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Great Lakes and Marine Industry News Update

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Congratulations to Georgian College's Navigation Cadet JESSADEN BADORIA ...recipient of the Master Mariners of Canada Foundation Scholarship for 2025. One of three recipients from scholarship applications received across Canada.

Capt. John Greenway recognized Jessaden at Georgian College's Centre from Marine Training and Research's Marine Speakers Day on March 11th at the Owen Sound Campus.



Congratulations to Georgian College's Navigation Cadets as recipients of our Great Lakes Division Bursary Awards. (Right to left joining Capt. Greenway and scholarship recipient JESSADEN BADORIA) are ERIN CAREY, MARIN ROACH-LECLAIR AND SARA JUDSON. Unable to join us was BROOKE HERRINGTON. All the best to our industry's future as they pursue their continued education and marine careers!

South Korean shipbuilding giant announces major boost for Ontario marine industry at Hamilton site

Story by CBC/Radio-Canada



Hanwha Ocean CEO Charles Kim, left, and Ontario Shipyards CEO Sean Padulo signed a memorandum of understanding at Mohawk College in Hamilton.

© Justin Chandler/CBC

Mohawk College in Hamilton has formed a new international partnership so students can learn how to build ships and work in marine industries at the Ontario Shipyards site in Hamilton. The partnership is with Hanwha Ocean and Great Lakes shipbuilder Ontario Shipyards, which also announced a separate initiative to build up "large-scale shipbuilding in Ontario."

Hanwha Ocean, a South Korean giant that builds submarines and other naval vessels among other contracts, will share knowledge and resources with Ontario Shipyards after signing a memorandum of understanding.



Algoma Tankers in Winter 2026 Operations

Algobertha and AlgoCanada (top l to r)



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Algonova and Algoterra (bottom l to r)



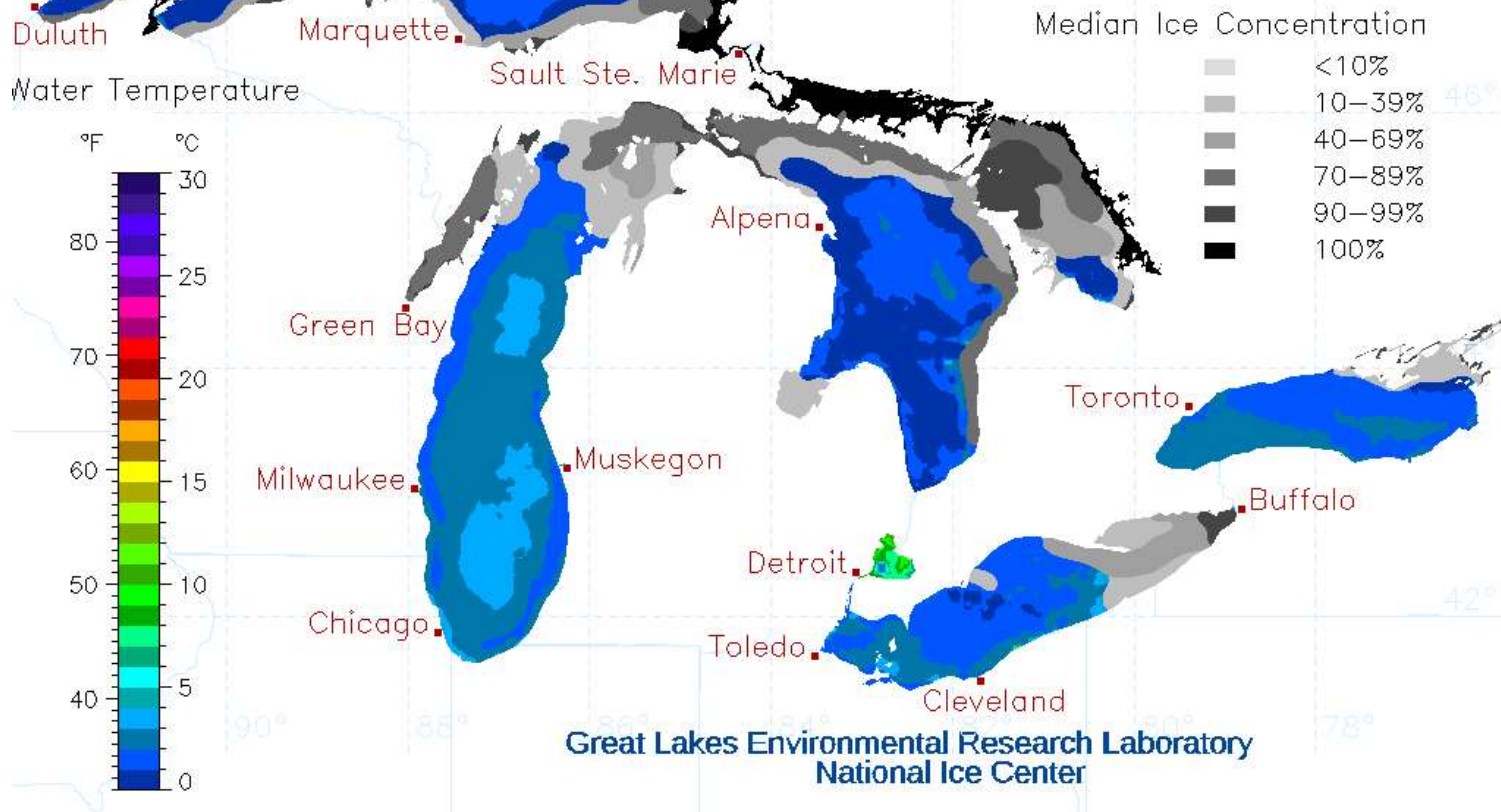
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GREAT LAKES SURFACE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS (GLSEA)



Analysis Date: JD 074 03/15/2026
Percent Pixels with Data within +/-10 Days: 69.5%
Date of last ice analysis: 3/15/2026
NOAA CoastWatch

Great Lakes Total Ice Cover: 20.9%





FRONTENAC up bound in the St. Clair River at Walpole Island with another load of salt for Chicago, February 17, 2026. [Marc Dease]



The Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System
Le réseau Grands Lacs - Voie maritime du Saint-Laurent

2026 - SEAWAY NOTICE #1

Opening / Closing Dates of the 2026 Navigation Season and Maximum Allowable Drafts

The opening of the 2026 navigation season is scheduled to take place on the following date and time:

Montreal / Lake Ontario Section: March 22, 2026 - 0800 hours (D.S.T.)

Welland Canal: March 22, 2026 - 0800 hours (D.S.T.)

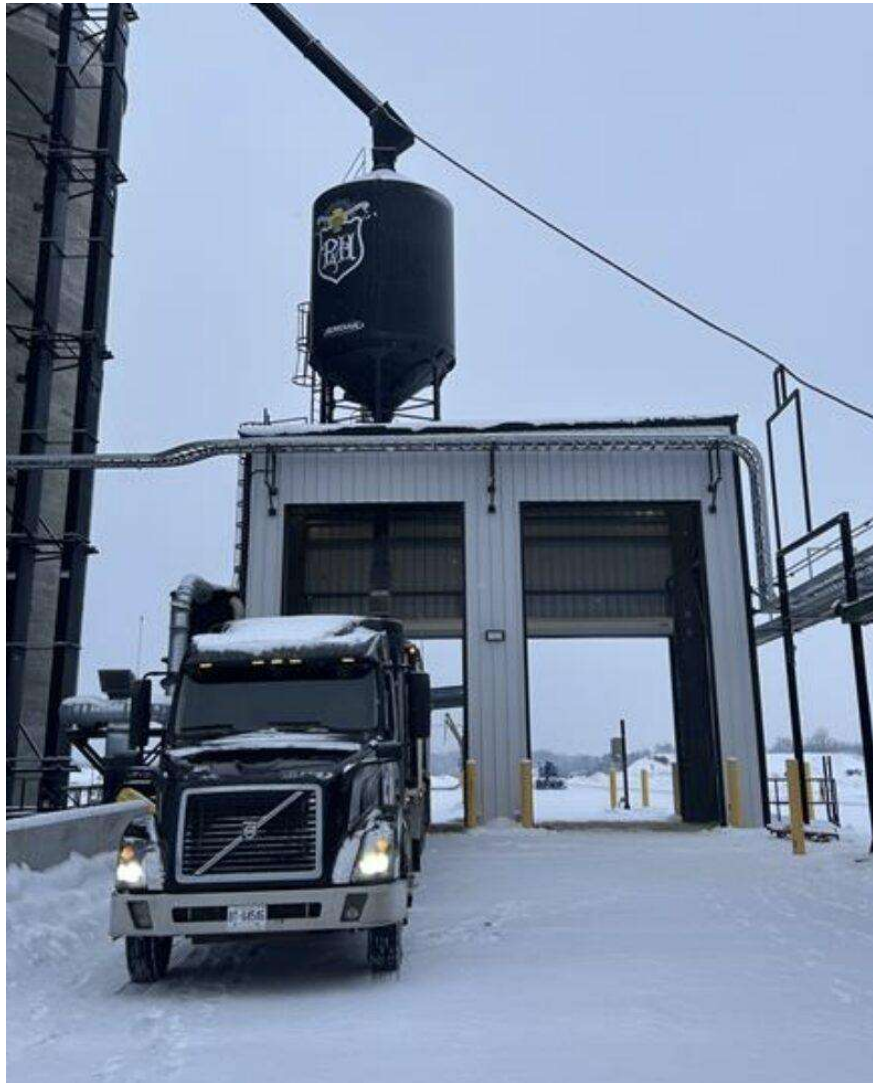
Ship transits will be subject to weather and ice conditions. Restrictions may apply in some areas until lighted navigation aids have been installed.

