



Lake Carriers' Association

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The Greatest Ships on the Great Lakes

Overcame Unseasonable Weather

Great Lakes Coal Shipments Solid In April

Cleveland---Shipments of coal on the Great Lakes totaled 4.3 million net tons in April, an increase of 9 percent compared to a year ago. The total stacks up even better when compared to the month's 5-year average; this April's loadings are 10.5 percent ahead of the pace.

The April total likely would have been even higher, but a late-season snow storm produced significant vessel delays early in the month.

For the year, the Lakes coal trade stands at 7.1 million net tons, an increase of nearly 8 percent compared to the same point in 2004. Weighed against the 5-year average, the trade is up more than 13 percent.

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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