

Lake Carriers' Association

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Shipments Rise 825,000 Tons

Great Lakes/Seaway Iron Ore Trade Up Nearly 15 Percent in July

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway totaled 6.4 million tons in July, an increase of 14.7 percent compared to a year ago. However, shipments trailed the month's 5-year average by 2.3 percent.

Shipments from U.S. Great Lakes ports totaled 6 million tons in July, an increase of 21.7 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings at Canadian terminals in the Seaway totaled 391,000 tons, a drop of nearly 40 percent.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 30.1 million tons, an increase of 12.4 percent compared to the same point in 2016. Year-over-year, loadings at U.S. ports total 27.5 million tons, an increase of 14.3 percent. Shipments from Canadian ports in the St. Lawrence Seaway total 2.65 million tons, a decrease of 4 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 sand, grain and other dry-bulk cargoes. Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 100 million tons of cargo per year. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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