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## Calendar of Events

### 2017 MAY

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Harbor Commission Meeting @ 10:30 am, 2561 S. Broadway (May 2-13)

Cellcom Marathon @ 7:00 am (May 28-31)

### 2017 JUNE

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Harbor Commission Meeting @ 10:30 am, 2561 S. Broadway (June 9-10)

### 2017 JULY

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Fire Over The Fox City of Green Bay (July 1)

Harbor Commission Meeting @ 10:30 am, 2561 S. Broadway (July 24-25)

AGLPA Annual Meeting Duluth, MN (July 27-28)

## First Ship Contest

The Port concluded its First Ship Contest on March 20th when an arrival notice by U.S. Venture indicated that the first ship would be arriving on March 21st. This is just one day earlier than the start of the 2016 shipping season.

The Michigan Great Lakes arrived at the U.S. Venture dock on March 21st at 11:01 am to load ethanol for export to Montreal, CA on March 22nd; one of just a few ships that import or export internationally.

The winner of this year's contest was Melanie Haedt of Suamico who guessed an arrival time of March 21st at 1:00 pm. Ms. Haedt was the winner of a \$25 gift card to Tiletown Brewery and a framed print by Sandford Photography of the G.W. Jackson near Port Stanley, Ontario.

This is the 12th year that the Port of Green Bay has held a First Ship Contest for the community to make guesses. The contest is a great way for the community to get involved with the Port and think more about the "big ships" they see coming into Port nine months out of the year.

"It's a good sign when the Port opens in March; it means that the demand for product from manufacturers is there. Those bouts of warm weather we had in winter were another contributing factor to the earlier start", said Dean Haen Port Director.



Michigan Great Lakes docked at U.S. Venture in 2016

## 2017 Port Symposium

The Port Symposium is an annual event hosted by the Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department. This year it was held on April 7th at the Tiletown Taproom.

The Port Symposium is a great opportunity for Port of Green Bay terminal operators, Harbor Commissioners, legislators and state and federal employees to gather and exchange information on current issues concerning the Port of Green Bay and the Great Lakes.

Topics at this year's event included;

- Welcome Address by Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach
- Federal Issues Update by 8th District Congressman Mike Gallagher
- 2016 port overview by Harbor Commission President Tom Klimek
- Maritime Careers by Great Lakes Maritime Academy's Judy Druskovich
- Presentation of the Pacesetter Award by Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation's Adam Schlicht
- Presentation of the WisDOT Harbor Assistance grant to RGL Holdings by WisDOT's David Simon
- WisDOT freight plan by WisDOT's Donna Brown-Martin
- CFIRE presentation by CFIRE's Ernest Perry and Ben Zietlow
- Trade & infrastructure investment by Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch.

This year marked the 19th Annual Port Symposium. This year's attendance of 115 people was the highest the Port has seen at the event.



Congressman Gallagher speaking at the 2017 Port Symposium

## Outlook for the 2017 Shipping Season

The 2017 shipping season is expected to see steady tonnage in petroleum products imported to U.S. Venture because of the continued pipeline shutdown. With the completion of the Interstate 41 project and low cost of natural gas it is likely that there will be a decrease in coal and cement.

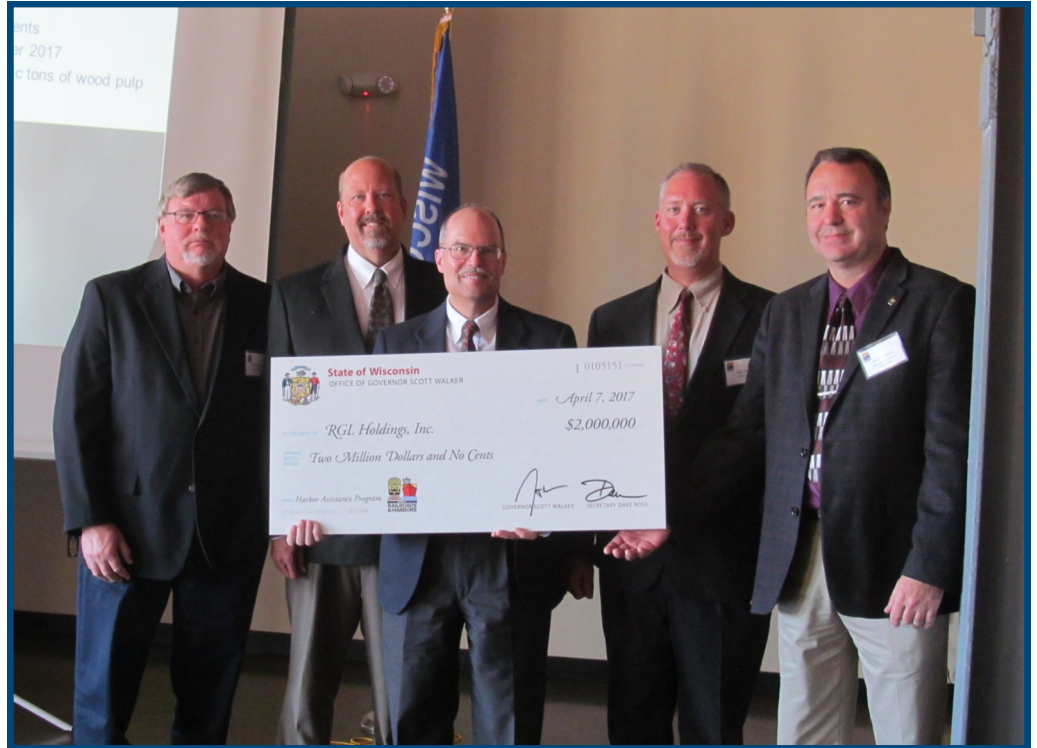
Additionally, Graymont announced that they will shut down their lime kilns in Green Bay in June, they will continue as a shipping terminal and will produce bulk hydrated lime. Graymont had been responsible for an average of 15% of all cargo brought to the Port. Hopefully business conditions improve and Graymont returns to using the Port for raw material delivery.

