



The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes

Lake Carriers' Association

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58 U.S.-Flag Lakers In Service On June 1

Cleveland---U.S.-Flag Great Lakes fleets had 58 vessels in service on June 1, a decrease of one hull compared to a year ago, but an increase of one vessel compared to the month's 5-year average.

The slight decrease in relation to June 1, 2004 primarily reflects changes in the Lakes fleet. A year ago the tanker *Gemini* and self-unloader *Joseph H. Frantz* were both in service. However, the *Gemini* was sold to a Canadian operator earlier this year, and the 1925-vintage *Frantz* has been sold for scrap. Also active a year ago, but currently idle, is the cement carrier *Southdown Challenger*.

Vessel Utilization Rates: U.S.-Flag Great Lakes Fleet

June 1, 2000-2005 and 5-Year Average

Year	Dry-Bulk Carriers	Cement Carriers	Tankers	Total
2000	49	6	7	62
2001	48	5	3	56
2002	43	4	5	52
2003	45	5	6	56
2004	48	6	5	59
2005	49	4	5	58
Average 2000-2004	47	5	5	57

Lake Carriers' Association represents 13 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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