

Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Down 28 Percent in January

Cleveland – Significant ice formations and insufficient icebreaking resources in the U.S. and Canada produced a 28-percent decrease in iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway in January. The decrease was entirely at U.S. ports. Loadings fell to 1.5 million tons, a decrease of 32.5 percent. Shipments from a Canadian port in the Seaway increased by one boatload.

Iron Ore Shipments from Great Lakes and Seaway Ports to Great Lakes Destinations Includes Shipments to Quebec City for Transshipment Overseas* January 2013-2018 and 5-Year Average (net tons)

U.S. Great Lakes Ports							
Port	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2013-2017
Duluth, Minnesota	317,682	207,120	292,818	72,818	227,655	102,563	223,619
Superior, Wisconsin	495,564	169,522	390,275	467,021	198,186	463,581	344,114
Two Harbors, Minnesota	924,672	449,732	786,692	937,401	720,447	514,295	763,789
Silver Bay, Minnesota	194,472	79,528	194,039	23,810	127,730	80,862	123,916
Presque Isle, Michigan	630,146	258,336	274,835	113,040	403,963	138,146	336,064
Escanaba, Michigan	117,310	402,555	365,372	279,016	356,801	0	304,211
Cleveland, Ohio	250,979	223,149	166,377	60,627	145,817	204,432	169,390
Ashtabula, Ohio	0	0	0	0	47,124	0	9,425
Conneaut, OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,930,8250	1,789,942	2,470,408	1,953,733	2,227,723	1,503,879	2,274,526
Canadian Seaway Ports							
Port Cartier, Quebec	282,389	236,875	298,370	204,521	240,983	268,267	252,628
Sept Iles, Quebec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	282,389	236,875	298,370	204,521	240,983	268,267	252,628
Total – U.S. and Canada	3,213,214	2,026,817	2,768,778	2,158,254	2,468,706	1,772,146	2,527,154

* There were no shipments to Quebec City in January.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 13 American companies that operate 45 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. Contact: Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President (440-333-9996).

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