

## Port of Green Bay Welcomes First Ship of 2025 Shipping Season

### Winner of First Ship Contest Announced

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(Green Bay, Wis.) — The 2025 shipping season officially kicked off with the arrival of the Innovation with Tug Samuel De Champlain. She arrived on Wednesday, March 12, at 1:49 p.m. carrying a shipment of cement.

<i>Innovation Overall Dimensions</i>	
Length (w tug)	460' (544')
Beam	70'
Depth (tug)	37' (20')
Capacity	17,310 tons



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“This year’s shipping season is now underway just two days later than last year’s start,” exclaimed Dean Haen, Director of the Port of Green Bay. “This makes for an early start and has us looking forward to what our new season will bring.”

With the arrival of the first ship, the First Ship contest has concluded. “We’re pleased to announce that the winner of this year’s First Ship Contest is Anne LaCour of Pembine, Wisconsin,” shared Haen. LaCour predicted that the first ship would arrive at 2:13 p.m. on March 12, with the actual arrival occurring a mere 24 minutes earlier. LaCour will receive a one-night stay at the historic Hotel Northland, a Port of Green Bay swag bag, a 200th Anniversary Brown County Monopoly Game, six admission tickets to the National Railroad Museum and a gift certificate from Voyageurs Sourdough Bakehouse.

“Congratulations to Anne, and thank you to everyone who submitted an entry. We’d also like to express our appreciation for all those who are engaged in ship watching at the Port of Green Bay. You make our work fun,” added Haen.

For those interested in ship watching, the Fox River Trail and Green Bay Metro Boat launch, along with other areas down the Lower Fox River, often offer a great view of incoming vessels. Port security requirements do not allow public access to any port property. Learn more about ship arrivals at <https://www.portofgreenbay.com/ship-arrivals> and on the [Port of Green Bay Facebook page](#).

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**About the Port of Green Bay:** 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 Company](#), [Construction Resources Management](#), [Flint Hills Resources](#), [Fox River Terminals](#), [Georgia-Pacific](#), [Graymont](#), [GLC Minerals](#), [KK Integrated Logistics](#), [Holcim](#), [RGL](#), [Sanimax](#), [St. Mary’s Cement](#) and [U.S. Venture](#).

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