



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Coal Trade Up 25 Percent in March

CLEVELAND – Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 721,453 tons in March, an increase of 25 percent compared to a year ago. However, the trade was 11 percent below its 5-year average for March.

Loadings at Lake Superior ports increased by nearly 60 percent. Loadings in Chicago doubled their total of a year ago. However, shipments from Lake Erie ports slipped by 100,000 tons.

Year-to-date the Lakes coal trade stands at 1.1 million tons, a decrease of 17 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings are nearly 40 percent behind the 5-year average for the first quarter.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 56 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes and carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation.... Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year. Those cargos support more than 103,000 jobs with an average wage of \$47,000. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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