

**BOATING ADVISORY** 

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**Longueuil, May 13, 2021** – The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) would like to advise you that preparatory work for the deconstruction of the original Champlain Bridge has begun in the section of the St. Lawrence River (between Île des Sœurs and the St. Lawrence Seaway dike), which will include the lowering of modular trusses and frequent barge movements.

Deconstruction of the spans will start in summer 2021 and then intensify in the section of the St. Lawrence River. In addition to the often large marine equipment in the area, note that barges, tugs, and staff transport boats will also be travelling quite often under and near the sections of the bridge to be deconstructed.

This means that the **boating area under the original Champlain Bridge is considered a marine work zone**. It is therefore important for boaters to proceed with caution when travelling near and under the bridge.

In the boating corridor that passes through the marine work zone, the safest lanes to follow will be marked to help boaters avoid the work areas. Appropriate lighting will also be added to the different types of marine equipment to increase their visibility.

## When travelling through this marine work zone, please adhere to the following rules:

- Observe the buoys and beacons and follow the signs.
- Stay away from the jetties, barges and any marine equipment.
- Slow down.
- Do not stop in the work zone.

Please note that a Navigational Warning to this effect (<u>NW-Q-0204-21</u>) has also been issued.

## Section on the Brossard side

Since May 1, the floating bridge installed at the end of the Brossard jetty has been removed so that boaters can freely circulate in the Lesser La Prairie Basin for the 2021 boating season. No marine work has been planned in this section of the river for the upcoming boating season. However, JCCBI would like to remind you that, for everyone's health and safety, it is important to follow the marked corridors and to stay away from the jetties set up in the Lesser La Prairie Basin.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a good summer.

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