

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## U.S.-Flag Lakers' Cargo Down Almost 14 Percent in October

CLEVELAND – U.S.-flag Great Lakes freighters (lakers) carried 9.7 million tons of cargo in October, a decrease of 13.7 percent compared to a year ago, and a decrease of 0.6 percent compared to the month's long-term average.

Iron ore cargos decreased 21.8 percent compared to a year ago. Coal cargos decreased 7 percent. Limestone loadings dipped a little more than 1 percent.

Year-to-date U.S.-flag cargos total 71.9 million tons, an increase of 0.9 percent compared to the same point in 2014, but a decrease of 1.3 percent compared to the long-term average for the January-October timeframe.

Iron ore cargos have decreased 6.3 percent compared to a year ago. Coal shipments are up 6.5 percent. Limestone loadings have increased 10 percent.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 15 American companies that operate 56 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 100 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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