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Shipments Up Nearly 25 Percent

Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Surges in September

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway totaled 6.5 million tons in September, an increase of 23.4 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments also bettered the month's 5-year average by 8.5 percent.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 6.2 million tons in September, an increase of 25.8 percent compared to a year ago. However, loadings at Canadian terminals in the Seaway dipped by a boatload or so to 303,000 tons.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 43.3 million tons, an increase of 13.7 percent compared to the same point in 2016. Year-over-year, loadings at U.S. ports total 40 million tons, an increase of 16.7 percent. Shipments from Canadian ports in the St. Lawrence Seaway total 3.3 million tons, a decrease of 13.1 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 cargos. 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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