



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Lakes Iron Ore Trade Off To Fast Start

CLEVELAND—With steel production steadily on the rise in the first quarter, the iron ore trade on the Great Lakes resumed with renewed vigor in March. The 2,167,040 tons shipped in March represent an increase of 342 percent compared to a year ago.

The iron ore trade kicked off on March 1 in Cleveland, Ohio, when the integrated tug/barge DOROTHY ANN / PATHFINDER began shuttling taconite pellets that had been stockpiled at various terminals to the ArcelorMittal steel mill at the end of the navigable portion of the Cuyahoga River.

Escanaba, Michigan, resumed shipping on March 5 with the loading of 39,168 tons of iron ore into the integrated tug/barge JOYCE VANENKEVORT / GREAT LAKES TRADER for delivery to ArcelorMittal's mill in Indiana Harbor, Indiana.

In an unusual move, on March 10 the ARTHUR M. ANDERSON started hauling iron ore from Lorain, Ohio, to Zug Island, Michigan, to resupply U.S. Steel's mill in Detroit.

So great was the need for iron ore that the locks at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, that connect Lake Superior to the lower Great Lakes opened on March 21, four days ahead of schedule. The first iron ore cargo in the "Head-of-the-Lakes trade" was 32,844 tons hauled by the CHARLES M. BEEGHLY to the Severstal mill in Dearborn, Michigan.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 4.1 million tons, an increase of more than 300 percent compared to a year ago. The trade is, however, 13 percent off the 5-year average for the first quarter.

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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