



Don't Miss the Boat!

It's Time to Enter the First Ship Contest

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(Green Bay, Wis) – Although the 2021 shipping season came to an official close for the [Port of Green Bay](#) on Jan. 22, 2022, it's already time to start thinking about the start of the 2022 season. The annual First Ship Contest is underway, taking guesses from the public on the date and time the first ship sails into the Port.

[Discover Green Bay](#) is the official sponsor of the First Ship contest. The person whose guess comes closest to the date and time of the arrival of the first ship wins a prize package from the Port of Green Bay. This year's prize package includes :

- \$100 gift certificate from [Green Bay Sail & Paddle](#)
- A one-night stay at the [Hampton Inn Green Bay Downtown](#)
- \$50 gift card from [The Depot Green Bay](#)
- 2022 Snapshots of Light Calendar by Chuck Zentmeyer
- A 200th Anniversary Brown County Monopoly Game
- A Port of Green Bay swag bag

"A relatively late conclusion to the 2021 season may make it seem like it's too early to begin speculating about the 2022 shipping season," said Port Director Dean Haen. "But planning for the 2022 shipping season has been underway for months. The contest is another indicator that the start is close at hand."

Of course, Mother Nature plays a significant role in determining when ship traffic will resume. "The only thing we can't accurately predict is the weather, and that is what really determines when the ships can start moving again," explained Haen.

The start dates of the shipping seasons in recent years include:

- 2021: March 19
- 2020: March 15
- 2019: April 5
- 2018: March 26
- 2017: March 21

To enter your official guess of date and time for the arrival of the first ship, visit www.greenbay.com/firstshipcontest. 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.

*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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