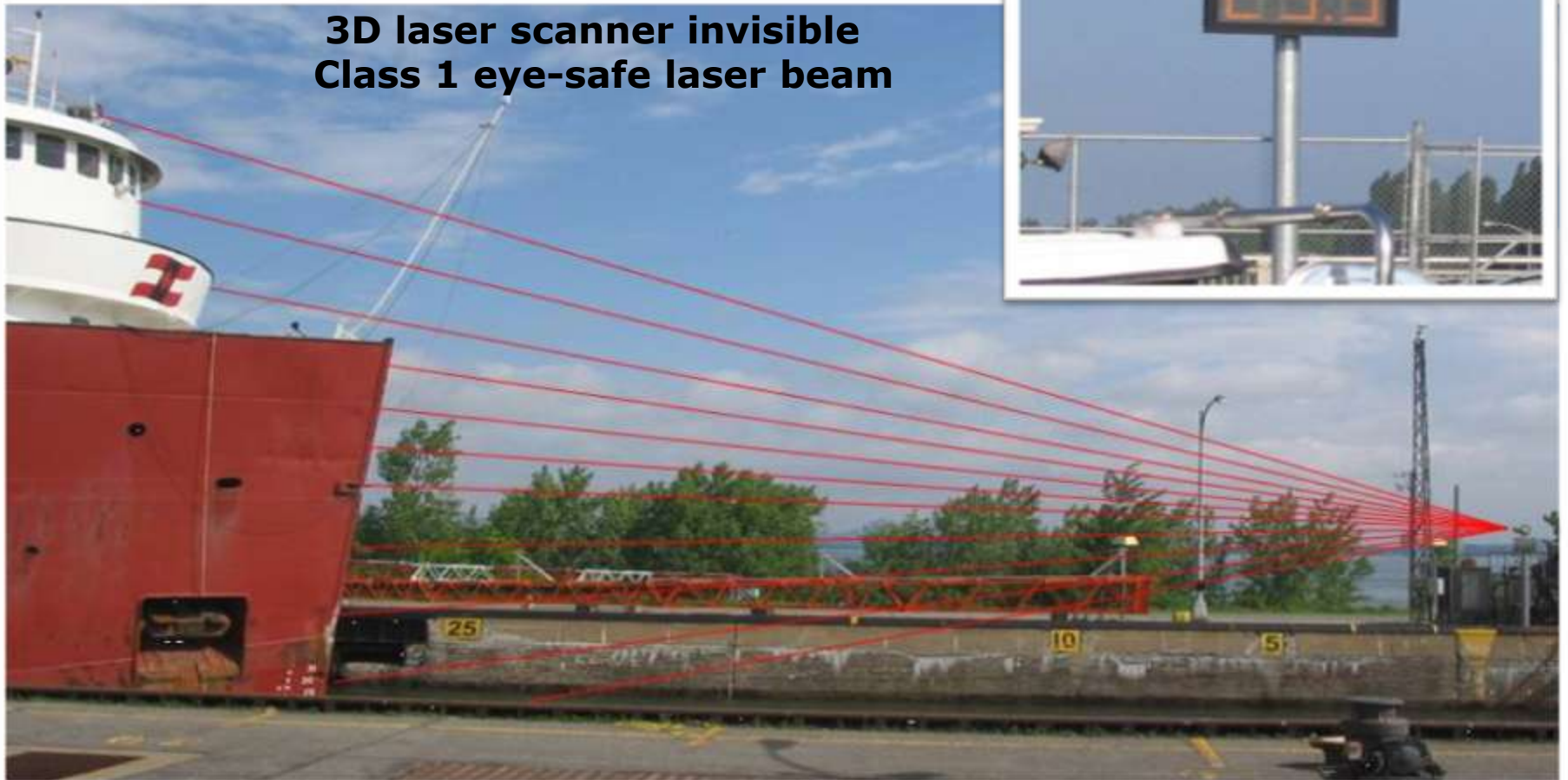


# Service Customization

- Meeting the requirements of different market segments through customized service offerings –
  - Customized lockage procedures
  - Customized vessel speed / draft
- Removal of barriers to system use through the application of technology

