



PRESS RELEASE

FOR 2019 ARCTIC SEALIFT SEASON, NEAS ANNOUNCES TWO NEW INUIT-OWNED CANADIAN-FLAG VESSELS; ISSUES ANNUAL SEALIFT SAFETY REMINDER; POSTS IQALUIT BEACH OFFICE HOURS; AND PROMOTES COMMUNITY RECYCLING PROGRAM & BEACH CLEAN-UP

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- Sealift Safety Reminder: Stay Clear and Stay Safe
- Iqaluit Beach Office Hours
- Recycling Program & Beach Cleanup

IQALUIT, NU, May 30, 2019 – The Board of Directors of NEAS is pleased to announce the addition of two new Inuit-owned Canadian-flag vessels to the NEAS fleet: the *MV Aujaq* and the *MV Sinaa*.

“NEAS continues to invest in modern Canadian flag vessels to enhance our cargo capacity and improve the overall customer sealift experience,” said Suzanne Paquin, President and CEO. “The NEAS re-fleeting strategy is working, and our NEAS customers benefit with the most reliable Canadian Arctic sealift services available.”

About the *MV Aujaq* and *MV Sinaa*

Built in 1994 with a capacity of 720 TEUS each, the *MV Aujaq* and *MV Sinaa* are 137.16 metres (450 feet), ice class 1, multipurpose tween-deckers that each offer three combinable cranes of 60 tons. They are the sister ships to the NEAS *MV Qamutik* and *MV Mitiq*.

In Inuktitut, *Aujaq* means “summer” and *Sinaa* means “ice flow edge.”

Iqaluit Beach Office Hours

To pick up cargo, customers report to the NEAS office, safely located high on the beach well outside the marine work areas.

From June 24 to November 8, the beach office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday, and on weekends when the NEAS vessels are in town discharging cargo.

Local NEAS staff will be on site to answer questions, provide assistance, and direct customers on cargo pick up procedures.

“NEAS makes sealift easy,” said Jimmy Akavak, Nunavut representative for NEAS. “The NEAS office makes our cargo pick up experience more enjoyable, efficient and safe for everyone.”

Sealift Credits for Recycled Products

Nunavik and Quebec customers can receive special sealift credits for certain types of recycled products, including used oils, used antifreeze, used oil and antifreeze containers and filters. Call us to find out how you can take advantage of this program.

Community Beach Cleanups

“At NEAS, we want to work with all stakeholders interested in establishing regular community cleanups of beach areas,” said Suzanne Paquin. “If you, your community group or school class want to help clean up the beach in your community, we want to hear from you.” The NEAS objective is to help coordinate regular community beach cleanups.

Reserve Your Space Now

From large mining, defence and construction projects, to small individual orders and everything in between, the professionals at NEAS are here to help you succeed in the Canadian Arctic. Reserve space, request packaging and view schedules at NEAS.ca or give us a call at 1-877-225-6327 and let us help you plan your project and order.

About NEAS

With a team of dedicated employees, NEAS delivers a superior sealift experience for customers with reliable marine transportation, marshalling, packaging and container services across the Eastern and Western Arctic, including Nunavik, Northern Quebec, and the Qikiqtaaluk, Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions of Nunavut, as well as Labrador and Manitoba.

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PHOTOS ATTACHMENT



The NEAS *MV Aujaq*



The NEAS *MV Sinaa*