



# Lake Carriers' Association

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*Weather Delays Canceled at Least One Cargo*

## Great Lakes Ore Trade Down 11 Percent in January

CLEVELAND—Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes in January totaled 3.2 million tons, a decrease of 11 percent compared to a year ago. The comparison is somewhat problematic, as the locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, stayed open until January 18 in 2012, but closed on January 15 this year. The extra three days in 2012 were necessary to allow cargos to move that had been delayed by weather.

A storm this January could have justified a similar extension. U.S.-flag lakers lost more than 300 hours to heavy weather and then a jam-up at a Lake Superior loading port. At least one iron ore cargo was cancelled for fear the vessel would not be able to reach the locks by the required time.

There were no shipments to Quebec City in January.

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](http://www.lcaships.com). Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President (440-333-9996).

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