

Lake Carriers' Association

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Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Surged in January

Cleveland – Iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 2.4 million tons in January, an increase of 61 percent compared to a year ago. Loadings also topped the month's 5-year average by nearly 22 percent.

The final iron ore cargo of the month in the Head-of-the-Lakes trade (Lake Superior to lower Lakes ports) totaled 69,087 tons and was carried by the U.S.-flag 1,000-footer AMERICAN CENTURY. The cargo was loaded in Duluth, Minnesota, on January 13 and delivered to Ashtabula, Ohio. The final cargo in the iron ore shuttle between Ashtabula, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, was loaded on January 18 and was carried by the U.S.-flag tug/barge unit DOROTHY ANN/PATHFINDER. The cargo totaled 15,626 tons.

Great Lakes Iron Ore Shipments – January 2014-2019 and 5-Year Average Includes Shipments to Quebec City for Transshipment Overseas (net tons)

U.S. Great Lakes Ports							
Port	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average 2014-2018
Duluth, Minnesota	207,120	292,818	72,818	227,655	102,563	444,204	180,595
Superior, Wisconsin	169,522	390,275	467,021	198,186	463,581	464,504	337,717
Two Harbors, Minnesota	449,732	786,692	937,401	720,447	514,295	892,077	681,713
Silver Bay, Minnesota	79,528	194,039	23,810	127,730	80,862	32,795	101,194
Presque Isle, Michigan	258,336	274,835	113,040	403,963	138,146	316,837	237,664
Escanaba, Michigan	402,555	365,372	279,016	356,801	0	0	280,749
Cleveland, Ohio	223,149	166,377	60,627	145,817	204,432	107,904	160,080
Ashtabula, Ohio	0	0	0	47,124	0	162,056	9,425
Conneaut, Ohio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,789,942	2,470,408	1,953,733	2,227,723	1,503,879	2,420,377	1,989,137

Lake Carriers' Association represents 13 American companies that operate 46 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 90 million tons of cargo per year. More information is available at www.lcaships.com. Contact: Glen Nekvasil, Vice President (440-333-9996).

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