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## MAY 2018

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	Harbor Commission Meeting @ 10:30 am 2561 S. Broadway	10	11	12
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## JUNE 2018

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
		1	Harbor Commission Meeting @ 10:30 am 2561 S. Broadway	3	4	5
3	4	5		8	9	10
10	11	12	RR Stakeholders Meeting @ 12:00pm Ash. Comm. Center 900 Anderson Dr.	15	16	17
17	18	19		22	23	24
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## JULY 2018

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	Harbor Commission Meeting @ 10:30 am 2561 S. Broadway	14	15	16
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## First Ship Contest—Winner Announced

The Michigan Great Lakes arrived at the Port of Green Bay at 4:26 p.m. on March 26, kicking off the official start to the 2018 shipping season. Ice breaking occurred in the weeks prior to clear a channel for the ship to arrive.

“The first ship of 2017 arrived on March 21, so this 2018 season started just five days later,” said Dean Haen, Port Director. “With the 2017 season ending on January 22 this year, there was a shorter break than usual. Ice breaking kept the Port open longer in order to bring in shipments of petroleum products and salt. As always, an early start to the season is a good sign of demand for product from manufacturers.”



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

The arrival of the first ship also marked 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. Over the past couple months, the Port of Green Bay was accepting guesses for the first ship's arrival. The person who came closest to the date and time of the first ship's arrival would win a prize package from the Port of Green Bay.

This year's winner is Michael Vojtush of Utica, Michigan who guessed an arrival time of March 26 at 3:24p.m. As the winner, Michael received a prize package that included a \$20 gift card to Titledown Brewery Company and a limited-edition Brown County's 200th Anniversary Opolo Game. The Port of Green Bay occupies the prime spot of “Boardwalk” on the board game.

“There were 135 guesses in total, so it's great to see the community getting involved with the Port and interested in shipping,” Haen said. “Our goal is to show the community the importance of the ships that come through the Port of Green Bay and the significance of shipping on local jobs and products as well as the economy.”

The public is encouraged to view ships from the Fox River Trail, the Green Bay Metropolitan Boat Launch or from the Port's webcam on its website: <http://www.portofgreenbay.com/webcam>. Port security requirements do not allow public access on any port property.

## 20th Annual Port Symposium 2018

The 20th Annual Port Symposium was hosted by the Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department on April 4th at the Tilletown Taproom. More than 100 people attended this year's Port Symposium in spite of a snowstorm the day before!

The Symposium is a great opportunity for Port of Green Bay terminal operators, Harbor Commissioners, state and federal legislators and shipping industry leaders to network and to 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
- **2017 Port Overview** by Harbor Commission President Tom Klimek
- **Brown County 200th Anniversary** by Neville Public Museum's Kevin Cullen
- **Oversize/Overweight Green Bay Corridors** by the Brown County Planning Department's Cole Runge
- **Salt, Where Does it Come from?** by Cargill Salt Group's Roger Wilson
- **Great Lakes Federal Policy Needs** by Lake Carriers' Association's James Weakley, presented by Dean Haen
- **Video Remarks** by Senator Tammy Baldwin
- **Great Lakes Cruising Industry** by Great Lakes Cruising Coalition's Stephen Burnett and Victory Cruise Lines' Bruce Nierenberg



Kevin Cullen spoke about "Our Brown County's 200th Anniversary" exhibit coming to the Neville Public Museum, opening May 29, 2018.

## Outlook for the 2018 and 2019 Shipping Seasons

The Port of Green Bay has 14 active terminal operators involved in shipping commodities. The 2018 shipping season expects to see steady tonnage in petroleum products imported to U.S. Venture, because of the closure of the only fuel pipeline serving Green Bay and northeastern Wisconsin. Although Graymont shut down their lime kilns in Green Bay in June 2017, they are converting to a bulk hydrate and terminal operation. 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 2018 will position them as an active port terminal with an expected increase in tonnage and more diversity in cargo in the near future.

The Great Lakes Cruising Coalition and [Victory Cruise Lines](#) plan to dock cruise ships in the Port of Green Bay in 2019 and beyond. Although plans for a cruise ship to stop in Green Bay in summer 2018 were canceled due to delays in remodeling the ship, cruise line representatives have indicated that their ships will begin visiting our port in the summer of 2019. Victory Cruise Lines currently has seven ships under construction that will be coming to Lake Michigan in the next 18 months. In total this year, there will be 11 ships on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River that will make 200 voyages and bring 100,000 people to port cities with even more expected in the future.

