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## WHEN WILL THE FIRST SHIP ARRIVE AT PORT OF GREEN BAY?

A Tough Winter and Heavy Ice Cover Could Make Guessing a Bit Tricky

(Green Bay) – Can you guess when the first ship will arrive at the <u>Port of Green Bay?</u> "Considering about 90 percent of the Great Lakes is covered in ice, the first ship could slide into port!" said Dean Haen, director for the Port and Resource Recovery department. "It's really anybody's guess as to when the first ship will arrive. This year's guessing contest should provide some interesting and fun answers."

The contest of guessing the day the first ship will arrive at port has become a yearly tradition for the Port and the <u>Greater Green Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau</u>. "It's a fun way to get the community involved and get the 2014 shipping season kicked off," said Haen. "Since the 2013 season ended earlier than usual, we may see an early demand for materials from Port businesses. However, the earliest we can ask the Coast Guard for ice breaker assistance is after March 15, so I guess that's a hint."

The person who comes closest to the date and time of the first ship's arrival will win a prize package from the Port of Green Bay which includes passage for two (2) plus one (1) vehicle on the Washington Island Ferry, a \$25 gift certificate to The Ship's Wheel restaurant on Washington Island and a set of four (4) of "in-demand" Port of Green Bay can coolers.

To make your guess, visit the Greater Green Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau website at <a href="https://www.greenbay.com">www.greenbay.com</a> and click on the First Ship in Port contest link. Learn more about the shipping industry in Green Bay and how it impacts our community by visiting <a href="https://www.portofgreenbay.com">www.portofgreenbay.com</a>.

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