



## The 2020 shipping season is underway at the Port of Green Bay

*Annual First Ship Contest winner announced*

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(Green Bay, WI) – The first ship of the 2020 shipping season arrived at the [Port of Green Bay](#) on Sunday, March 15 at 12:46 p.m. The Michigan Great Lakes is the official first ship of the season, importing petroleum products to U.S. Venture. The arrival of the first ship also marks the end to the annual First Ship Contest put on by the Port of Green Bay and hosted by the [Greater Green Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau](#).



Michigan Great Lakes Overall Dimensions	
Length	414'
Width	60'
Draft	20'

“Given the relatively warm late winter weather, the start of the 2020 season is one of the earliest start dates in recent years,” said Dean Haen, Port Director. “After a strong 2019 shipping season, the early start is a good sign for 2020, although there are a number of other factors that could certainly impact waterborne transportation on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway.”

As in years past, the Port began accepting guesses for the first ship’s arrival through its annual First Ship Contest. This year’s winner is Nicole K. of Green Bay who guessed an arrival date and time of March 15 at 7:38 a.m. The prize package includes Intro to Sailing Lessons for two from Green Bay Sail & Paddle, a \$25 gift certificate to Louie’s Lagoon, two Port of Green Bay drawstring goodie bags and a Brown County 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Monopoly game.

“It’s great to see that we had 160 entries for this year’s First Ship Contest,” Haen added. “That demonstrates the interest there is in the importance of the ships that come through the Port and the significance of the Great Lakes shipping industry.”

Those interested in shipping are encouraged to view the ships from the Fox River Trail, the Green Bay Metropolitan Boat Launch or from the webcam on the Port's website. Port security requirements do not allow public access on any port property. You can also find more information about the Port of Green Bay and expected ship arrivals at [www.portofgreenbay.com](http://www.portofgreenbay.com).

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**About the Port of Green Bay:** *The Port of Green Bay exists to enhance the prosperity of the people of Northeast Wisconsin by providing facilities and infrastructure able to effectively and efficiently move commodities and goods across the nation. As the western-most port of Lake Michigan, the Port of Green Bay offers a direct route for shipping from the Midwest to the rest of the world. The Port of Green Bay has 14 active terminal operators located along three miles of the Fox River involved in shipping commodities: Ace Marine, C. Reiss Coal Company, Construction Resources Management, Flint Hills Resources, Fox River Terminals, Georgia-Pacific, Graymont, GLC Minerals, KK Integrated Logistics, Lafarge Northern America, RGL, Sanimax, St. Mary's Cement and U.S. Venture.*

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