

Lake Carriers' Association

For Immediate Release



July 19, 2017

U.S.-Flag Shipping on Lakes in June Little Changed from a Year Ago

CLEVELAND — U.S.-flag Great Lakes freighters (lakers) moved 9.7 million tons of cargo on the Great Lakes in June, a virtual repeat of a year ago. However, this June's shipments were down 3.6 percent from the month's long-term average.

Iron ore cargos for steelmaking totaled 4.9 million tons, an increase of 3.5 percent compared to a year ago.

Coal loadings rose 8.1 percent to 1.6 million tons. The increase was almost entirely due to higher shipments of low-sulfur coal from Superior, Wisconsin.

Limestone cargos hauled in U.S. bottoms totaled 2.6 million tons, a decrease of 10.6 percent compared to a year ago.

Year-over-year U.S.-flag cargos total 30.6 million tons, again a virtual tie with the same point in 2016. Iron ore shipments have increased 5.7 percent to 17.9 million tons. Coal cargos have risen 3.2 percent to 4.5 million tons. However, shipments of aggregate, fluxstone and scrubber stone – 6.5 million tons – have dipped more than 13 percent.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 13 American companies that operate 49 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.

###

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

Representing Operators of U.S.-Flag Vessels on the Great Lakes Since 1880

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