The target closing dates for the 2026 navigation season are as follows:

Montreal / Lake Ontario Section: January 5, 2027 (Year 3 of the pilot program)

Welland Canal: January 10, 2027

Sault Ste. Marie Locks and Canals Opening of the Sault Ste. Marie Locks (U.S.A.) is currently scheduled for March 25, 2026. Please note the Notice to Navigation Interests released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for further information.



P & H Opens Grain Silos for Deliveries

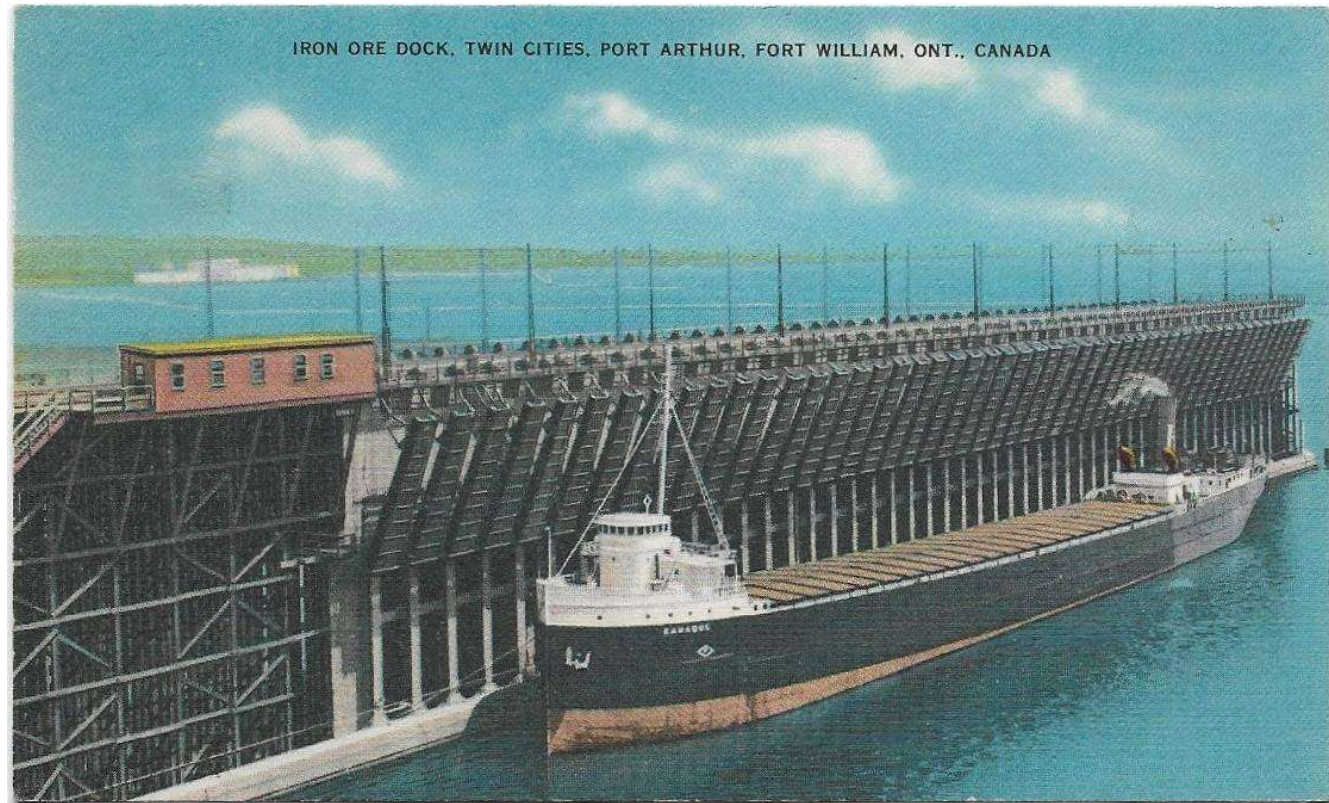
P&H opens for business on Picton Bay

A tractor trailer loaded with wheat from Trenton Grain Elevator arrived at Picton's Parrish and Heimbecker facility February 3. (Supplied Photo)

THUNDER BAY — Work starts this week on the demolition of a section of the former CNR iron ore dock trestle on Thunder Bay's waterfront.

Midcontinent Terminal, the local company that owns the property, says removing about 400 feet of the 1200-foot-long trestle will enable it to expand its capacity for handling project cargo including industrial plant components, steel products and other oversized shipments.

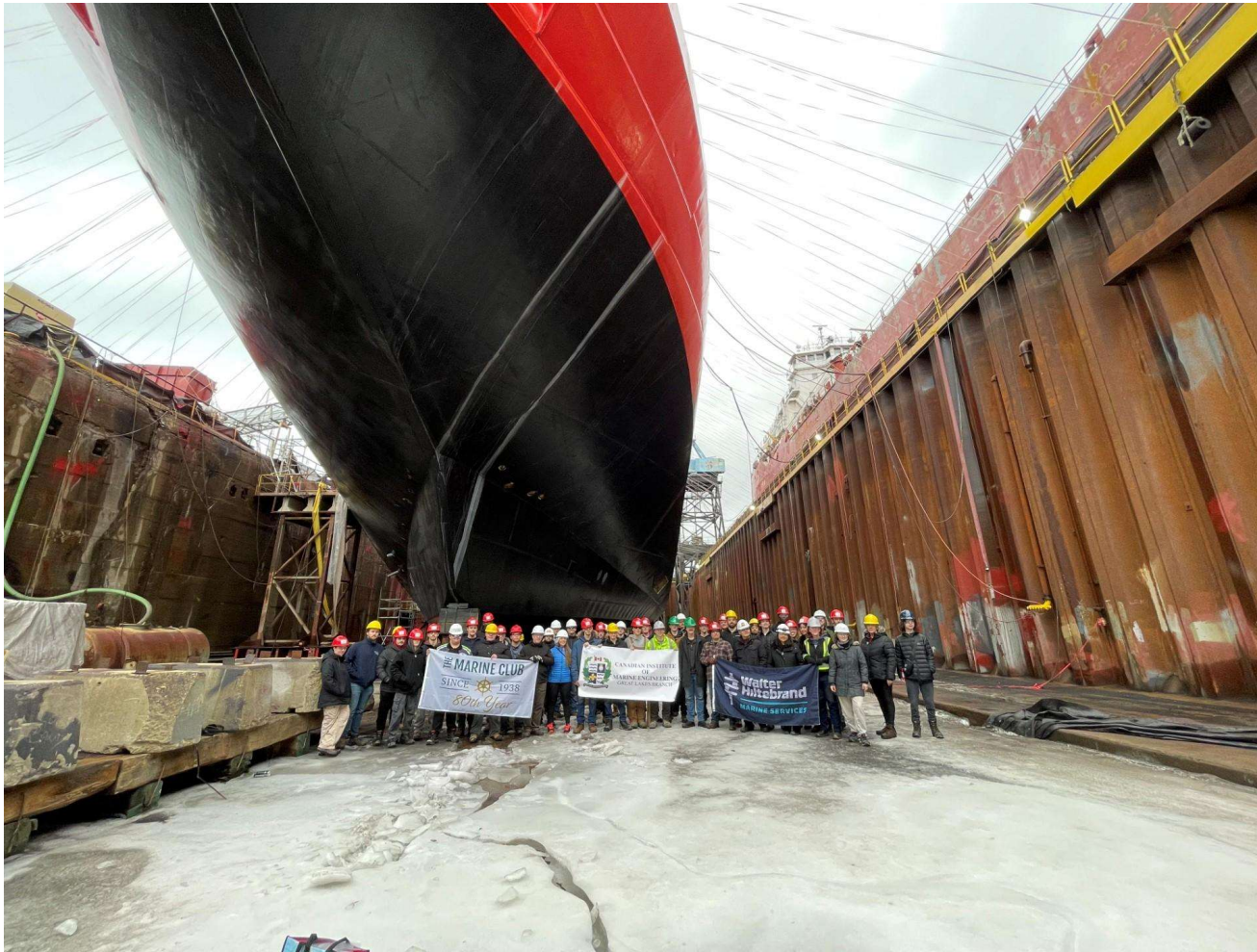
Portion of former CNR ore dock trestle to be demolished



IRON ORE DOCK, TWIN CITIES, PORT ARTHUR, FORT WILLIAM, ONT., CANADA



1 / 3 Midcontinent Terminal is located on the site of the former CNR iron ore dock and the former Northern Wood Preservers mill. The company is demolishing part of the ore trestle to enable it to accept cargos from larger ocean-going vessels (Midcontinent Terminal)



We were joined by ISMA Lodge 15, Great Lakes Canadian Institute of Marine Engineers and the Marine Club in sponsoring this educational event.



