

# Lake Carriers' Association

December 8, 2015



## Lakes Iron Ore Trade Down 17 Percent in November

CLEVELAND — Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes totaled 4.9 million tons in November, a decrease of 17 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments were down 12 percent from the month's 5-year average.

Loadings at U.S. ports totaled 4.2 million tons in November, a decrease of 21.6 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments from Canadian ports totaled 710,000 tons, an increase of 29.3 percent.

Through November, the Lakes/Seaway ore trade stands at 49.3 million tons, a decrease of 7 percent compared to the same point in 2014 and the 5-year average for the January-November timeframe. Loadings at U.S. ports are down 11 percent compared to the corresponding period last year. Shipments from Canadian ports are up 29 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 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).

# # #

*Information based on data from knowledgeable sources. However, accuracy cannot be guaranteed. Lake Carriers' Association assumes no legal responsibility for the outcome of decisions or commitments made on the basis of this information. This report represents the views of Lake Carriers' Association and may not necessarily represent the views of its individual members.*

---

---

**20325 Center Ridge Rd., Ste. 720 ♦ Rocky River, OH 44116-3572 ♦ [www.lcaships.com](http://www.lcaships.com)**

---

---

***The Association Representing Operators of U.S.-Flag Vessels on the Great Lakes***

AMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY • ANDRIE INC. • ARMSTRONG STEAMSHIP COMPANY • BELL STEAMSHIP COMPANY • CENTRAL MARINE LOGISTICS, INC.  
GRAND RIVER NAVIGATION COMPANY, INC. • GREAT LAKES FLEET/KEY LAKES, INC. • INLAND LAKES MANAGEMENT, INC. • THE INTERLAKE STEAMSHIP COMPANY  
LAKE MICHIGAN CARFERRY SERVICE, INC. • PERE MARQUETTE SHIPPING COMPANY • PORT CITY MARINE SERVICES  
PORT CITY STEAMSHIP SERVICES • SOO MARINE SUPPLY, INC. • VANENKEVORT TUG & BARGE, INC.