On the positive side, KK Integrated Logistics, which has been idle the last few years, expects to receive cargo this summer. A number of other terminals have also expressed the intent to reactivate their docks.

Improvements to RGL's Fox River terminal in 2017 will position them as an active port terminal with an expected increase in tonnage and more of a diversity in cargo in the near future.

## Harbor Assistance Program Grant Award

In 2016, RGL Holdings submitted a grant application to make improvements to their shore-side facilities at their Fox River terminal including installing bollards, a metal sheet piling cap, a ladder, and a wood fender system along 553' of dock wall to accommodate vessel traffic. Additional facility upgrades include maritime security requirements related to fencing gates, lighting and cameras. Installation of crane pads and adding additional concrete and asphalt paving to accommodate unloading vessels via landside crane were part of their SOI and a subsequent HAP grant application. Mark Walter, with the Port of Green Bay, helped to develop and submit the grant on behalf of RGL Holdings for these dock improvements. In November of 2016, it was announced that RGL Holdings had been awarded a \$2,000,000 grant for their dock improvements.



RGL Holdings receiving the \$2 million HAP grant check from WisDOT.

From left to right: Randy Siewert, RGL Holdings; Al Leisgang, RGL Holdings; Steve Evans, RGL Holdings; Dean Haen, Port of Green Bay and David Simon, WisDOT.

These improvements will allow the RGL Holdings facilities to provide docking and storage services to the shipping industry currently underserved in Wisconsin. Initially, the dock improvements will directly benefit the import of pulp paper from world markets, but the potential impact is much greater as RGL Holdings is a logistics and warehousing company with access to trucks, trains and ships to move material to market. With the upgrades to RGL Holdings' Fox River terminal, they will be able to accept commercial cargo ship traffic for the first time since the late 1980s.

Each year the Port of Green Bay and terminal operators submit Statement of Intentions (SOI) to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation through the Harbor Assistance Program. The program was created to aid ports and harbors along the Great Lakes and Mississippi river maintain and improve waterborne commerce.

To be eligible for funding:

- The project must benefit facilities that are used for cargo transfer, ship building, commercial fishing or regular ferry service
- The applicant must be a local unit of government or a private owner of a harbor facility.
- The project must pass a rigorous benefit-cost analysis
- The project must have been identified in a current Three-Year Harbor Development Plan.

The Harbor Assistance Program funds are awarded on a competitive basis for harbor improvement projects which benefit commercial transportation. A project must be submitted by August 1st of the year preceding the state fiscal year in which funds are sought.

# Pacesetter Award

On April 7th the Port of Green Bay was awarded its 13th Robert J. Lewis Pacesetter Award for increasing international tonnage in the 2016 shipping season. The award was presented by Adam Schlicht from the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

The Pacesetter Award is awarded annually to those ports that register year-on-year increases in international overseas cargo tonnage shipped through the Seaway. The Port of Green Bay moved a total of 11 ships internationally representing 90,683.8 metric tons in 2016. This is an increase of 1,275.44 metric tons from 2015.

Special thanks to U.S. Venture for their International port activity.



Pacesetter Award

Left to right: Tom Klimek, Harbor Commission President; Dean Haen, Port of Green Bay; Adam Schlicht, Great Lakes Regional Representative

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