Our CMMC Great Lakes Division helped sponsor Georgian Cadet Tours of Port Weller Dry Docks on February 21st.



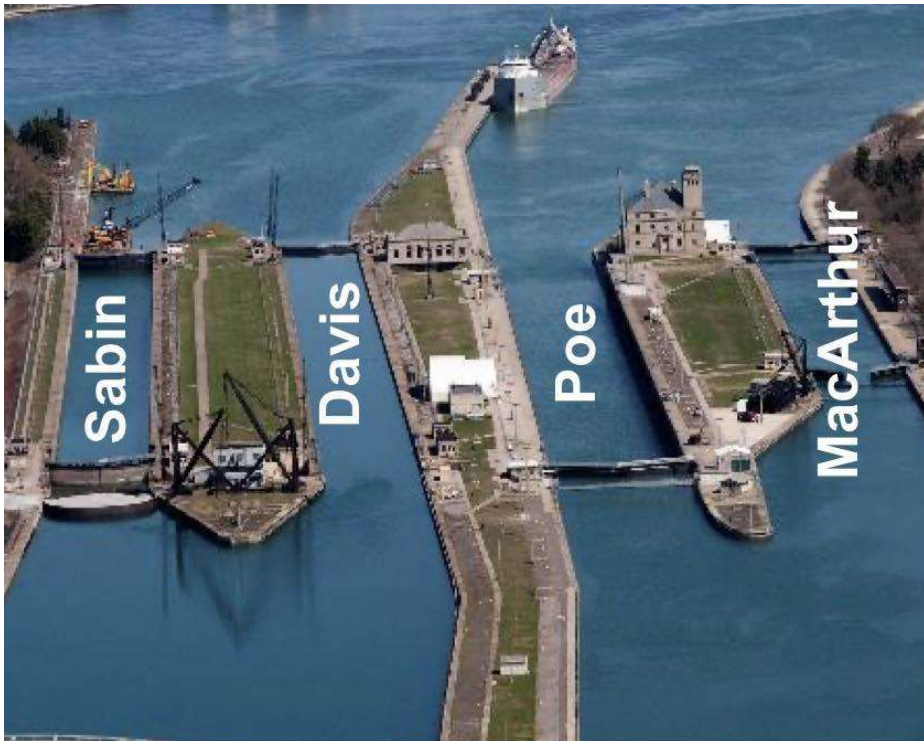
**Georgian
College's
Navigation and
Engineering
Cadets under the
CCGS Terry Fox
during the Port
Weller Dry Docks
Tour in February
2026.**



Winter Steel Repairs

Slope renewals inside the cargo holds of a self unloader aren't glamorous—but they're critical. Replacing worn steel ensures the strength, safety, and longevity of the vessel. Winter work may not always make headlines, but it makes everything else possible.

Grand River Navigation



The pre-construction Sabin Lock footprint, where the new lock is being built to add a second chamber capable of handling the largest Great Lakes freighters.

Photo Credits: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District.



Concept rendering of the Soo Locks after completion of the new Poe-sized chamber. The new lock replaces the former Sabin and Davis Locks, creating a second 1,200-foot chamber capable of handling the largest Great Lakes freighters.



Excavation crews cutting into fill and bedrock (Jacobsville Sandstone) to create the foundation of the new and larger lock chamber. Credit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District.



Heavy excavation exposes the underlying Jacobsville Sandstone as crews carve out the full length of the future 1,200-foot chamber. Credit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District.



Atlantic Spirit Built-2011 IMO-9580974

[Jeff Cameron-Shiphotos.com]



Northern Spirit Built-2011 IMO-9580962

[Ted Wilush -Shiphotos.com]

Two McKeil tankers sold, renamed

McKeil Marine Ltd. recently sold two tankers, both of which have been visitors to the Great Lakes-Seaway system. They are Atlantic Spirit (IMO 9580974) and Northern Spirit (IMO 9580962), now owned by Norway's Blystad Group and managed by Scotland's Songa Shipmanagement Ltd. Atlantic Spirit (built in 2011 as Adfines Star) is now named Songa Atlas. Northern Spirit (built in 2011 as Adfines Sea) is now named Songa Triton. Both are now registered in Portugal. [Denny Dushane]



The Canadian Marine Careers Foundation’s support of Ontario’s Marine Sector, 30 Ontario seafarers participated in upskilling courses at Georgian College’s Centre for Marine Training and Research in Owen Sound this winter to help advance their careers and address skills gaps identified by industry. The courses in Galley Management and Cargo Maintenance — were developed by Georgian College in partnership with CMCF and participating marine employers Algoma Central Corporation, Lower Lakes Towing, McKeil Marine and CSL Group. Part of the Cargo Maintenance course included hands-on training aboard the Algoma Compass in Owen Sound Harbour.

CMCF Initiative Upskills 30 Ontario Seafarers and Trains 12 New Entrants

The CMTR campus also hosted the graduation of 12 individuals from the third cohort of the Entry Level Seafarer Training Program on February 26. An Interview Day on campus connected graduates with employer and labour organization partners from McKeil Marine, CSL Group, the Seafarers’ International Union of Canada (SIU of Canada), Canadian Coast Guard (CCG), and Bruce Anchor Cruises. Since September, this initiative has prepared a total of 35 unemployed Ontario residents for deckhand roles on ferries, tugs, cargo ships, tour boats, and other vessels operating in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region.

Pelican Acquisition Corporation and Greenland Energy conclude logistics agreement with Desgagnés

By Maritime Magazine 2026-02-26

The leadership team behind the formation of Greenland Energy Company (“Greenland”) announced that a strategic logistics agreement has been concluded with Desgagnés, a leading Canadian maritime industry enterprise based in Quebec City, to support the transportation of cargo for upcoming drilling operations in the Jameson Land Basin with coordination from and approval by Royal Arctic Line, Greenland’s exclusive license holder for maritime logistics.

This agreement provides the specialized ice-class vessel and arctic beach landing capacity required to mobilize equipment and crews for one of the industry’s most anticipated frontier projects. Desgagnés also provides port services at the Port of Valleyfield, a port specializing in consolidating Arctic projects and handling breakbulk cargo.



(Photo credits: Desgagnés photo of ice-class ANNETTE A. DESGAGNÉS multi-purpose vessel specially designed for heavy lift and project cargo)

Mainstay Maritime Sells Lower Lakes Towing Fleet to Algoma Central Corp.

WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y. – Mainstay Maritime Inc. has announced it has entered into an agreement to sell its Canadian operating companies and associated fleet of six Canadian-flagged vessels to Algoma Central Corp. The transaction includes Lower Lakes Towing Ltd. and Lower Lakes Ship Repair Co., as well as six Canadian-flagged vessels: Kaministiquia, Manitoulin, Robert S. Pierson, Saginaw, Michipicoten and Valo (formerly American Valor).

Mainstay is the former Rand Logistics Inc. The deal is slated to close in the first quarter of 2026.



Kaministiquia 9-29-2025 [Roger LeLievre]
Manitoulin downbound after leaving Algoma Steel.
8-2-25 [David Kaye] Robert S Pierson [Matthew
Pfeilstucker] Saginaw 10-4-2025 [Shaun Hinz]
Michipicoten [Kevin Stern] 5-5-2024 Valo laid up at
the former Lakefront Docks in Toledo, April 15,
2012. (Jim Hoffman)

Have you ever wondered why sailors use "port" and "starboard" instead of left and right?

These terms originated from when boats were much smaller and were controlled by a steering oar. As most sailors were right-handed, the right side of the boat became the "steering side." Over time, this evolved into the word "starboard," by combining two old English words: steor (meaning steer) and bord (meaning the side of the boat.)

As the size of boats grew, so did the size of the steering oar. Ships began to dock on the side opposite the steering oar, to prevent the dock from interfering with it. This opposing (left side) originally was known as "larboard," meaning "loading side." However, it was found that larboard was too often confused with starboard (similar sounding), rendering it an ineffective term. Thus, larboard was replaced with port, as the "larboard" or loading side was the side that faced the port!

