



Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up 4.4 Percent in September

CLEVELAND—Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes totaled 6.2 million tons in September, an increase of 4.4 percent compared to a year ago, and 6.3 percent better than August. The September ore float was, however, only slightly ahead of the month's 5-year average.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 5.5 million tons, an increase of 9.8 percent compared to a year ago. The September total included 340,000 tons shipped to Québec City for loading into oceangoing vessels and delivery overseas. Year-to-date overseas exports from U.S. Great Lakes ports total 2,334,000 tons.

Shipments from Canadian ports to Great Lakes destinations totaled 622,000 tons, a decrease of 27.2 percent compared to a year ago.

Year-to-date, the Lakes iron ore trade stands at 41.6 million tons, a decrease of 6.7 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings are 4.3 percent below the long-term average for the first three quarters.

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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