## Model of Grandfather's Ship Presented to Congressman Gallagher

Director Dean Haen presented a model of the ship S.S. Cliffs Victory to Congressman Mike Gallagher at the annual Port Symposium in memory of his grandfather, Captain Cornelius Gallagher. Capt. Gallagher started his career on the Great Lakes in 1913 aboard the S.S. Ball Brothers. He later joined the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company as a wheelsman on the steamer Ishpeming, earning his Master's license in 1919. He became Captain of the Cliffs' ship Yosemite in 1933 then Captain of the S.S. Cliffs Victory in 1950 and was on board the ship when he passed away in 1956. Captain Gallagher was described as "one of the most colorful captains of the Great Lakes."

The S.S. Cliffs Victory was launched on March 9, 1945 as the Notre Dame Victory for the U.S. Maritime Commission. It was built to fill the need for faster cargo ships during World War II. Surplus World War II cargo vessels were eventually made available for sale to be converted for Great Lakes use. The first sale occurred when the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company bought the Notre Dame Victory in 1950 and rechristened her Cliffs Victory.

She was the fastest bulk freighter on the Great Lakes and was given the informal title "Speed Queen of the Lakes" in 1950. In 1951, she sailed from Marquette, Michigan to Cleveland, Ohio in just 38 hours, normally a 55 to 60 hour run for other lakers. Besides her high-speed runs, she was also known for her distinctive profile, which was a result of her hull being lengthened twice in 1950 and 1957. She was a boat watchers' favorite because of her memorable appearance.



Congressman Mike Gallagher with a model of his grandfather's ship, the S.S. Cliffs Victory,

## Where Does Road Salt Come From?

Ever wonder where your community gets its road salt? At this year's Port Symposium, Roger Wilson of Cargill Salt Group explained that their road salt comes from three underground deposits in the United States: Avery Island, Louisiana; Cleveland, Ohio; and Lansing, New York. Salt is mined 12 months out of the year to meet the demand for the 3-4 months of winter.

Cargill's Cleveland mine stretches more than 3 miles under Lake Erie and is more than 1,800 feet deep. It was first excavated beginning in 1962. The mine has the ability to load trucks, rail, cars, barges and Great Lake boats. The dark underground rooms seem spacious with 20 foot ceilings and giant salt columns holding them up. The mine shaft, however, is narrower. Trucks and equipment are taken apart at the top to fit in the elevator and are reassembled at the bottom. It's a one-way trip for equipment. Only product and crews come up the shaft. Old equipment is discarded at the far reaches of the mine.

The mining cycle starts with drilling to place explosives into the wall of the mine, explosions occur on third shift to allow the powder and muck time to settle, then loaders and trucks move the product onto conveyor belts to the shaft, and it is hoisted up. The salt is loaded onto lakers to be delivered throughout the Great Lakes. From Cleveland, ships carry 1.6 million tons of salt to ports around the Great Lakes, including Duluth, Minnesota; Chicago; Milwaukee; and Canada.

Dry treated road salt is spread by trucks after snow falls to prevent sliding. Liquid salt brine is spread before the storm to stop snow and ice from binding to the road surface. It takes 2.28 lbs. of salt to make one gallon of salt brine.



# Requesting Proposals to Develop an End-Use Plan for Renard Island

The Port of Green Bay has developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consulting firm to complete an End-Use Plan for Renard Island. The project is being funded by a grant from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program as well as matching funds from New Water, McDonald Companies and WPS. Public and Private partnerships will be sought to help implement projects developed in the End-Use Plan. The RFP will be available for



review on April 24 after which the Port will establish a review committee to evaluate project proposals. The Port expects to begin work on the plan this summer with approval of recommendations and plan designs by spring 2019. It is anticipated that the End-Use Plan will include designs for a number of small projects that can be implemented over time as an integrated approach to achieving the end-use goals for the island. The Renard Island End-Use Plan is intended to integrate with other plans in the area. The End-Use Plan will be the first step toward finalizing uses for Renard Island.

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