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U.S.-Flag Cargo Movement on Lakes Tops 10 Million Tons in August

CLEVELAND — U.S.-flag Great Lakes freighters (lakers) moved 10.8 million tons of cargo in August, a 7.8 percent increase compared to a year ago. The August float was also 7 percent above the month's 5-year average.

Iron ore cargos for steel production totaled 5.3 million tons, an increase of 5.97 percent compared to a year ago, and the fourth consecutive month in which ore shipments topped 5 million tons.

Coal loads totaled 1.4 million tons, a 10.1 percent decrease from 2018 and a 14.6 percent decrease from the month's 5-year average.

Year-to-date U.S.-flag cargo movement stands at 54.5 million tons, an increase of 12.6 percent compared to the same point in 2018. Iron ore cargos total 29.9 million tons, an increase of 12.5 percent. Coal loadings total 6.9 million tons, an increase of 6.5 percent. Limestone tops 14.6 million tons, an increase of 13.4 percent.

About Lake Carriers' Association

Since 1880, Lake Carriers' has represented the U.S.-flag Great Lakes fleet, which today can move more than 90 million tons of cargos annually that are the foundation of American industry, infrastructure, and power: iron ore, stone, coal, cement, and other dry bulk materials such as grain, salt, and sand. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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