



Are You On Board for the First Ship Contest? *It's Time to Enter*

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(Green Bay, Wis) – Although the [Port of Green Bay](#) shipping season has recently come to a close, we can't help feeling excited for the start of a new season. The official sponsor of the 2023 First Ship Contest, [Discover Green Bay](#), is ready to launch this year's contest.

This popular contest asks members of the public to share the date and time they believe the first ship will arrive in the Port of Green Bay this spring. The person with the closest guess wins a prize package from Discover Green Bay and the Port of Green Bay. This year's prize package includes:

- 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
- A Port of Green Bay swag bag

"When the season opens depends upon a number of factors," explained Dean Haen, Director of the Port of Green Bay. "Those include the weather, when it's warm enough to melt ice covering the St. Lawrence Seaway and water conditions in other parts of the Great Lakes. Year to year, the opening can vary by as much as 30 days." Shipping season start dates in recent years were March 18 (2022), March 19 (2021), March 15 (2020), April 5 (2019) and March 26 (2018).

Register your official guess for the arrival of the first ship at www.greenbay.com/contests/first-ship-contest. One entry per person is allowed. If there are multiple correct guesses, the person who submitted their entry first will be chosen as the winner.

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*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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