



The Alpena is first in Port for the 2021 shipping season

The winner of the annual First Ship Contest is revealed

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(Green Bay, WI) – The first ship of the 2021 shipping season steamed in the [Port of Green Bay](#) on Friday, March 19 at 1 p.m. The Alpena is the official first ship of the season, importing cement to the Lafarge Corp. terminal. 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](#).

<i>Alpena Overall Dimensions</i>	
Length	519' 06"
Beam	67'
Midsummer Draft	26' 05"
Capacity	13,900 tons



“With limited ice cover on the Great Lakes and relatively warm late winter weather, it’s great to see the start of the new shipping season at such an early date,” said Dean Haen, Port Director. “As we get going on the 2021 shipping season, we are cautiously optimistic that we’ll see increased cargo shipments as the pandemic eases.”

The Port of Green Bay and the Convention and Visitors Bureau began accepting guesses for the first ship’s arrival through its annual First Ship Contest a month ago. This year’s winner is Caren P. of Green Bay whose guess was right on target of March 19 at 1 p.m. The prize package includes \$100 Door County gift certificate (good at a variety of shops, attractions and lodging) and two Port of Green Bay drawstring goodie bags.

“There was a lot of interest in the First Ship Contest this year with more than 280 entries,” Haen added. “That really shows that there is interest and understanding of the important role that shipping plays for our regional economy.”

Anyone interested in shipping is encouraged to view the ships from the Fox River Trail, the Green Bay Metro Boat Launch or other areas along the Lower Fox River. 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 and on the [Port of Green Bay Facebook page](#).

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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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