

The *Federal Saint-Laurent* named first vessel of the year for 2022 at the Port of Trois-Rivières

Trois-Rivières, January 7, 2022 – Le *Federal Saint-Laurent* is the first vessel to call the Port of Trois-Rivières in 2022. It docked at the Port on January 6 at 5:48 am, after a 15-day crossing of the Atlantic. The vessel, with its 22 crew members of Indian nationality, left the port of Brake in Germany on December 22, 2021. Its cargo of steel, unloaded by Logistec, originates from British Steel and is destined for various steel distributors and companies specialized in super structures in Quebec.

To receive the title of first vessel, the vessel must arrive in Trois-Rivières from an overseas port without making a stopover at another Canadian port and perform loading or unloading operations at the Port of Trois-Rivières. To view the arrival of the *Federal Saint-Laurent*: [1st vessel 2022](#).

“For a second consecutive year, the ceremony of the first vessel of the year is done in compliance with distancing and prevention measures. However, we maintain this 56-year old tradition and present the Captain of the *Federal St-Laurent*, Mr. Shaikh Shahid Ibrahim and the Chief Engineer, Mr. Arundepak Rajamoha, with the traditional souvenir gifts with a distinctly Trois-Rivières touch”, explains Mr. Jacques Paquin, executive vice-president of the Port of Trois-Rivières.

Mr. Ibrahim and Mr. Rajamoha received a giclée reproduction of the painting *Un port, une équipe*, produced by Mauricie artist Ms. Caroline St Pierre, as well as baskets of regional products. Mr. Paquin also wishes to underline the essential contribution of the Port's workers who are in charge of the unloading activities of the *Federal St-Laurent* and who have been operating under unusual conditions for almost two years now.

About the *Federal Saint-Laurent*

The *Federal Saint-Laurent* is a 2019-built bulk carrier sailing under the Marshall Islands flag. Its length overall (LOA) is 199.98 m, with a beam (width) of 23.76 m. It is docked at section 9 of the Port of Trois-Rivières for a period of five days. During its stay in Trois-Rivières, it is represented by the Fednav shipping agency, a Canadian company that also owns the vessel.

Navigating ice-covered waters: a collective effort

In addition to the work by crew members, winter navigation is made possible through the efforts of many actors, including the Coast Guard and its icebreaker fleet, as well as St. Lawrence River pilots. The Port of Trois-Rivières also took the opportunity to recognize their important contribution.

On the photo (left to right): Mr. Jacques Paquin, executive vice-president, Port of Trois-Rivières, Mr. Arundepak Rajamoha, Chief Engineer of the *Federal Saint-Laurent*, Mr. Shaikh

Shahid Ibrahim, Captain of the *Federal Saint-Laurent*, Ms. Caroline St-Pierre, Mauricie region artist.

About the Port of Trois-Rivières

As part of the 17 Canadian Port Authorities and active since 140 years, the Port of Trois-Rivières offers a wide range of facilities and services to the maritime industry throughout the year. The Port is an important player in regional, national and international economic development for major industrial sectors such as the aluminum industry, forestry and agri-food. The Port of Trois-Rivières accommodates 55,000 trucks, 11,000 railcars and more than 250 merchant and cruise ships annually originating from over 100 different ports in more than 40 countries around the world. It handles over 3.5 million metric tonnes of traffic and generates more than 2,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs.

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