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First Ship of 2023 Shipping Season Sails Into Port of Green Bay

The 2023 shipping season began with the first shipment of cargo arriving in the Port of Green Bay on Wednesday, March 15 at 8:59 a.m. The AlgoCanada kicked off the season with a delivery of petroleum products to U.S. Venture. The arrival also signals that the annual First Ship Contest put on by the Port of Green Bay and hosted by Discover Green Bay has come to a close.

“We are fortunate to be off to a fairly early start this shipping season,” said Dean Haen, Port Director. “With the 2023 shipping season officially underway, we are cautiously optimistic that we’ll have another strong year of cargo movement. Congratulations to this year’s First Ship Contest winner!”

The Port of Green Bay and Discover Green Bay began accepting guesses for the first ship’s arrival through its annual First Ship Contest in early February. This year’s winner was Mary Zelzer of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Mary’s guess was March 15 at 7:30 a.m., two minutes closer to the actual arrival time than any other entry. The prize package included a one-night stay at St. Brendan’s Inn; a gift card from The Depot Green Bay; four admission tickets to the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay; a 2023 Big Ships of Green Bay Calendar by Chuck Zentmeyer; a 200th Anniversary Brown County Monopoly Game; and a Port of Green Bay swag bag.

“This year’s First Ship Contest garnered some great interest with 144 entries,” Haen added. “All of us at the Port of Green Bay are grateful for the community interest in the Port’s activities and the important role shipping plays for our area.”

Now that the shipping season is underway, anyone interested in ship watching 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. Just be aware that Port security requirements do not allow public access on any port property.



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Upcoming Events:

May 8—
Harbor Commission
Meeting
TBD

June 12 -
Harbor Commission
Meeting
TBD

April Fools! No Super-Yacht with Superstar Skipper

On April 1st, the Brown County Port Department played a cheeky prank on their social media followers by suggesting that a certain recently retired superstar quarterback was spotted sailing his super-yacht into the Port of Green Bay.

“Following recent events, a Wajer77S was spotted cruising the Port of Green Bay. It’s been reported that ship spotters along the City Deck identified the skipper as none other than Tom Brady. Skipper Tom Brady did not make an appearance. April Fools!”

If the first prank was not enough, the Department also suggested that Director Dean Haen was elected President of a lengthily-named and entirely fictional assembly.

“Breaking news! Port Director Dean Haen has been named President of the Assembly for Port Remodel, Infrastructure Legislation, and the Federal Organization Of Large Ships, also known as APRIL FOOLS.”



Port of Green Bay Hosts Annual Symposium

The annual Port Symposium was a great success on April 11th, 2023. The event had over 90 people representing at least 40 maritime organizations and local, state, and federal officials in attendance.

This year’s speakers addressed the following matters:

- Federal Addresses from U.S. Congressman Mike Gallagher and U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin
- 2022 Port Overview by Harbor Commission President, Tom Klimek
- U.S. Coast Guard update by Captain Seth Parker, USCG Sector Lake Michigan Captain of the Port
- USDOT Maritime Administration update by Mike Sullivan
- Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation update by Administrator Adam Tindall-Schlicht
- Port Development Site Project presentation by Mark Vannieuwenhoven from GEI Consultants and Mark Walter from the Port of Green Bay

Port Directors Discuss AGLPA Federal Positions with U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

Port of Green Bay Director Dean Haen along with several Great Lakes port executives participated in a Washington fly-in on March 7-9, 2023 that was arranged by the American Great Lakes Ports Association (AGLPA). These leaders fanned out across the Nation's Capitol to meet with elected officials from the House of Representatives, Senate, Congressional committee staff, agency leaders, and Great Lakes governors representatives.

The AGLPA's federal priorities that were the highlight of these discussions and meetings include.

- Investing in Port Infrastructure
- Building the Soo Lock
- Enhancing Icebreaking Capabilities
- Enhancing Trade Development Activities at the U.S. Seaway
- Supporting the Great Lakes Authority

All of the federal priorities seek to appropriate funds from different sectors of the FY24 Appropriations Bill such as Transportation, Energy and Water Development, Homeland Security, and Transportation and Urban Development.



Port of Green Bay Director Dean Haen and other Great Lakes maritime leaders meet with U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg.

Symposium cont...



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The discussion of the Port Development Site Project by Mark Walter and Mark Vannieuwenhoven gave attendees project insights and updates to the long-awaited development of the former Pulliam Power Plan site. Mr. Walter later spoke about the goals of the project to local media:

“We're creating a blank slate in hoping to attract a business there that will make full use of it.”

Ship Spotlight: Algonova

The double-hulled tanker, the Algonova is a common sight in Green Bay waters. Regularly transporting petroleum products to U.S. Venture facilities, the Algonova's services extend to ports on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Construction began in 2006 at Ereğli Shipyard in Turkey. She was launched in 2008 after being purchased by Algoma Tankers Limited. The ship was part of an effort by Algoma Tankers to modernize its fleet after single-hulled tankers were banned on the Great Lakes.

Receiving its classification as a 1A Ice-class vessel, the Algonova delivers bulk materials during the winter months, and helps to extend the shipping season to the Port of Green Bay into January each year.



Flag: **Canada [CA]**

Gross Tonnage: **8009**

Summer DWT: **11240 t**

Length Overall x Breadth Extreme: **129.85 x 19.8 m**

Year Built: **2008**

Home Port: **ST.CATHARINES**

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