

2004 MEMBERSHIP AND TONNAGE

As of December 31, 2004, LCA represented 15 American corporations whose combined vessel roster totaled 57 U.S.-Flag hulls operating exclusively on the Great Lakes. These 50 self-propelled vessels, six tug/barge units, and one other tug had an aggregate Gross Registered Tonnage of 959,726 and a per-trip capacity of 1,745,850 gross tons (1,955,352 net tons) at mid-summer draft.

Membership in LCA is open to owners/operators of Great Lakes licensed self-propelled vessels (including vessel combinations that operate as self-propelled vessels) whose principal marine business is the transportation of dry-bulk cargoes on the Great Lakes and whose vessels are subject to inspection by the U.S. Coast Guard under 46 USC 3301 (1), (9), and (10) and which are issued a Certificate of Inspection by the U.S. Coast Guard.

2004 CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

ISG-Burns Harbor, Inc.'s corporate identity was changed to ISG Burns Harbor, LLC in May. Great Lakes Fleet, Inc. was renamed Great Lakes Fleet, Inc. / Key Lakes, Inc. in June.

2004 VESSEL SALES, DISENROLLMENTS AND ENROLLMENTS

Oglebay Norton Marine Services Company disenrolled the *Richard Reiss* from the Association upon its sale to Grand River Navigation Company, Inc. The vessel was then re-enrolled in LCA by its new owner.

The *Reiss* (renamed the *Manistee* in 2005) is a vessel of some historical significance. It is one of several ships built by the U.S. government during World War II to increase the carrying capacity of the Lakes fleet to meet the needs of wartime production. Launched as a straight-decker (i.e., the vessel had to be unloaded with shoreside equipment), the ship was named in honor of Richard John Reiss, an official with the C. Reiss Coal Company in St. Paul, Minnesota. The *Reiss* was converted to a self-unloader in 1964. With an overall length of 620 feet, the *Reiss* was one of the largest vessels in service when christened in 1943, and while it has since been dwarfed by the hulls built in the 1970s and early 1980s, the vessel is still well suited to serve customers in confined harbors and rivers.



Photo: Todd Shorkey

VESSEL	YEAR BUILT	STATUS	GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE	MID-SUMMER CAPACITY (gross tons)
Richard Reiss	1943	Sold to Grand River Navigation Company, Inc., for continued operation on the Great Lakes under the U.S. flag. (The vessel was renamed the <i>Manistee</i> in March 2005.)	9,790	15,173
TOTAL			9,790	15,173