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FIRST SHIP

The first ship of the 2016 shipping season has arrived – a sure sign of spring in Green Bay! The **SDC Innovation** arrived in the Port of Green Bay from Alpena, Michigan on Tuesday, March 22 at 1 a.m. carrying cement to the Lafarge terminal.

“The arrival of the first ship is about two weeks earlier than last year,” said Dean Haen, director of Port & Resource Recovery. “It’s great to see the shipping season begin again after only a short break from the end of the 2015 season in mid January. The demand for product by manufacturers and mild weather were the two factors that got the season underway early.”

The season’s first ship also means the Port has a winner in the annual First Ship Contest, sponsored by the Port of Green Bay and hosted by the Greater Green Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau. This year’s winner is **Jill Schoenwalder** of Sobieski. Schoenwalder guessed an arrival time of **March 22 at 3:20 a.m.** Schoenwalder will receive a prize package that includes passage for two (2) on the Soo Locks Boat Tour and a free night stay at the Plaza Motor Motel in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

“This contest is a fun way to get people interested in the shipping season,” Haen said. “Our goal is to show the community that ship arrivals provide an economic value, support jobs and create products we all use everyday.”



SDC Innovation Dimensions	
Length	460'
Beam	70'
Depth	37'
Capacity	14,000 Metric Tons

The barge *Innovation* was built in 2006 in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. By itself, it is 460 feet long. It is connected to the tug *Samuel de Champlain* which was built in 1975 and is 140 feet long. When connected, the pair measures 543 feet. They are owned by Lafarge North America and are used to transport cement.

The Port of Green Bay expects more than 200 vessels in port during the 2016 shipping season. The Green Bay Press-Gazette “port of call” feature will highlight each ship’s arrival and include information on the ship’s size, cargo, arrival date and flag.

The public is encouraged to view the ships from the Fox River Trail, the Green Bay Metropolitan Boat Launch or from the Port’s web cam on its 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 on www.portofgreenbay.com.

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PORT SYMPOSIUM

The Port of Green Bay hosted the 2016 Annual Port Symposium on April 11th at the Titledown Brewing Company's Tap-room in downtown Green Bay. The meeting was well attended by guests from as near as Green Bay and as far as Washington D.C. and eastern Canada. Nearly 100 people attended the 1/2 day event.



The Annual Port Symposium provides a great opportunity for terminal operators, federal, state and local agencies, elected officials, harbor commissioners and others interested in the Port of Green Bay to meet and discuss current issues. This year's topics included a Seaway System Overview, Coast Guard topics in the Port and Strategy for Great Lakes Saint Lawrence River Maritime Transportation System. Guest speakers included Congressman Reid Ribble, County Executive Troy Streckenbach, Transportation Development Association Director Craig Thompson, Harbor Commission President Tom Klimek, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) Administrator Betty Sutton, Coast Guard Commander Captain Amy Cocanour and Great Lakes Council of Governors Deputy Director Pete Johnson.

PACESETTER AWARD

The Port of Green Bay received its 12th Robert J. Lewis Pacesetter Award for increasing international tonnage in the 2015 shipping season. The award was presented to the Port of Green Bay by the SLSDC, an agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation, by Administrator Betty Sutton.



2016 Port of Green Bay Pacesetter Award (Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach, SLSDC Administrator Betty Sutton, Harbor Commission President Tom Klimek, and Port of Green Bay Director Dean Haen.

The Port of Green Bay moved 89,408.03 metric tons (MT) of international cargo through the Saint Lawrence Seaway in the 2015 shipping season. That is an increase of more than 26,000 MT of cargo as compared to 2014.

The Pacesetter Award is presented annually to U.S. Great Lakes Seaway ports that register year-on-year increases in international overseas cargo tonnage shipped through the Seaway.

REMOTE BRIDGES

Waterborne commerce in the Port of Green Bay, as in all commercial ports in the United States, is regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard. In the summer of 2015 the WDOT requested U.S. Coast Guard approval for remote bridge operations in the Port of Green Bay. Due to safety concerns this request was denied.

Currently, there are no commercial ports in the United States that have remote operated bridges. Remote bridge operations must be foolproof, with back-up manual operating capabilities to reduce the risk of a collision, as commercial vessels take more than one mile to stop.



Walnut St. Bridge looking north to Main Street

The use of remote bridge operations is being reevaluated by U.S. Coast Guard again. Since this could be the first commercial port in the United States with remotely operated bridges, the U.S. Coast Guard is

making sure that this potential precedent-setting decision is extensively reviewed. If the U.S. Coast Guard does not approve the use of remote operated bridges in Green Bay these will have to continue to be manned.

The Port of Green Bay will support whatever decision the U.S. Coast Guard determines is best for the commercial port.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HARBOR COMMISSION & SIGN DEDICATION CEREMONY

May 9, 2016

Location TBD

WISCONSIN COMMERCIAL PORTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

August 3-4, 2016

Port of LaCrosse



HARBOR COMMISSION

June 13, 2016

Resource Recovery Facility @ 10:30 am

TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL

August 5-7, 2016

Leicht Park, Green Bay

TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL

It is that time again. The Tall Ships Festival is back in Green Bay! The festival will be held August 5th - August 7th at Leicht Park in downtown Green Bay. There will be a sneak peek in Algoma on August 3rd and a Parade of Sail in Sturgeon Bay on August 4th. Don't miss any of it!

As it has in the past, the Tall Ships Festival will be presented by Bay-Lake Bank. There will be many fun and interactive activities that the whole family will enjoy. For a list of the most frequently asked questions, please visit <http://tallshipgreenbay.com/faq/>.

General festival tickets will go on sale in May.



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