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## Changing weather could have impact on start of shipping season

Annual First Ship Contest collecting guesses for date of first ship arrival

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(Green Bay, WI) – Over 110 entries have been made so far in the <u>Port of Green Bay</u>'s annual First Ship Contest. The contest calls for the public to guess what date they believe the 2018 season will begin. The start date of the 2017 shipping season was March 21.

"The weather has been fluctuating quite a bit over the past few weeks and that definitely plays a part in when the season will begin," Port of Green Bay Director Dean Haen said. "The shipping season generally starts once ice has melted or ice breaking begins in the bay and the Fox River. Water conditions in other parts of the Great Lakes also play a factor in determining when the shipping season will begin."

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. The <u>Greater Green Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau</u> is hosting the First Ship Arrival contest. The prize package includes a \$20 gift card to Titletown Brewery Company as well as a limited-edition Brown County's 200th Anniversary Opoly Game. The Port of Green Bay represents the "Boardwalk," the most expensive property featured on the board game.

To make your guess in the First Ship Contest, visit www.greenbay.com/firstshipcontest.

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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 Terminals
- Georgia-Pacific Corporation
- Graymont

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

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