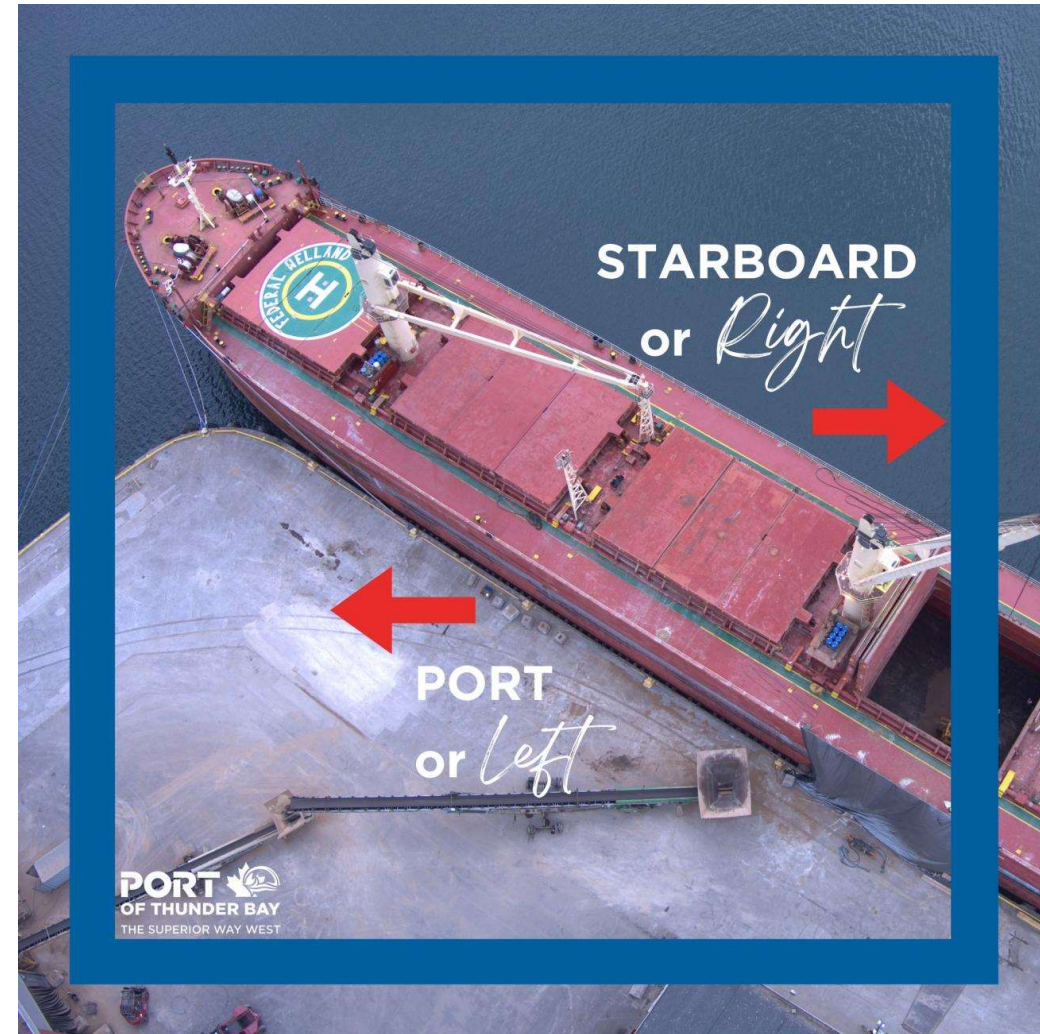


Photo credit to Alan Auld



Lake Huron might not be the largest Great Lake, but it does have the most coastline.

At more than 3,800 miles, it tops even Lake Superior. Lake Huron's massive water shed area is shown on this map!

Brian Calley

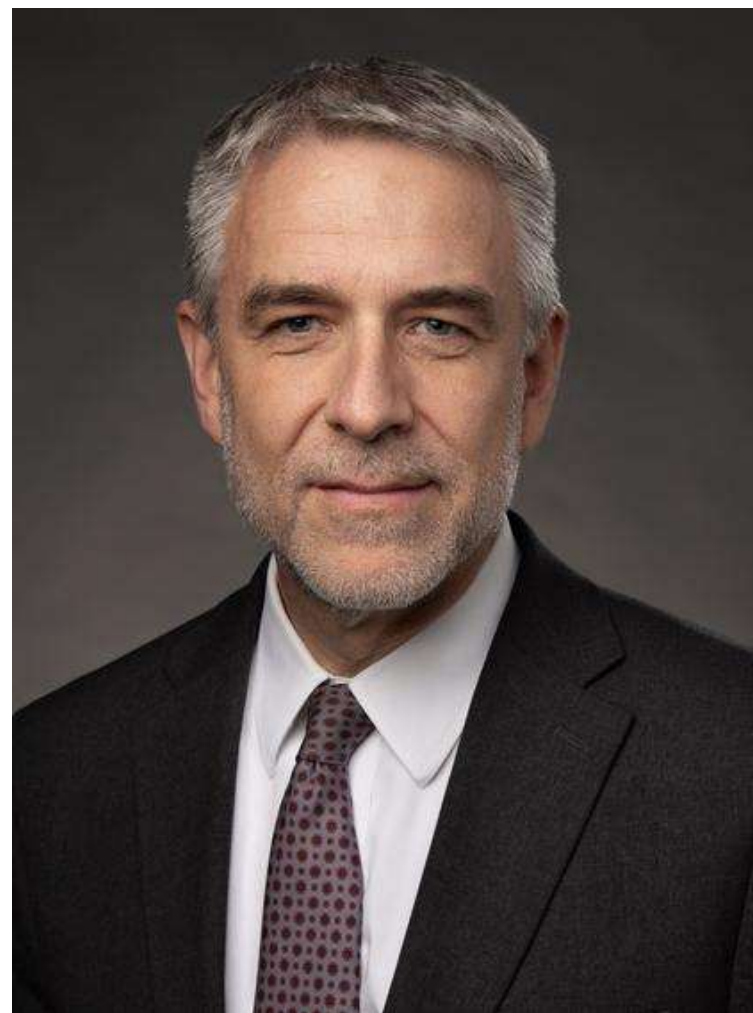
Map: CGLL & NOAA

Prime Minister, Mark Carney,
announced the following changes in
the senior ranks of the public service,
to take effect in the coming weeks.

Michael Vandergrift

**former Deputy Minister of Natural
Resources**

**becomes Deputy Minister of
Transport.**



Two Desgagnes ships in conflict zone

Rosaire A. Desgagnes and Miena Desgagnes are in the Persian Gulf as the conflict intensifies. Miena is in the Al Jubail Anchorage (eastern province of Saudi Arabia), while Rosaire is in the Mugharraq Anchorage (Abu Dhabi). [Michael James Folsom – St. Lawrence Seaway Ship Watchers Network]



Rosaire A Desgagnes built-2007 IMO-9363534 [Manfred-Shipspotting.com]



Miena Desgagnes built-2017 IMO-9700380 [Jack2-Shipspotting.com]

Tug Seaway Jennifer heads to lakes this spring

Seaway Marine Group LLC owners Jake and Jennifer Van Reenen have announced that the Clayton, NY-based marine business has purchased a tug, formerly known as Herbert P. Brake and Rebecca Ann will be known as Seaway Jennifer. The tug will become the largest commercial U.S.-based tug on the Seaway from Lake Ontario to Massena. A spring transit of the NYS barge canal from the East Coast (CT) is expected in order to reach its new home.

Built in 1992, Empire Harbor Marine Inc. of Thomson and powered by two Cummins VT 1710 diesel engines, she is a twin screw, modified bow towboat, rated at 1,400 horsepower.

[Michael Folsom – St. Lawrence Seaway Ship Watchers Network and tugboatinformation.com]



Rebecca Ann, formerly Tug Herbert P. Brake, will become Seaway Jennifer and based in the upper Seaway. [Marine Traffic]



CCGS SAMUEL RISLEY
was floated into the
Ontario Shipyards
(Hamilton) drydock
for repairs in late
February 2026
assisted by Tugs
Seahound and
Vigilant.

Photo Credit: Andrew Carr
Feb.19, 2026



CCGS George Pearkes at Ontario Shipyards floating drydock in Hamilton, Ontario

Sam Pyle



The Goderich Port Management Corporation in hand with support from "The Marine Club" as well as "CSL" and "Groupe Ocean" hosted first year Georgian College Marine Program Students to the Port of Goderich for some practical program related learning.

Thanks to Harbour Master Noah Krantz for facilitating the tour for the group.

[Frank Hurkmans](#)

President- Goderich Port Management Corporation

McKeil's new Ontario Venture en route to Canada

Currently en route to Balboa, Panama, and then to eastern Canada, is McKeil Marine's new self-unloading vessel Ontario Venture, a conversion of the tanker Patrona I carried out in China. The Patrona I has made at least one transit of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

[Rene Beauchamp]



McKeil Marine's new Self-unloading vessel Ontario Venture Marine Traffic]



Pelee Islander II and her namesake Pelee Islander waiting patiently for the spring thaw at Leamington. Open water is visible less than a kilometre outside the breakwall but the harbour is still locked in.

Paul Repko



March 8, 2026...we celebrated the women already making their mark across maritime – and we look forward to welcoming many more aboard in the years ahead.

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CSL Group

On International Women’s Day, we celebrate the women helping shape the future of marine shipping on – the bridge, in the engine room, in shipyards, and across our offices.

CSL Earns Montreal's Top Employer Recognition for Eighth Year Running

CSL News Release March 17, 2026



For the eighth year in a row, The CSL Group (“CSL”), a global leader in responsible marine transportation, has been recognized as one of Montreal’s Top Employers – a reflection of the company’s ongoing focus on creating a workplace where people can learn, grow, and build fulfilling careers.

Montreal’s Top Employers is an annual competition organized by Mediacorp Canada Inc., recognizing companies in the Montreal area that stand out among their industry peers by providing exceptional workplaces.

The recognition follows another recent honour for the company: being named one of Canada’s Top Employers for Young People for the fifth consecutive year.



