

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY
VOIE MARITIME DU SAINT-LAURENT



OPENING CEREMONY

2009 Navigation Season

St. Lambert, Quebec

March 31, 2009

CSL SPRUCEGLEN

OWNER: CSL Group Inc.
SHIPYARD: Kvaerner Govan Ltd. (Glasgow , United Kingdom)
BUILT IN: 1983
REGISTRY: Montreal, Québec
OPERATED BY: V. Ships Canada Inc.
OVERALL LENGTH: 222.54 meters
BEAM: 23.17 meters
DEADWEIGHT: 27,000 metric tons
SPEED: 12 knots
ENGINE: 8003 kilowatts
CREW: 25 (Canadian)
CARGO: UGS slag (94% titanium dioxide)
LOADED IN: Sorel, Québec
DESTINATION: Ashtabula, Ohio
MASTER: Capt. Mark Dillon
CHIEF ENGINEER: Christian Pelletier



50th Anniversary Opening Ceremony* St. Lambert Lock

- 10:25 Dignitaries escorted to podium by Black Watch of Canada
- 10:30 **“O Canada” and “Star Spangled Banner”** – Louise Daigneault
- 10:35 **Greetings and Presentations**
Mrs. Nicole Trépanier, Master of Ceremony
Executive Director, St. Lawrence Shipoperators

Dr. Pierre Camu, former SLSA President (1965-1973)
Mr. Laurence Pathy, President and CEO, Fednav Limited
Mr. Gerald Carter, President, Canada Steamship Lines Inc.
Mr. Guy Véronneau, Chairman, St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation
Mr. Guy Ouellette, Parliamentary assistant to the Minister for Transport
Mr. Collister Johnson Jr., Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation
Senator W. David Angus, Q.C.
Mr. Richard J. Corfe, President, St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation
- 11:35 **Season Declared Opened** - Richard J. Corfe
- 11:40 **First Vessel Ceremony**
Opening vessel: **CSL Spruceglen**
- 12:15 **Buffet under the marquee**

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A vital waterway... past, present and future



Fifty years ago, a dream was realized. On April 25, 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened the North American heartland to marine transportation with the passage of the **CSL Simcoe** through the St. Lambert Lock. A few months later, on June 26th, the waterway was officially inaugurated by Her Majesty **Queen Elizabeth II** and United States **President Dwight D. Eisenhower**.

Since the Seaway's opening, more than 2.5 billion tonnes of cargo, worth an estimated \$375 billion, have been shipped via the waterway to and from 50 different nations.

Much has changed during the past 50 years, but the fundamentals remain the same as they were in 1959. The Seaway provides a maritime transportation service that offers system users tangible benefits. The recent Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway study identified the value of the Seaway, in terms of annual transportation savings, at \$1.2 billion. Furthermore, it is generally recognized that marine transportation is the most environmentally-friendly transportation mode, even over short distances, with its fuel efficiency and low greenhouse gas emissions.

As we look to the next 50 years, our vision is to be the transportation system of choice. Sustainability is being ensured by maximizing the benefits that come from the system, including the application of new technology, and by minimizing the impact through proactively working with communities and other stakeholders.