





Erie Canal in full operation

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Albany, N.Y. — The entire New York State Canal system opened to navigation Sunday, June 5.

Heavy spring rains and the melt from a deep winter snow pack had resulted in high water and excessive flows had delayed the opening of some segments of the 534-mile-long canal system, New York State Canal Corporation officials said.

"It's terrific news that the entire system will be opened for this first weekend in June when canal communities typically begin to experience the seasonal economic impact that is so vital for jobs and growth in upstate New York," Canal Corporation Director Brian U. Stratton said.

The final segments to open are the section of the Erie Canal from Lock 24 at Baldwinsville, Onondaga County, to Lock 26 in Clyde, Wayne County, and Lock CS-1 that connects the Cayuga-Seneca Canal to the Erie Canal in the Finger Lakes region.

Mariners are advised to use caution because some buoys and other navigation aids may have been moved off because of the fast running water.

Floating debris also could cause a hazard. Some overhead clearances may be reduced because of the high water.

Information on canal conditions is available at www.canals.ny.gov/tas/index.html.

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