



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Great Lakes Coal Trade Up 32.5 Percent in September

CLEVELAND—Coal shipments on the Great Lakes totaled 3,648,453 net tons in September, a decrease of 6.8 percent compared to August, but an increase of 32.5 percent compared to a year ago. Compared to the month's 5-year average, loadings were down 7.4 percent.

Shipments from Lake Superior rose noticeably from a year ago – 35 percent – and were on par with the month's 5-year average. Loadings in Chicago increased by 145 percent compared to a year ago and all but equaled the month's 5-year average. The coal trade out of Lake Erie increased 13.6 percent compared to a year ago, but was nearly 20 percent off September's 5-year average.

Year-to-date coal shipments stand at 22.3 million tons, an increase of 8.6 percent compared to a year ago. The better measure is the 5-year average, and in that regard, 2010 loadings are 18.7 percent off the pace.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 18 American companies that operate 55 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes and 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 can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo per year when high water offsets lack of adequate dredging. More information is available at [www.lcaships.com](http://www.lcaships.com).

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