



# Lake Carriers' Association

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### Vessels Returning to Service Boost U.S.-Flag Lakes Total in October

CLEVELAND—With 5 U.S.-Flag lakers being reactivated in October, the fleet carried 8.7 million net tons of cargo, an increase of nearly 25 percent compared to the preceding month. The five vessels that returned to service in October have a combined per-trip capacity of 245,000 tons and mostly carry iron ore and coal.

Nonetheless, the U.S.-Flag float in October was down 21 percent compared to a year ago. Eight vessels remain tied to the dock because of reduced demand for raw materials. One small tug/barge unit in the limestone trade has likely concluded its efforts for the year.

Through October, U.S.-Flag carriage stands at 51.3 million tons, a decrease of approximately 40 percent compared to both a year ago and the 5-year average for the January-October timeframe.

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 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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