



*The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes*

# Lake Carriers' Association

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## Iron Ore Rally Continues In October

CLEVELAND--October proved another strong month for iron ore shipments on the Great Lakes. Loadings at U.S. and Canadian ports destined for Great Lakes steel mills totaled 5 million net tons, an increase of 14.6 percent compared to a year ago, and equal to the month's 5-year average.

For the year, the Lakes iron ore trade stands at 50.1 million net tons, an increase of 14.8 percent compared to a year ago, and 2.2 percent ahead of the 5-year average for the January-October period.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 15 American corporations that operate 57 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. For more information, visit LCA's Web site - [www.lcaships.com](http://www.lcaships.com) - or contact Glen G. Nekvasil, Vice President - Corporate Communications:

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