



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 6.4 Percent in June

CLEVELAND—Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 6.3 million tons in June, an increase of 2.7 percent over May, and an increase of 6.4 percent compared to a year ago.

June loadings were up 10 percent compared to the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 5,559,796 tons, an increase of 6.3 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings at Canadian ports rose 11.7 percent to 644,579 tons.

Through June the iron ore trade stands at 23.1 million tons, an increase of 6.7 percent compared to a year ago, and 8.7 percent better than the 5-year average for the first half of the year.

Shipments from U.S. ports are up 6.1 percent compared to a year ago and 12.2 percent ahead of their 5-year average. Loadings at Canadian ports are 12.2 percent ahead of last year's pace, but 14.4 percent below the 5-year average for the January-June timeframe.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 55 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 when high water offsets lack of adequate dredging. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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