



Lake Carriers' Association

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U.S.-Flag Cargo Movement on Lakes Up 3.3 Percent in May

CLEVELAND—U.S.-flag Great Lakes freighters (lakers) carried 10.1 million tons of dry-bulk cargo in May, an increase of 3.3 percent compared to the corresponding period last year. The May float was also largely in line with the month's long-term average.

U.S.-flag lakers moved 4.9 million tons of iron ore in May, 76 percent of all ore moving on the Lakes/Seaway that month. The 4.9 million tons represent a slight increase compared to a year ago, but a decrease of 3 percent compared to the month's long-term average.

Coal shipments in U.S. hulls totaled 1.8 million tons, 69.6 percent of all coal moving on the Lakes/Seaway in May. The fleet's May coal total was, however, a decrease of 6.2 percent compared to a year ago.

The 2.8 million tons of limestone hauled by U.S.-flag lakers in May represent both 79.1 percent of the trade that month and an increase of 14.6 percent compared to a year ago.

Through May, the U.S.-flag float stands at 22.6 million tons, a decrease of 7.4 percent compared to a year ago. Iron ore cargos are down by 7.4 percent. Coal loadings trail last year by 13.5 percent. Shipments of limestone are 2.4 percent off last year's pace.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 17 American companies that operate 57 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes that 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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