



Lake Carriers' Association

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59 U.S.-Flag Lakers In Service

November 1 Total Is New Peak For 2005

Cleveland---The number of U.S.-Flag Lakers in service on the same day reached a new high for 2005 when 59 hulls were active on November 1. That total is the same as in 2004 and equal to the month's 5-year average.

The November 1 total again includes the cement barge *St. Marys Conquest*. The vessel had been idle since June.

In total, 60 U.S.-Flag Lakers have operated in 2005, but the tank barge *Robert Deegan* was inactive on November 1.

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

Year	Dry-Bulk Carriers	Cement Carriers	Tankers	Total
2000	52	5	5	62
2001	48	6	6	60
2002	49	5	5	59
2003	45	5	4	54
2004	49	5	5	59
2005	49	6	4	59
Average 2000-2004	49	5	5	59

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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