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**TRAFFIC SUMMARY
2025**

TABLE S1

TRAFFIC AND REVENUE	ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY			MONTREAL - LAKE ONTARIO SECTION			WELLAND CANAL SECTION		
TRAFFIC	Tonnes and Transits	% of Total	Variance 2024%	Tonnes and Transits	% of Total	Variance 2024%	Tonnes and Transits	% of Total	Variance 2024%
Cargo Tonnes by Toll Classification:									
Bulk (1)	20,476,291	55.4	- 0.3	14,617,506	50.5	- 6.8	13,661,340	50.7	- 2.8
Coal	1,583,527	4.3	- 16.3	33,419	0.1	- 50.3	1,583,527	5.9	- 16.3
Grains	12,907,373	34.9	9.3	12,291,003	42.5	8.9	10,239,666	38.0	12.7
Government Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Containers	49,192	0.1	- 17.6	49,192	0.2	- 17.6	5,830	0.0	- 47.6
General Cargo	1,870,933	5.1	- 14.7	1,870,933	6.5	- 14.7	1,385,054	5.1	- 7.8
Steel Slabs	66,179	0.2	- 85.7	66,179	0.2	- 85.7	66,179	0.2	3.9
Total Cargo Tonnes	36,953,495	100.0	- 0.0	28,928,232	100.0	- 2.8	26,941,596	100.0	1.3
Gross Registered Tonnage: (3)									
Cargo Vessels	52,699,149	97.7	2.7	39,012,214	98.8	0.4	44,303,835	97.6	4.6
Non-Cargo Vessels	1,246,788	2.3	- 8.4	469,906	1.2	- 12.7	1,087,156	2.4	- 12.2
Total Gross Registered Tonnage	53,945,937	100.0	2.4	39,482,120	100.0	0.2	45,390,991	100.0	4.1
Vessel Transits: (3)									
Loaded Cargo Vessels	2,128	54.1	- 0.2	1,654	63.4	- 3.4	1,559	48.3	1.0
Ballast Cargo Vessels	1,151	29.3	6.2	693	26.6	2.7	1,132	35.0	7.8
Non-Cargo Vessels	654	16.6	- 11.3	260	10.0	- 31.9	539	16.7	6.9
Total Vessel Transits	3,931	100.0	- 0.5	2,607	100.0	- 5.9	3,230	100.0	4.3
Additional Information: (3)	Number			Number			Number		
Pleasure Craft Lockages	8,546	-	1.7	5,354	-	10.2	3,192	-	- 9.9

REVENUE (2)	Revenue	% of Total	Variance 2024%	Revenue	% of Total	Variance 2024%	Revenue	% of Total	Variance 2024%
Traffic Revenue (\$) by Toll Classification (3)	\$			\$			\$		
Bulk (1)	31,012,873	35.7	- 2.3	18,513,275	46.1	- 4.0	12,499,598	26.8	0.4
Coal	1,497,105	1.7	- 14.4	27,908	0.1	- 48.5	1,469,196	3.1	- 13.3
Grains	19,584,630	22.5	14.2	10,203,886	25.4	12.2	9,380,744	20.1	16.4
Government Aid	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Containers	39,628	0.0	- 25.6	35,301	0.1	- 22.1	4,327	0.0	- 45.8
General Cargo	8,144,260	9.4	- 10.0	6,095,388	15.2	- 11.6	2,048,872	4.4	- 4.5
Steel Slabs	245,599	0.3	- 82.1	180,774	0.4	- 86.3	64,826	0.1	7.5
Gross Registered Tonnage	14,963,273	17.2	5.9	5,120,913	12.7	3.8	9,842,360	21.1	6.9
Lockage Fees	11,365,645	13.1	6.9	-	-	-	11,365,645	24.4	6.9
Total Tolls - Current Shipping Season	86,853,013	100.0	1.1	40,177,444	100.0	- 3.5	46,675,569	100.0	5.5

(1) Bulk, as per previous years, includes domestic general and domestic steel slabs, as per the definition of domestic in the Tariff of Tolls.

(2) Traffic revenue from commodities and vessels which transited the Seaway during the current shipping season.

(3) Passenger vessels included in non-cargo vessels.

SEAWAY TRAFFIC 2025

36,593,495 Cargo Tonnage

- Grain 12,907,373
- Coal 1,583,527
- Gen. Cargo 1,870,933
- Bulk 20,476,291

3,931 Vessel Transits

**COMMODITY SUMMARY
2025**

COMMODITIES 2025

- **Wheat 7,663,467**
- **Corn 2,066,402**
- **Oats 5,250**
- **Soybeans 1,446,799**
- **Canola 894,926**
- **Other 785,381**

- **Iron Ore 4,924,335**
- **Salt 3,060,302**
- **Other 2,786,014**

- **Petroleum 3,085,571**

TABLE S2

SUMMARY OF MAJOR COMMODITIES	ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY			MONTREAL - LAKE ONTARIO SECTION			WELLAND CANAL SECTION		
	Tonnes	% of Total	Variance 2024%	Tonnes	% of Total	Variance 2024%	Tonnes	% of Total	Variance 2024%
Agricultural Products:									
Wheat	7,663,467	20.7	7.0	7,252,760	25.1	6.6	7,046,122	26.2	5.0
Corn	2,066,402	5.6	12.1	2,039,994	7.1	10.7	935,883	3.5	29.4
Rye	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oats	5,250	0.0	204.7	5,250	0.0	204.7	5,250	0.0	204.7
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soybeans	1,446,799	3.9	-17.9	1,439,141	5.0	-18.3	571,083	2.1	-6.2
Flaxseed	45,148	0.1	13.7	45,148	0.2	13.7	45,148	0.2	13.7
Canola (Rapeseed)	894,926	2.4	45.8	723,329	2.5	58.9	894,926	3.3	45.8
Other Grains	785,381	2.1	102.5	785,381	2.7	102.5	741,254	2.8	91.1
<i>Total Grains</i>	12,907,373	34.9	9.3	12,291,003	42.5	8.9	10,239,666	38.0	12.7
Other Agricultural Products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Agricultural Products</i>	12,907,373	34.9	9.3	12,291,003	42.5	8.9	10,239,666	38.0	12.7
Mine Products:									
Iron Ore	4,924,335	13.3	-3.0	4,094,008	14.2	7.9	2,632,912	9.8	-15.7
Coal	1,583,527	4.3	-16.3	33,419	0.1	-50.3	1,583,527	5.9	-16.3
Coke	1,115,345	3.0	1.3	631,431	2.2	-11.5	1,090,900	4.0	1.4
Stone, Ground, Crushed, or Rough	278,654	0.8	40.2	145,435	0.5	41.1	170,717	0.6	32.3
Salt	3,060,302	8.3	33.9	1,046,784	3.6	8.6	2,842,271	10.5	30.4
Other Mine Products	2,786,014	7.5	-17.2	2,505,568	8.7	-20.1	1,733,854	6.4	-29.3
<i>Total Mine Products</i>	13,748,177	37.2	-1.2	8,456,645	29.2	-3.7	10,054,181	37.3	-7.4
Processed Products:									
Iron and Steel	1,862,502	5.0	-12.8	1,862,502	6.4	-12.8	1,390,755	5.2	-4.4
Steel Slabs	66,179	0.2	-85.7	66,179	0.2	-85.7	66,179	0.2	3.9
Petroleum Products	3,085,571	8.3	-1.7	2,431,353	8.4	-12.3	2,461,898	9.1	-0.3
Chemicals	719,525	1.9	4.4	669,761	2.3	4.0	196,396	0.7	-20.6
Other Processed Products	4,527,585	12.3	-5.1	3,114,206	10.8	-14.5	2,495,948	9.3	4.1
<i>Total Processed Products</i>	10,261,362	27.8	-8.4	8,144,001	28.2	-15.7	6,811,166	24.5	-0.4
Miscellaneous Cargo:									
Forest Products	36,583	0.1	7.3	36,583	0.1	7.3	36,583	0.1	7.3
Animal Products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Miscellaneous Cargo</i>	36,583	0.1	7.3	36,583	0.1	7.3	36,583	0.1	7.3
GRAND TOTAL	36,953,495	100.0	0.0	28,928,232	100.0	-2.8	26,941,596	100.0	1.3

