



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 6-Plus Percent in April

CLEVELAND—Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 6.1 million tons in April, an increase of 6.5 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings were also nearly 23 percent ahead of the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 5.4 million tons, an increase of 6 percent compared to a year ago. That total included 435,000 tons transshipped to Quebec for final delivery overseas. Loadings at Canadian ports rose 9.7 percent.

Through April the iron ore trade stands at 12 million tons, an increase of roughly 11.7 percent compared to a year ago and 28.4 percent better than the 5-year average for the January-April timeframe.

Shipments from U.S. ports are up 12.7 percent compared to a year ago and 31.7 percent ahead of their 5-year average. Loadings at Canadian ports are basically unchanged from both a year ago and their 5-year average for the first four months of the year.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 57 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. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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