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First ship springs 2017 shipping season into action

Port of Green Bay First Ship Contest winner announced

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(Green Bay, WI) – Just one day after the start of spring, the first ship of the 2017 shipping season arrived in the <u>Port of Green Bay</u>. The **Michigan Great Lakes** arrived on Tuesday, March 21 at 11:01 a.m. to export ethanol from the U.S. Oil terminal in Green Bay to Montreal, Canada.

"Last year, the first ship arrived March 22, so this season started just a day earlier than the 2016 season," said Dean Haen, Port Director. "The 2016 season officially ended on January 13, so it's been a short break. It's a good sign when the Port opens in March; it means that the demand for product from manufacturers is there. Those bouts of warm weather we had this winter were another contributing factor to the earlier start."



Overall Dimensions	
Length	460'
Beam	70'
Depth	37'
Capacity	14,000 Tons

The Port of Green Bay has been accepting guesses for the first ship's arrival through its annual First Ship Contest, sponsored by the Port of Green Bay and hosted by the <u>Greater Green Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau</u>. This year's winner is Melanie Haedt of Suamico who guessed an arrival time of March 21 at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Haedt will receive a prize package from the Port of Green Bay which includes a \$25 gift card from Titletown Brewing Company and a print by Sandford Photography (G.W. Jackson - Port Stanley | Sandford Photography).

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"This year's First Ship Contest was incredibly close, with eight people guessing different times on the March 21 date," said Haen. "We had a total of 150 guesses, which is somewhat less than we've received in the past. It's great to see the community getting involved with the Port."

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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The Port of Green Bay has 14 active terminal operators involved in shipping commodities:

- ACE Marine, LLC
- C. Reiss Coal Company
- Construction Resources Management
- Flint Hills Resources
- Fox River Terminal, LLC
- Georgia-Pacific Corporation
- Graymont

- GLC Minerals, LLC
- KK Integrated Logistics, Inc.
- Lafarge North America
- RGL
- Sanimax
- St. Marys Cement Company
- US Venture

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