**TRAFFIC BY CLASS AND TYPE OF VESSEL
2025**

TABLE C1

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

CLASS AND TYPE OF VESSEL	VESSEL TRANSITS			GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE	CARGO TONNES								
	Loaded	Ballast	Total		Bulk (1)	Coal	Grains	Govt. Aid	Containers	General Cargo	Steel Slabs	Total	%
UPBOUND:													
Ocean: Cargo	318	73	391	7,011,734	2,518,458	-	9,032	-	5,830	1,865,683	40,202	4,439,203	12.0
Ocean: Barge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean: Tanker	54	46	100	1,121,110	541,284	-	-	-	-	-	-	541,284	1.5
Total Ocean	372	119	491	8,132,844	3,059,740	-	9,032	-	5,830	1,865,683	40,202	4,980,487	13.5
Laker: Cargo	268	523	791	15,027,340	5,174,618	-	24,964	-	7,401	253	-	5,207,236	14.1
Laker: Barge	79	73	152	883,463	621,689	-	7,658	-	-	-	-	629,347	1.7
Laker: Tanker	62	149	211	2,363,363	608,430	-	-	-	-	-	-	608,430	1.6
Total Laker	409	745	1,154	18,274,166	6,404,737	-	32,622	-	7,401	253	-	6,445,013	17.4
Non-Cargo (2)	-	326	326	624,992	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Upbound	781	1,190	1,971	27,032,002	9,464,477	-	41,654	-	13,231	1,865,936	40,202	11,425,500	30.9
DOWNBOUND:													
Ocean: Cargo	343	48	391	7,010,994	1,207,651	-	4,983,741	-	-	4,997	25,977	6,222,366	16.8
Ocean: Barge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean: Tanker	72	23	95	1,065,123	573,973	-	-	-	-	-	-	573,973	1.6
Total Ocean	415	71	486	8,076,117	1,781,624	-	4,983,741	-	-	4,997	25,977	6,796,339	18.4
Laker: Cargo	683	105	788	14,984,127	6,920,292	1,583,527	7,816,845	-	35,961	-	-	16,356,625	44.3
Laker: Barge	80	67	147	865,191	441,092	-	65,133	-	-	-	-	508,225	1.4
Laker: Tanker	167	44	211	2,366,704	1,868,806	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,868,806	5.1
Total Laker	930	216	1,146	18,216,022	9,230,190	1,583,527	7,881,978	-	35,961	-	-	18,731,656	50.7
Non-Cargo (2)	-	328	328	621,796	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Downbound	1,345	615	1,960	26,913,935	11,011,814	1,583,527	12,865,719	-	35,961	4,997	25,977	25,527,995	69.1
TOTALS:													
Ocean: Cargo	661	121	782	14,022,728	3,726,107	-	4,992,773	-	5,830	1,870,680	66,179	10,661,569	28.9
Ocean: Barge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean: Tanker	126	69	195	2,186,233	1,115,257	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,115,257	3.0
Total Ocean	787	190	977	16,208,961	4,841,364	-	4,992,773	-	5,830	1,870,680	66,179	11,776,826	31.9
Laker: Cargo	951	628	1,579	30,011,467	12,094,910	1,583,527	7,841,809	-	43,362	253	-	21,563,861	58.4
Laker: Barge	159	140	299	1,748,654	1,062,781	-	72,791	-	-	-	-	1,135,572	3.1
Laker: Tanker	229	193	422	4,730,067	2,477,236	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,477,236	6.7
Total Laker	1,339	961	2,300	36,490,188	15,634,927	1,583,527	7,914,600	-	43,362	253	-	25,176,669	68.1
Non-Cargo (2)	-	654	654	1,246,788	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	2,126	1,805	3,931	53,945,937	20,476,291	1,583,527	12,907,373	-	49,192	1,870,933	66,179	36,953,495	100.0

(1) Bulk, as per previous years, includes domestic general and domestic steel slabs, as per the definition of domestic in the Tariff of Tolls.

(2) Includes passenger vessels.

Vessel Transits

**Ocean Vessels
491**

Lakers 1,154

Non-Cargo 328



A new marine terminal at the foot of Yonge could bring cruise ships to Toronto's central waterfront.

Canada Reviews

Toronto's central waterfront could eventually get a much flashier front door for visitors arriving by sea. On March 5, the Toronto Port Authority issued a Request for Proposals for a firm to prepare a business plan for a new multi-use Marine Terminal at the Yonge Street Slip, a move that signals the start of a potentially major tourism play at the south end of Yonge Street.

According to the tender notice, questions are due by March 23, with submissions due by April 2, meaning Torontonians may be one step closer to having a glimpse of what a new marine gateway at Yonge Slip might look like.



Graduating Georgian College Navigation Cadet Brooke Herrington was the 2025 ISMA Scholarship recipient. Brooke is also a member of our Great Lakes Division and past President of the Georgian Mariners Association (Georgian Cadets). Her ISMA Award was presented by Capt. Lillian Kluka, president of ISMA Lodge 20, the first Canadian female Captain and Pilot on the Great Lakes and Capt. Seann O'Donoghue, President of the ISMA Lodge 15 and member of our Great Lakes Division.



The International Ship Masters' Association, Georgian Bay – Huronia Lodge 15 presented its 33rd annual Mariners' Service and Blessing of the Great Lakes Fleet at St. George's Anglican Church. The tradition dates back to the 1800s as a way to mark the beginning of the upcoming shipping season and remind everyone of the challenges and dangers faced by the crews who work to transport goods across the lakes.

Mariners at the service with the Mayor Ian Boddy, MP Col. Alex Ruff, Grey County Warden Andrea Matrosovs including members of ISMA Lodge 15 and Great Lakes Division Master Mariners of Canada.

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Marine flags line St. George's Anglican Church in Owen Sound on Sunday, February 23, 2026 during the 33rd Annual Mariners' Service and Blessing of the Great Lakes Fleet.

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Boatnerd marks 30 years, launches redesigned Web site

Boatnerd.com, now marking its 30th anniversary, is launching a redesigned Web site in honor of the occasion. The new site debuts Sunday. Some service interruptions may be possible during the changeover.

Part of the redesign includes a revamped AIS vessel map that collects vessel positions electronically and makes that information available on the site. The map is not associated with Marine Traffic and remain free to all users. Privately-hosted AIS stations around the Great Lakes provide real-time data.

The new web version is live now at <https://ais.boatnerd.com/> and includes several powerful features.



MARINE GUEST SPEAKERS DAY

The Georgian Mariners Association invites you to a full day of engagement with professionals from across the marine sector.

11 March, 2026

0900 - 1700

1450 8th St. E., Owen Sound, ON, N4K 5R4
Room: C115

- Guest speakers in Navigation & Engineering
- Lunch Provided
- Networking with Industry Professionals

For more information, please contact:

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MARINE GUEST SPEAKERS DAY

MARCH 11, 2026



Time	Schedule	Speaker	Room
08:50 - 09:00	Opening Remarks		
09:00 - 10:15 (Navigation)	Canadian Hydrographic Service and Corporation of Professional Great Lakes Pilots	Nitashsa Dhillon (CHS) Lilia Safiullina (CHS) Captain Sean O'Donoughue (CPGLP)	C115
09:00 - 10:15 (Engineering)	Student Presentations		C123
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee and Networking		
10:30 - 12:00 (Navigation)	Algoma Central Corporation "From Cadet to Captain: Building your Career on the Water"	Delta Vermeulen, Training Specialist	C115
10:30 - 12:00 (Engineering)	Algoma Central Corporation - "Steel, Surveys, and Shipyards: The Engineer's Role in Dockings"	Charlie Bungard - Senior Vice President	C123
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch and Networking		
13:00 - 14:00 (Navigation)	Canadian Coast Guard	Maureen Kelly	C115
14:00 - 15:00 (Navigation)	McDonald Marine Surveys	Captain Dan McDonald	C115
13:00 - 15:00 (Engineering)	Walter Hildebrand Marine Services	Dalia Dief & Andrew Smith	C123
15:00-15:15	Coffee and Networking		
15:15-16:00	Moderated Panel Discussion	Derek Whitney, Sadie Nash, Matthew Cunningham, Paul Dyke, and Richard Deakin - Chief Engineer in Training	C115/123
16:00 - 16:45	Transport Canada	Nicole Nel - Regional Director Marine Safety and Security Transport Canada, Ontario Region	C115/123
16:45	Closing Remarks		





Georgian College's annual Marine Speakers Day at our Owen Sound campus was another strong reminder of just how connected, generous, and future-focused the marine community is.

Organized and led by the Georgian Mariners Association and Centre for Marine Training and Research - Georgian College, the day featured an outstanding lineup of speakers, including close partners from across the marine sector, alumni, faculty, staff, and students from our marine engineering and navigation cadet programs.



Capt. John Greenway, Great Lakes Division CMMC with Dalia Dief (CIME) and Capt. Seann O'Donoghue (ISMA) spoke briefly on the benefits of being part of a professional marine association...result new cadet members for our Great Lakes Division!

Thank you

To the following 2025-26 Georgian Marine Student Experience Fund supporters that have helped make today possible:

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Photo Left – a panel of Graduate Cadets now as Chief Engineers, Engineering Officers and Deck Officers provided a very informative perspective of what Cadets should expect and roles and responsibilities transitioning from Cadet to Officer.



Photos top right of CHS presentation of S-100 Electronic Charts and their features...followed by Capt. Seann O'Donoghue (photo bottom right) who provided examples of how professional mariners and pilots utilize ENC's and high-definition data.





Algoma representatives provide overviews of the different phases of a Cadet's advancement during sea terms including Q&A with Capt. Scott Mogelin (top photo), and Canadian Coast Guard Capt. Brian Weston (photo right) provided a summary of the Coast Guards role and assets for the Great Lakes Region.

