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Media Availability & Photo Opportunity – Seasonal Opening of New York State’s Canal System

Date: Friday, May 19, 2023

Time: 6:30 am – 9:00 am (*first locking of boats to occur at 8:00 am*)

Locations: Waterford Harbor Visitors Center, 1 Tugboat Alley, Waterford
Erie Canal Lock E-2, NYS Route 32 Short 5th St, Waterford

Event:

New York State Canal Corporation Director Brian U. Stratton with colleagues from the Canal Corporation, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, and local stakeholders will welcome the first boats entering the Erie Canal for the 2023 navigation season along the 524-mile New York State Canal system. Friday’s opening marks the 199th consecutive opening of the waterway.

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About the New York State Canal Corporation

New York’s Canal system includes four historic canals: the Erie, Champlain, Oswego, and Cayuga – Seneca. Spanning 524 miles, the waterway links the Hudson River with the Great Lakes, the Finger Lakes and Lake Champlain. The canals form the backbone of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and connects hundreds of unique and historic communities.

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