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### **Locks on the Canal des Vosges**

Because I am often asked how it is in the locks, I made a little movie. As you can see, it is a pretty straightforward and smooth process, once you get the hang of it: Use the remote or call the operator on the VHF radio to have the lock opened, wait for the green light, drive in, throw the ropes up, climb the ladder, fasten the ropes, tighten them a little as the boat rises, wait for the green light (or doors to open fully), drive out. Of course it took a while (about 10 locks) until it was running that smoothly. It involved a great deal of pulling, shouting and running around at first. Here are four tips that made all the difference for us: Tip #1: No hurry. Tip #2: Stay as far away from the incoming water as possible. Tip #3: Let the ship move a little inside the lock with the water and don't pull too much on the ropes. Tip #4: If you are behind a commercial vessel, wait until it's fully into the lock our out of the lock and the water has calmed down again. VoilÃf , my first youtube movie. Hope you like the soundtrack, it's called "rushing water"

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nice music, aber die hosen sind unschlagbar- very sexy!!!!  
Anonymous on Nov 26 2009, 15:55

no waves no sun but fun with nice gummihosn  
keep on sailing  
Anonymous on Nov 28 2009, 10:39