



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### U.S.-Flag Laker Cargos Up Almost 34 Percent in September

CLEVELAND—U.S.-flag Great Lakes freighters (“lakers”) carried 9,370,979 net tons of cargo in September, a decrease of 6.3 percent from August, but an increase of 33.7 percent compared to a year ago.

This September’s “float” was, however, 10.8 percent below the month’s 5-year average.

Iron ore cargos in September increased 81 compared to a year ago. Coal loadings were up 17.5 percent. Limestone cargos increased 11.4 percent.

Year-to-date U.S.-flag cargos stand at 62,815,403 net tons, an increase of 47.5 percent compared to a year ago, but 9 percent behind the 5-year average for the first three quarters of the year. Iron ore cargos are up 113 percent. Coal is 8 percent ahead of last year’s pace. Limestone cargos are up 28 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 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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