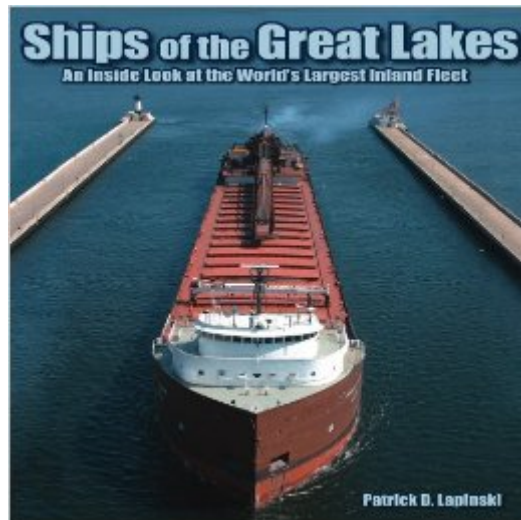


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# **Ships Of The Great Lakes: An Inside Look At The World's Largest Inland Fleet**



## Synopsis

Is working on ships, sailing or tugging through the sea-like waters of the Great Lakes something you've imagined yourself doing? Whether it's your dream job or an area of interest, it is no easy task and takes a full crew to power the 1000-footers, steamers, tugs, Seaway and river class vessels. Lapinski gets close and personal with ship-life, from the captain to the cook, from the inner workings of the engine department to the intricacies of navigation, from the work it takes to load and unload large masses of material. A huge variety of ships, a huge variety of jobs, and an even bigger cross section of people, all have helped make the lives of Americans a little easier by bringing in or out the goods through the Great Lakes.

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## Customer Reviews

Very enjoyable book for those who love the Great Lakes and the big ships that sail them. Lots of nice photos of the ships and easy to follow commentary/explanations. Living on the Lake Michigan shoreline and loving to travel Up North, I have seen many of the ships the author showcases. Easy read. If you enjoy these topics, Great Lakes, state of MI, or the long boats, you will find this book worth your while. Fun.

Anyone with an interest in the bulk carriers that ply America's Great Lakes should enjoy Patrick Lapinski's SHIPS OF THE GREAT LAKES, AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE WORLD'S LARGEST INLAND FLEET. It provides an informative, entertaining full-color guided tour of those massive ships and their crews. As illustrated in the first chapter of Lapinski's book, Great Lakes carriers are a

mixture of flatbacks and new designs. 'Thousand-footers' are now common. Many new boats are self-unloaders; have built-in thrusters and group the engine room, berthing spaces, galley and navigational level in one large block on the aft end of the ship. Increasing use of articulated tug barges - rather than new construction - is common. Succeeding chapters examine the Bridge/Navigation, Engine Department, Berthing/Galley and, lastly, depict a typical 'Trip' from loading to unloading. Lapinski obviously knows his subject. The easy-to-understand and informative text is complimented by hundreds of well-reproduced photographs that show those massive movers inside and out. While the \$34.95 price tag may seem a bit steep, the pix alone justify the cost. In short, SHIPS OF THE GREAT LAKES is a well-written, very well-illustrated pictorial guide to some of the hardest working ships in the world. Recommended.

This book covers every aspect of the great lakes shipping industry. Detailed pictorial with explanations by each pic. Leaves you fully aware how important this industry is in the world.. Highly recommend for anyone interested in these huge vessels and the crews that keep them moving.

Gift to my Father who lives in a retirement home overlooking the St. Joseph ship port/channel - he uses it often to identify the ships and references its features. Photos are beautiful.

We have an upscale office right on a river with barges traveling through. This is a nice reference to have handy!

This book has a lot of good shots of freighters and is very enjoyable to look at over and over.

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