

# Lake Carriers' Association

For Immediate Release

April 7, 2016



## Lakes/Seaway Ore Trade More Than Doubles in March

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway totaled 1,682,497 tons in March, more than double their volume of a year ago. Shipments also topped the month's 5-year average by 100,000 tons.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 1,460,933 tons in March, an increase of 175 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings at Canadian terminals dipped by 42,000 tons to 221,564 tons.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 4,043,576 tons, an increase of 13.4 percent. Loadings at U.S. ports are up nearly 14 percent and shipments from Canadian ports in the St. Lawrence Seaway rose nearly 12 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).

# # #

*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 HOLDING COMPANY INC.  
SOO MARINE SUPPLY, INC. • VANENKEVORT TUG & BARGE, INC.