## **Lake Carriers' Association**

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## **Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Up Slightly in July**

CLEVELAND – Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes totaled 6.56 million tons in July, an increase of 1.5 percent compared to a year ago. Shipments were also 9.8 percent ahead of the month's 5-year average.

Year-to-date the iron ore trade stands at 26.8 million tons, an increase of 0.5 percent compared to the same point in 2018. Iron ore shipments are 6.3 percent ahead of their 5-year average for the first seven months of the year.

Lake Carriers' Association represents 13 American companies that operate 46 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, as well as salt, sand and grain. Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 90 million tons of cargo per year. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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