



The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes

Lake Carriers' Association

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One More Hull Than A Year Ago

46 U.S.-Flag Lakers In Service On April 1

Cleveland---The active U.S.-Flag Great Lakes fleet totaled 46 dry- and liquid-bulk cargo vessels on April 1, 2005, an increase of one hull compared to a year ago, and nine vessels better than the month's 5-year average. Most of the increase comes in the category of vessels that carry iron ore, limestone and coal.

Vessel Utilization Rates : U.S.-Flag Great Lakes Fleet April 1, 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average

Year	Dry-Bulk Carriers	Cement Carriers	Tankers	Total
2000	41	4	6	51
2001	29	4	3	36
2002	27	4	3	34
2003	13	4	2	19
2004	37	4	4	45
2005	39	4	3	46
Average 2000-2004	29	4	4	37

Lake Carriers' Association represents 14 American corporations that operate 56 U.S.-Flag vessels on the Great Lakes. These vessels carry the raw materials that drive the nation's economy: Iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, limestone and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation.... Collectively, these vessels transport as much as 125 million tons of cargo a year.

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