

Lake Carriers' Association

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Weather Delays Impact Shipments

Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up Slightly in November

CLEVELAND – Frequent weather delays hampered the iron ore trade on the Great Lakes in November. Shipments totaled 5.7 million tons, an increase of just 60,000 tons compared to a year ago. Loadings did fare better when compared to the month's 5-year average, increasing by 260,000 tons, or 4.8 percent.

Shipments from U.S. ports totaled 5.2 million tons in November, again a small increase, 2.2 percent. Loadings at Canadian terminals in the Seaway decreased by 10 percent to 480,000 tons.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 54.9 million tons, an increase of 11.9 percent compared to the same point in 2016. Year-over-year, loadings at U.S. ports total 50.7 million tons, an increase of 14.7 percent. Shipments from Canadian ports in the St. Lawrence Seaway total 4.2 million tons, a decrease of 13.2 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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