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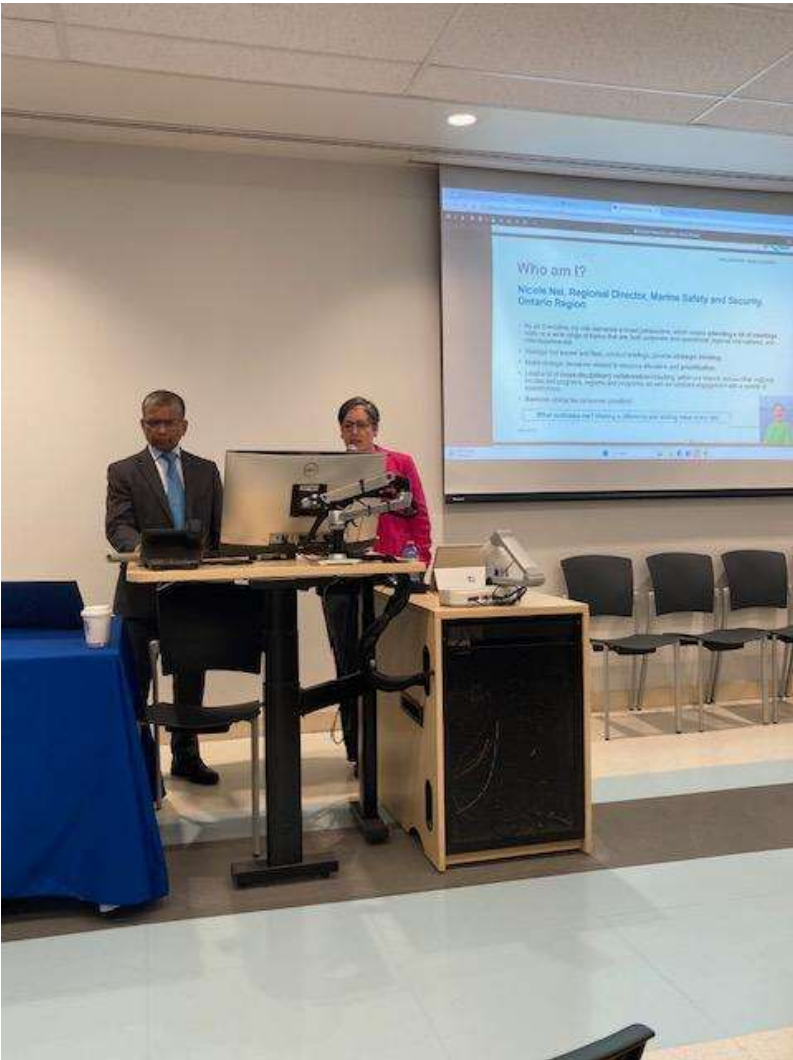
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Capt. Dan McDonald, past Great Lakes Division Exec and current member with the CMMC gave a presentation on the role of a marine (cargo) surveyor and some of the survey methodology used to perform cargo surveys.

Capt. McDonald also promoted the Master Mariners of Canada as worthy of cadet membership and interest.



**Transport Canada
Marine Safety Regional
Director Nicole Nel for
Ontario Region
provided an overview
of Transport Canada's
role from a regulator's
perspective.**

**Capt. Norman
Monteiro, member of
the Great Lakes Master
Mariners of Canada
and TC Manager at the
Sarnia office joined the
presentation.**



The Laurentian Pilotage Authority becomes St. Lawrence Pilotage

The LPA is becoming SLP and adopting a brand new visual identity. This renewal also includes the launch of a new website, which will retain the same address (URL).

“This change brings a breath of fresh air to an image that is over 50 years old and positions our organization as a modern, innovative, and reliable entity. The name St. Lawrence Pilotage more clearly illustrates our mandate in the area where we operate, namely the St. Lawrence River.” - Marc-Yves Bertin, CEO.

Our new symbol is inspired by the astrolabe, an iconic navigational instrument used by great explorers, including Samuel de Champlain, to discover the St. Lawrence River and navigate it using the stars. It bridges tradition and innovation, connecting ancient knowledge with modern advances. The astrolabe is a powerful symbol for SLP, transforming an unpredictable and sometimes hostile environment into controlled navigation.



Administration de pilotage des Laurentides Laurentian Pilotage Authority

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Great Lakes History

March 2026



1982:

The Canadian Coast Guard Icebreaker DES GROSEILLIERS (Hull #68) was launched February 20, 1982, at St. Catharines, Ontario by Port Weller Drydocks Ltd.

Des Groseilliers at Montreal in 2019. René Beauchamp

M/V Algoway Through the Years



Self Unloader Algoway built 1972 in Collingwood

Built as Henry P Werner [Alpena Library]



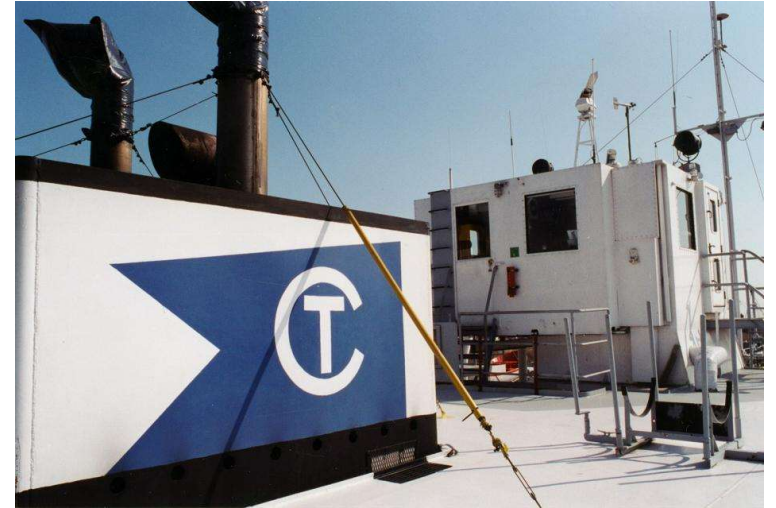
Original Algoway Emory A. Massman Jr



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**Kinsman
(Steinbrenner)**

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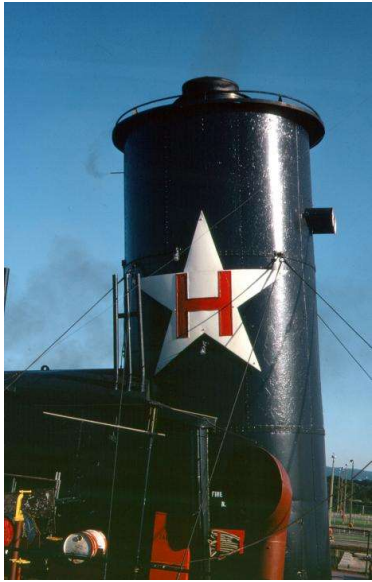
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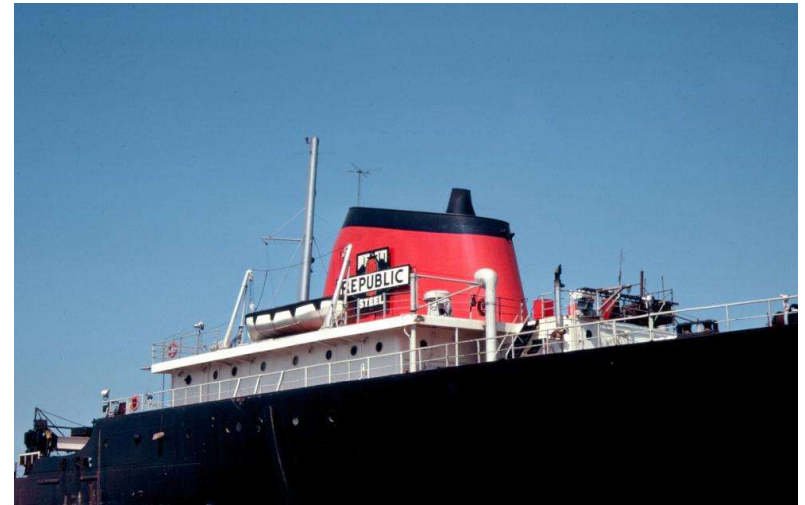


Cleveland Cliffs



**Republic
Steel**

**Columbia
Transportation**



Tug Tusker

Built-1958

IMO-5371284

[Barry Andersen
Collection-
Shiphotos.com]



1982: TUSKER [Bulit-1958 UK by A. Hull & Co. LTD. at Aberdeen, Scotland. Renamed: TUSKER-1958 Canada-178473 and BODE-2001-Nigeria]. As TUSKER she encountered many mechanical problems, including the dismantling of her main engines, when contaminated lubricating oil was discovered in her main engines on February 26, 1982 at St. Catharines.

**Tug Nipigon
at Sarnia in
1972.** Jim Kidd



1998: FLORIDA SEAHORSE Built-1938 C-171702 by Marine Industries LTD of Sorel, Canada as NIPIGON. Renamed: FLORIDA SEAHORSE in 1998 Reg-Panama. SEA HORSE no longer registered in Canada. The vessel also saw work on construction projects for different owners, and left the Seaway for the sea on December 12, 1988. She was the FLORIDA SEAHORSE when it sank in the Gulf of Mexico, off the Louisiana coast, February 26, 1998. Crew rescued.



