



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Off Less Than 1 Percent in July

CLEVELAND—Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 7 million tons in July, an increase of 8.3 percent compared to June, but a decrease of less than 1 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments were, however, more than 14.6 percent ahead of July's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 6 million tons, a decrease of 4 percent compared to a year ago. Included in that total were 570,000 tons shipped to Québec City for final delivery overseas.

Loadings at Canadian ports rose almost 30 percent.

Through July the iron ore trade stands at 32.2 million tons, an increase of 7 percent compared to a year ago and 19.6 percent better than the 5-year average for the January-July timeframe.

Shipments from U.S. ports are up 5.8 percent compared to a year ago and 21 percent ahead of their 5-year average. Loadings at Canadian ports are up nearly 17 percent compared to a year ago and 9 percent ahead of their 5-year average.

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, as well as salt, sand and grain. 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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