



Marine Protection Surcharge

Due to the recent government legislation concerning the protection of Right Whales, and the reduction of ocean vessel speeds on the St. Lawrence Seaway, there will be a 4% surcharge on all inbound and outbound freight to or from Newfoundland going by ship from Montreal. This surcharge is effective immediately. Details of the new legislation can be found at the following link:

http://marinfo.gc.ca/en/avisradio/detail.asp?region=Q&annee=2017&no_avis=1189

The surcharge will cease as soon as the legislation is rescinded.

Thank-you for your understanding,
Fastfrate Management

Please see the official notice from Oceanex below with more details:



Good Day:

Due to an unusual increase in the presence of North Atlantic right whales in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Government of Canada has imposed a temporary speed limit in an area in the St. Lawrence River and the Gulf of St. Lawrence where Oceanex vessels must transit while operating between Montreal and St. John's. A copy of the notice to vessel operators has been attached and may also be found at the website below.

http://marinfo.gc.ca/en/avisradio/detail.asp?region=Q&annee=2017&no_avis=1189

In order to comply with this new temporary regulation, Oceanex vessels must operate at reduced speeds during a portion of each voyage between Montreal and St. John's. In an effort to mitigate the impact of this on our fixed day weekly schedule, vessels must now transit at faster speeds when operating outside of the affected zone. While scheduled departure times from Montreal are not expected to be impacted, vessel arrival times in Montreal and St. John's will be delayed.

Operating at increased speeds significantly increases vessel fuel consumption and modified terminal operating times will increase labour costs loading and discharging cargo in port. As a result, Oceanex is implementing a temporary Marine Protection Surcharge of 4.0% of freight charges on future invoices related to the movement of goods to and from Newfoundland over Oceanex's Montreal service. This temporary surcharge will enter into effect on the next sailings from St. John's and Montreal on the Montreal service.

Please note that this temporary surcharge will be removed as soon as the requirement to reduce speed in our area of operation is lifted by the Government of Canada. Updates regarding when this is anticipated to occur will be provided as further information becomes available from the Government of Canada.

The Government of Canada and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are monitoring right whale activity in the affected area on a daily basis and intend to provide regular updates to vessel operators in the region.

As a marine transportation operator, Oceanex is cognizant of its responsibility to promote navigation safety and protection of the marine environment. As such, Oceanex is taking the necessary action to comply with the government order while still providing its customers with reliable transportation solutions. Oceanex has advised the Government of Canada of the significant impact of this temporary regulation and encourages you to raise any of your concerns regarding this issue with your local Federal Government of Canada representative. For inquiries related to services that Oceanex provides to your organization, please contact your Oceanex Account Manager.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to continuing to provide you with reliable transportation solutions throughout Eastern Canada.



Broadcast Notice Q1189/2017 details

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CORRECTION / Pointe Ouest (Anticosti) to Blanc-Sablon / Pointe Ouest (Anticosti) à Blanc-Sablon - GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE / Speed reduction in the gulf of St. Lawrence du to increased presence of right whales

Broadcast until cancelled

Reference notice to shipping: cancel Q1078/2017

GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE/ In order to promote navigation safety and protection of the marine environment due to an increased presence of North Atlantic right whales in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, all vessels of 65 feet (19.8m) or longer are instructed to proceed at a speed not exceeding 10 knots over the ground in the St. Lawrence River and the Gulf of St. Lawrence between the following coordinates. 47° 10' N 062° 00' W; 47° 10' N 065° 00' W; 50° 20' N 065° 00' W; 50° 20' N 062° 00' W. Failure to comply with this speed restriction could lead to enforcement action under section 7 of the Collision Regulations. Report all observations of live, dead or injured whales to the Canadian Coast Guard on VHF ch 16 or to "Marine Animal Response" at 1-866-567-6277. The reporting of live whale sightings using Whale Alert is also encouraged. www.whalealert.org

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