



Lake Carriers' Association

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On Parr With 5-Year Average

58 U.S.-Flag Lakers Underway On September 1

Cleveland---58 U.S.-Flag Lakers were in service on September 1, one less than a year ago, but the same as the date's 5-year average. One mid-sized self-unloader, the *David Z. Norton*, was undergoing repairs at the time of survey, but did return to service during the month.

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

Year	Dry-Bulk Carriers	Cement Carriers	Tankers	Total
2000	53	5	5	63
2001	47	6	5	58
2002	48	4	6	58
2003	43	6	5	54
2004	48	6	5	59
2005	48	5	5	58
Average 2000-2004	48	5	5	58

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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