# Self Spotting

**3D laser scanner invisible  
Class 1 eye-safe laser beam**



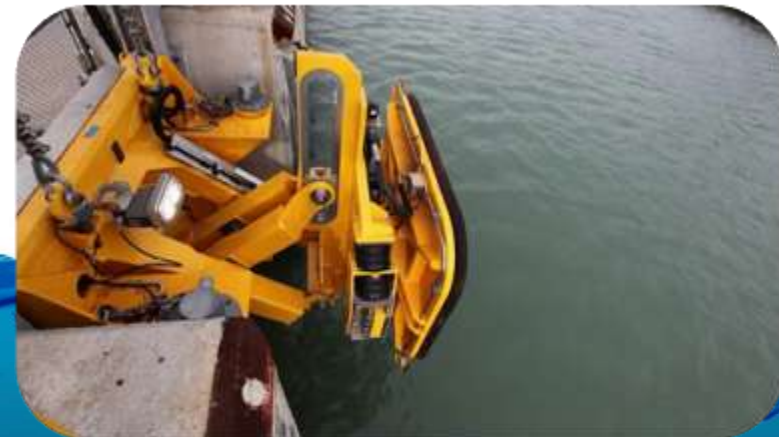
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display panel**

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# Hands Free Mooring

- Hands Free Mooring Program
  - Attract more vessels in order to diversify our cargo base
  - Reduce barriers to system by lowering crewing requirements for lock transits / minimize overtime
  - Enhance crew safety and productivity



# 4. Challenges and Opportunities

## Opportunities

- Available Capacity
- Strategic location
- Connectivity:
  - Road and Rail
  - Access to Major Gateway Partners
- Competitive with Road & Rail on Certain Routes



Reliable



Strategic Location



Cost Effective

# Use of Marine Highway

- Enables Freight to Bypass Critical Chokepoints  
**(“We Do Borders Well”)**
- Potential to Absorb Cargo Traffic, Especially from Truck
- Immediate Potential to Reduce Energy Consumption
- Safety

# Dealing with Regulatory Barriers

- 25% Duty on Imported Vessels Impedes Fleet Renewal



- Harbor Maintenance Tax



- Emission Control Areas



- Consistent Regulations Governing Ballast Water Management



- Review of Pilotage Regulations and Marine Service Fees





# Ballast Water Management

- Joint Seaway Regulations require ballast water exchange and salt water flushing for all vessels entering our waters
- Ballast Water Working Group establishes inspection protocol and 100% of ballast water tanks are inspected for ocean going ships
- 100% of all ballast water discharged into the Seaway / Great Lakes complies with the standards



# No New Waterborne Invasive Species

- GLANSIS (Great Lakes Aquatic Non-indigenous Species Information System) indicates that since 2006, no new invasive species has been determined to have been established in the Great Lakes
- Early sign that current measures are performing well
- Both Seaways are actively supporting the development of new ballast water treatment systems

GLANSIS Website: <http://www.glerl.noaa.gov/>

# Ballast Water Regulation in 2010

- **Fragmentation is current state of affairs**
- **State by State “Permits”**
  - Multiplication of paperwork requirements
  - Zero enhancement to prevention
  - Impairs the potential of marine transportation
- **No single standard**
  - Moving target for technology developers
  - Impairs production and installation of new technology

# Increased Stakeholder Engagement

- Raise awareness
  - Of the marine mode, in general
  - Of HwyH<sub>2</sub>O, in particular
  - Of improvements via Green Marine
- Through Marine Delivers

## Strategic Objectives:

- **Improve / shape industry image**
- **Promote greater industry collaboration / coordination**
- **Share industry data / research**
- **Improve media coverage of industry and issues**
- **Better working relationships with NGO community**
- **More thoughtful future regulations**

## Key Messages:

### Economic Impact

- Jobs
- Spending
- Taxes
- Trade

### Sustainability

- Low carbon footprint
- Fuel efficiency
- Safety

### Continuous Improvement

- Vessels
- Ports
- Seaway

# Public Relations:

## MEDIA

- Pitching stories
- Correcting misinformation
- Editorial roundtables

## SPEAKING

- Chambers of Commerce
- Port events
- Capital days

## OUTREACH

- NGOs
- Opinion leaders
- Marine stakeholders

## Research:

	<b>GL/SL Impact Study</b>	<b>GL Multi-modal Impact Study</b>
<b>Commissioned by:</b>	US & Cdn Seaways, Transport Canada, AGLP, CMC	National Academies of Science Transportation Research Board
<b>Scope:</b>	Impact of GL/SL marine transportation in Canada and US	Impact of mutli-modal transportation system in GL basin
<b>Budget:</b>	US\$485,000	US\$300,000
<b>Contractor:</b>	John Martin & Assoc. (Aug 2010)	CPCS Transcom (July 2010)
<b>Completion:</b>	9 months (May 2011)	16 months (Mar 2012)
<b>Project oversight:</b>	SLSMC, SLSDC, AGLP, CMC, TC	TRB Panel includes CMC & AGLP



# Growing the Great Lakes Seaway System

## Sustainability

- Foster Positive Economic, Social, and Environmental Conditions

## Adaptability

- Leverage Technology to Maximize Benefits of Using our Existing Structures

## Greater Accessibility

- Remove Barriers to Encourage New Uses