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Ice bulletin for the St-Lawrence River and the Gulf from Les Escoumins to Cabot Strait issued at 2130utc March 27, 2006 by Quebec Ice Centre of the Canadian Coast Guard.

General ice conditions

From Les Escoumins to Cabot Strait, it is mainly open water.

Normal shipping routes are in effect from Les Escoumins to Cabot Strait.

Detailed ice conditions

Les Escoumins to Cabot Strait

Mainly open water

Lower North Shore

Natashquan to Blanc Sablon outside of 20 to 30 miles from the shore

Mainly open water

6100W to 5935W inside 20 miles from the shore

trace to 2/10 brash

trace to 2/10 medium first year

trace to 1/10 thin first year

in strips of 9+/10

with areas of

trace thick first year

2/10 medium first year

6/10 thin first year

1/10 greywhite

5935W to 10 miles from Blanc Sablon

1/10 thick first year

3/10 medium first year

4/10 thin first year

Within 10 miles from Blanc Sablon

Trace old ice

3/10 brash

3/10 medium first year

4/10 thin first year

Remarks

Mariners are advised to navigate with extreme caution in the vicinity of and in ice infested waters as ice conditions may be more extensive and/or severe than reported.

Vessels Eastbound proceeding to a port located in the Gulf of St Lawrence are requested to contact Ecareg Canada upon crossing 6600W to obtain ice routing information to destination.

The next bulletin will be issued by Quebec Ice Centre at 2130utc on March 28, 2006. This information will be transmitted to you via Navtex, on the continuous marine broadcast or by

contacting the nearest Marine Communications and Traffic Services
Centre.

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