



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 19.5 Percent in September

CLEVELAND—Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 6.4 million tons in September, a decrease of 2.3 percent from August, but an increase of 19.5 percent compared to a year ago.

September loadings also were up 15.1 percent compared to the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 5.6 million tons, an increase of nearly 29 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings at Canadian ports were virtually unchanged from a year ago.

Through September the iron ore trade stands at 43.1 million tons, an increase of 10.5 percent compared to a year ago, and 11 percent better than the 5-year average for the first three quarters.

Shipments from U.S. ports are up 11.8 percent compared to a year ago and 14.9 percent ahead of their 5-year average. Loadings at Canadian ports are marginally ahead of last year's pace, but 13.4 percent below the 5-year average for the January-September 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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