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# Notice to Navigation Interests

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Date: 12 DECEMBER 2008

Waterway: ST MARYS RIVER

Location: MICHIGAN

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SAFE LINEHANDLING PROCEDURES FOR VESSEL PERSONNEL  
ST. MARYS FALLS CANAL

1. Winter conditions make it difficult for line handlers to see the actual edge of piers. Where snow blowing equipment is used, snow is not cleared within three feet of the edge for operator safety. A recent accident involving a crew member falling into the water points out the risk associated with working on the water.
2. Vessel personnel working on the piers should stay back at least three feet from the visible pier edge at all times. Heaving lines should be used to reduce the need to approach the edge.
3. Portable escape ladders, life rings, and safety blocks are available at every other light pole for rescue operations.
4. Please refer any questions regarding this subject to the Chief Lockmaster on duty.

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Notice to the Postmaster:

It is requested that the above notice be conspicuously and continuously posted until January 30, 2009.