



Lake Carriers' Association

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58 U.S.-Flag Lakers in Service on July 1

Cleveland---The U.S.-Flag Great Lakes fleet had 58 of its 63 vessels in service on July 1, an increase of one hull compared to both a year ago and the month's 5-year average. While the increase over last July 1 reflects the addition of a cement carrier, the total for that trade varies almost from week to week in response to demand.

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

Year	Dry-Bulk Carriers	Cement Carriers	Tankers	Total
2000	50	5	7	62
2001	44	5	5	54
2002	47	6	4	57
2003	44	4	4	52
2004	48	4	5	57
2005	48	5	5	58
Average 2000-2004	47	5	5	57

Lake Carriers' Association represents 12 American corporations that operate 55 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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