Stelco - Hamilton Steel Facility in full production (photo left) Facebook

...and Stelco today (photo bottom right) Dreamstime





Imperial Redwater. Edwin O Clark

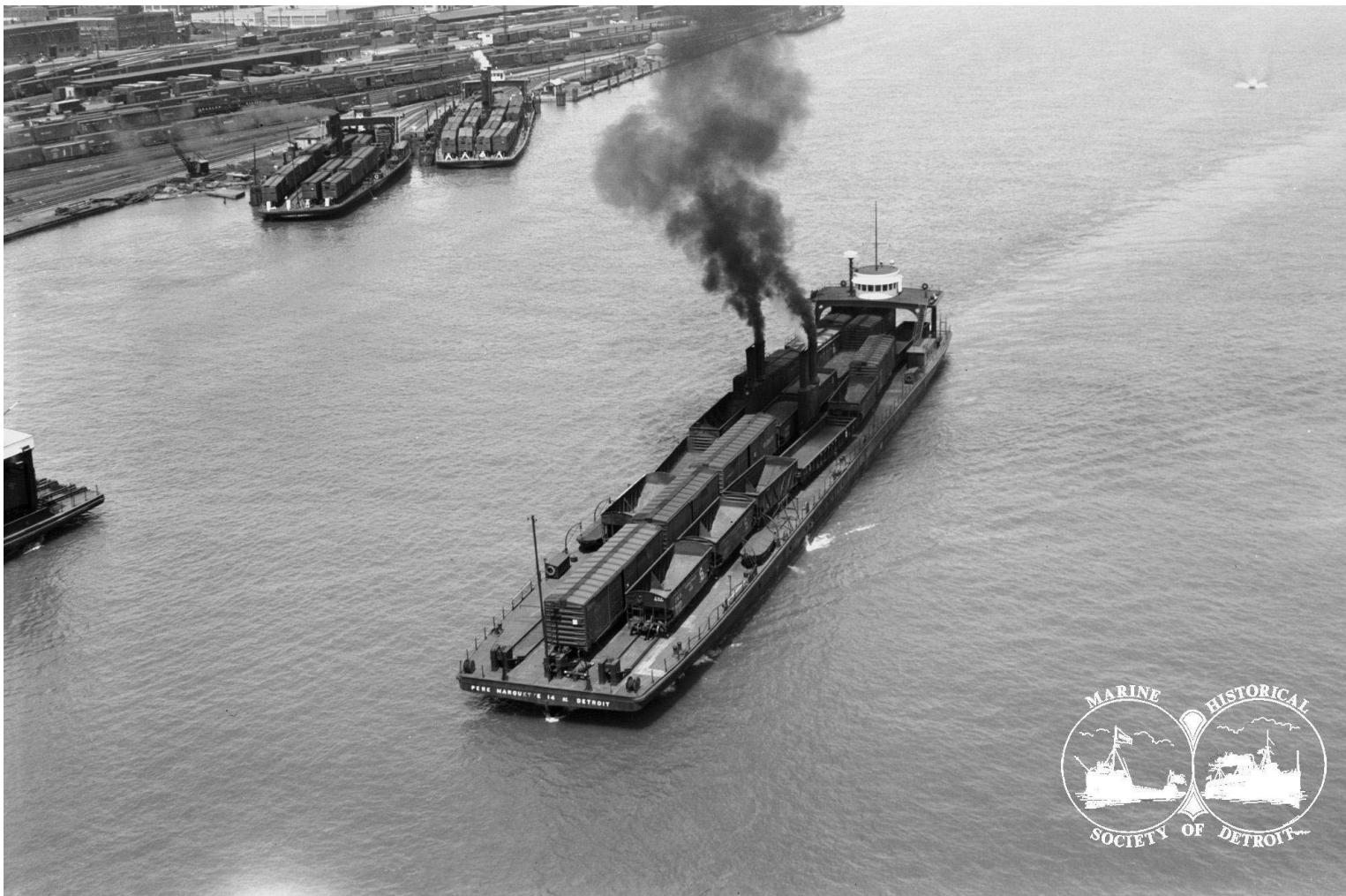
Imperial Redwater. [Edwin O Clark]

The R. BRUCE ANGUS operated for Upper Lakes Shipping Ltd., in the downbound grain and upbound ore trades until she was scrapped at Setubal, Portugal in 1985.

1950: The keel for the tanker IMPERIAL REDWATER (Hull#106) was laid March 13, 1950, at Port Arthur, Ontario, by Port Arthur Shipbuilding Co. She was converted to a bulk freighter at Collingwood, Ontario and renamed R. BRUCE ANGUS in 1954 for Upper Lakes Shipping.

R. Bruce Angus at the Soo Locks, April 1974.
Roger LeLievre





Windsor – Detroit Railroad Ferries operating on the Detroit River

**Chesapeake and Ohio's
car ferry Pere Marquette
14 crosses the Detroit
River on June 7, 1952. Al
Jackman collection/MHSD.**

**The four track ferries in
the background were
Wabash ferries. Train
ferries were used to
shuttle railroad cars
between Windsor and
Detroit until replace by
an underground tunnel.**

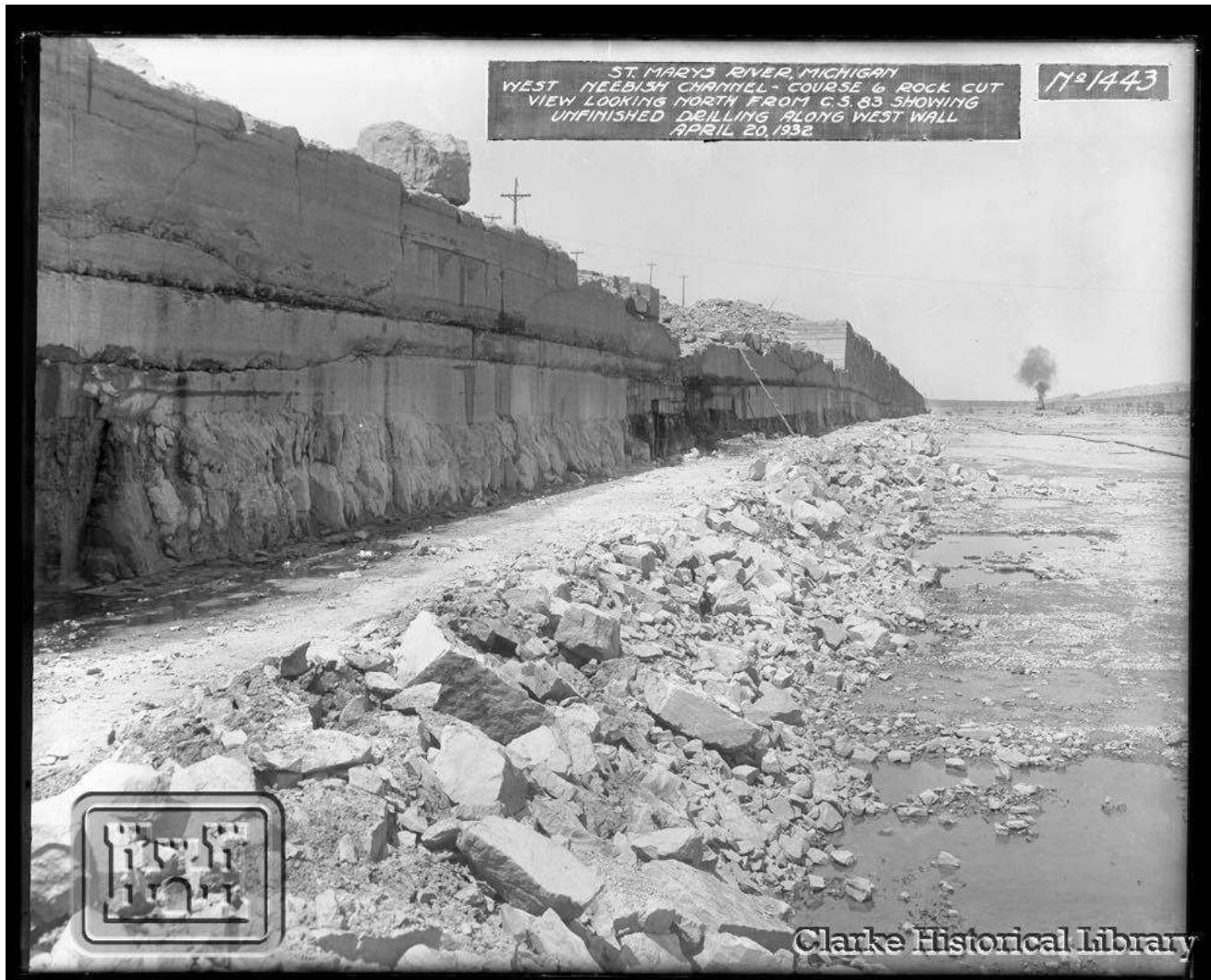




**A deck load of
automobiles
on Jupiter
Steamship's
S/S Malietoa.**

Jim Hoffman
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Bill R. Schmoll Jr.
**1957 line up of
Dodges, Plymouths,
and a few Chrysler
New Yorkers...as
well as a few
Chrysler Town &
Country's or
Plymouth
Suburbans.**



This historic photo from April 20, 1932 shows construction of the Rock Cut along the west wall of the Neebish Channel. Workers blasted and drilled through layers of limestone to widen and deepen the shipping route, allowing larger Great Lakes freighters to safely navigate the river system.



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