



LEVELnews

Great Lakes — St. Lawrence River Water Levels

Water Level Conditions and Public Information Events

As indicated in the water level information table provided below, the levels of each of the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair are below their respective 1918–2011 period-of-record averages for the beginning of August. All of the lakes, except Lake Superior, are also lower than they were at the same time last year. The level of Lake Superior is expected to rise slightly during August, while levels on the remaining Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair are expected to fall.

For a graphical representation of recent and forecasted water levels on each of the Great Lakes and on Lake St. Clair, compared to their 1918–2011 period-of-record monthly averages and extreme levels, please refer to the July 2012 edition of the Canadian Hydrographic Service's monthly water levels bulletin at: www.waterlevels.gc.ca/C&A/tidal_e.html

You're Invited

The International Niagara and St. Lawrence River Boards of Control are holding public information events in September and you're invited.

The International Niagara Board of Control will hold an open house on **Wednesday, September 12, 2012 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. EDT** at the Earl W. Brydges Public Library, 1425 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14305.
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Great Lakes Water Level Information

Lake	July 2012 Monthly Mean Level		Beginning-of-August 2012 Level	
	Compared to Monthly Average (1918–2011)	Compared to One Year Ago	Compared to Beginning-of-Month Average (1918–2011)	Compared to One Year Ago
Superior	21 cm below	5 cm above	23 cm below	2 cm above
Michigan–Huron	54 cm below	22 cm below	55 cm below	24 cm below
St. Clair	25 cm below	27 cm below	26 cm below	31 cm below
Erie	17 cm below	34 cm below	21 cm below	32 cm below
Ontario	21 cm below	35 cm below	24 cm below	31 cm below

The purpose of this open house is to inform the public of the Board's current activities and to hear public comments and suggestions regarding the Board's work. In addition, information will be presented on the operation of the Lake Erie–Niagara River Ice Boom and on current Great Lakes water level conditions.

The evening's format has been chosen to encourage an open dialogue with, and among, the participants. Posters, maps, and other informative material will be displayed. It is anticipated that discussions will focus on the responsibility of the Board in matters which affect the flows and water levels of the Niagara River.

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The International St. Lawrence River Board of Control will hold a public teleconference on **Tuesday, September 18, 2012 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. EDT** to discuss the regulation of outflows and water levels in the Lake Ontario–St. Lawrence River system. Participation in the meeting can be in person or by phone.

To participate that day by phone, please call **1-877-413-4814** by 6:50 p.m., and enter either of the following two access codes:

3121346 for English

1344127 for French

Please mention

“St. Lawrence River Control Board” to the operator.

Those interested may attend in person at either of the two following meeting sites:

**St. Lawrence Room West
Ramada Inn
805 Brookdale Avenue
Cornwall, ON**

or:

**Room 118 of Rich Hall
SUNY
7060 State Route 104
Oswego, NY**

To download the meeting materials, please go to the Activities page on the Board's website at: **www.ijc.org/conseil_board/islrbc/en/activities.htm**. Any updates will be posted on the website by September 14.

Alternately, you can view the meeting materials by Webinar while listening in by phone using the teleconference access information provided earlier. Instructions on how to participate in the Webinar will be posted on the Board's website prior to the meeting.

Please note that there will be a brief discussion period from 6:45–7:00 p.m. at the two meeting sites to determine local concerns. The Board presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be accessible to those present at the two meeting sites, as well as to those listening in by phone.

July Precipitation over the Great Lakes*

Great Lakes Basin	84%	Lake Erie	81%
Lake Superior	81%	(including Lake St. Clair)	
Lakes Michigan–Huron	89%	Lake Ontario	70%

July Outflows from the Great Lakes*

Lake Superior	92%	Lake Erie	92%
Lakes Michigan–Huron	89%	Lake Ontario	89%

***As a percentage of the long-term July average.**

NOTE: These figures are preliminary.