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## **Media Availability and Photo Opportunity – Erie Canal Bicentennial Flotillas**

The New York State Canal Corporation, in collaboration with the Buffalo Maritime Center, will host a series of flotillas (boat parades) along the Erie Canal throughout September and October as the state commemorates the 200th anniversary of the completion of the original Erie Canal.

The flotillas will be led by the Buffalo Maritime Center's Erie Canal Boat *Seneca Chief*, a full-scale replica of the vessel Governor DeWitt Clinton traveled on from Buffalo to New York City in 1825, when the canal opened.

New York State Canal Corporation vessels, tour boats, and other commercial and registered private vessels from across New York State will join the *Seneca Chief*.

Boaters possessing a valid New York State Boating License are invited to join each flotilla. Registration is required. Information can be found [here](#).

**SCHEDULE** (*Departure and arrival times are estimates*) –

### **#1: Buffalo to Lockport – Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

**Departure (10:00 am):** 44 Prime St. Buffalo, NY 14202 (Canalside)

**Arrival (1:30 pm):** Tonawanda, NY (Gateway Harbor)

**Departure (2:30 pm):** Tonawanda, NY (Gateway Harbor)

**Arrival (5:30 pm):** 80 Canal St. Lockport, NY 14094 (Flight of Five Forebay)

**Distance:** 30 miles

**Number of Locks:** Two – Locks E-34/35 (Lockport)

**Estimated Travel Time:** 8 hours

**#2: Rochester to Fairport – Sunday, September 28, 2025**

**Departure (10:00 am):** 280 Exchange Blvd. Rochester, NY 14608 (Corn Hill Landing)

**Arrival (12:15 pm):** Pittsford, NY (Schoen Place)

**Departure (2:15 pm):** Pittsford, NY (Schoen Place)

**Arrival (3:30 pm):** Fairport, NY (Erie Canal at the Box Factory)

**Distance:** 17 miles

**Number of Locks:** Two – Lock E-33 (Henrietta) and Lock E-32 (Pittsford)

**Estimated Travel Time:** 5 hours

**#3: Baldwinsville to Syracuse – Saturday, October 4, 2025**

**Departure (10:00 am):** 136 Spensieri Ave. Baldwinsville, NY 13027 (Paper Mill Island)

**Arrival (12:00 pm):** 106 Lake Dr. Liverpool, NY 13088 (Onondaga Lake State Park)

**Distance:** 8.5 miles

**Number of Locks:** One – Lock E-24 (Baldwinsville)

**Estimated Travel Time:** 2.5 hours

**#4: Schenectady to Waterford – Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

**Departure (9:00 am):** 220 Harborside Dr. Schenectady, NY 12305 (Mohawk Harbor)

**Arrival (4:00 pm):** 1 Tugboat Alley Waterford, NY 12188 (Waterford Harbor)

**Distance:** 16 miles

**Number of Locks:** Six – Lock E-7 (Niskayuna) and Locks E-6 through E-2 (Waterford)

**Estimated Travel Time:** 7 hours

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**About the New York State Canal Corporation**

New York's Canal system includes four 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 connect hundreds of unique communities.

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