



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### U.S.-Flag Lakes Cargos Up 30 Percent in June

CLEVELAND—U.S.-flag Great Lakes freighters (“lakers”) carried 10,356,598 net tons of cargo in June, an increase of 5 percent compared to May, and an increase of 39 percent compared to a year ago.

This June’s total was, however, down 3.7 percent from the month’s 5-year average.

Iron ore cargos in June essentially doubled the volume of a year ago. Coal loadings were up 5.3 percent. Limestone cargos increased 50 percent.

Year-to-date U.S.-flag cargos stand at 32,887,389 net tons, an increase of 57.5 percent compared to a year ago, but 10.2 percent behind the 5-year average for the first half of the year. Iron ore cargos are up 138 percent. Coal is marginally ahead of a year ago. Limestone cargos are up 38 percent.

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, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation.... Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 115 million tons of cargo a 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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