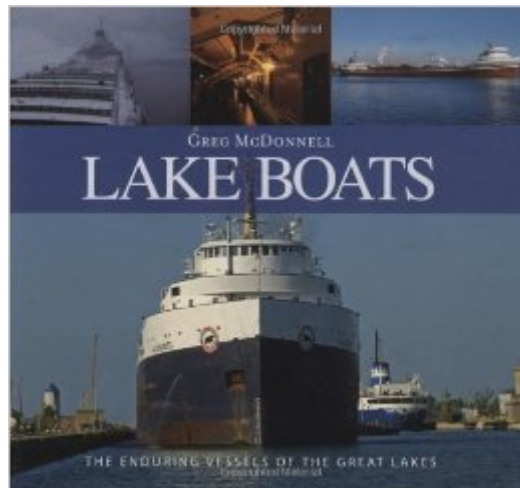


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Lake Boats: The Enduring Vessels Of The Great Lakes



Synopsis

The romance of the great inland sea. This large-format, full-color pictorial pays tribute to the historic ships still at work on the Great Lakes, from ancient cement boats such as the 100-year-old St Marys Challenger to venerable "straight-deckers," self-unloaders and 1,000-footers sailing under the familiar flags of prominent Great Lakes fleets: Algoma Central, Upper Lakes, Lower Lakes, American Steamship, Canada Steamship Lines and others. With more than 170 photographs by the author and other fine transportation photographers, Lake Boats celebrates these mariners and working ships of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Great Lakes. A thorough appendix cites exact identification, specifications and the history of each vessel included in the book. An extraordinary range of images -- from close-up and interior views of engine rooms and pilothouses to panoramic scenes of these noble workhorse vessels sailing North America's inland seas -- makes Lake Boats a remarkable celebration.

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Customer Reviews

Greg McDonnell is an award winning railroad photographer with several excellent railroad books to his credit and is a recipient of the premier award for railroad photography in North America. Lake Boats is his first look at shipping on North America's Great Lakes and as such falls far short of this reviewer's expectations. McDonnell focuses on a handful of Great Lake bulkers and a few smaller vessels. Thus there are photographs of relatively few "Lakers" and the photos seem to be taken from relatively few geographic locations. What disappointed me the most is the total lack vintage photographs in this volume - all the photographs have been taken in recent years and as such are

not really special. Any of the numerous hobby or enthusiast photographers currently documenting Great Lakes shipping has equal or better photographs and certainly has much wider coverage, both in terms of the variety of ships as well as coverage of several different geographic locations and also photographs of ships long gone to the scrappers. A search of shipping websites such as [...] will produce a wealth of equal or better material as well as much more vintage material. Ships and ship photography are this reviewer's passion and I expected much more from McDonnell --- I would title this volume as Lake Boats: Nothing Special. Veteran enthusiasts will be disappointed - those who know little about Great Lakes shipping will probably like the book as they do not know what they are missing! There is much more out on the Great Lakes in terms of commercial shipping --this volume barely touches on the subject. Nice photographs of a few contemporary Great Lakes vessels but nothing special.

Book is well done but not very comprehensive. I don't know how you can do "vessels of the Great Lakes" and not include the Soo locks.

This is a beautiful book, and well worth the money for those who are interested in the subject matter. I bought this for my husband. He says there are only about four pages of text in the book, but he loves the photography.

This book is an excellent, fascinating, beautifully done book. It was in great shape; it was used, but could not tell it was not brand new. Very reasonably priced, came in less time than I expected, packaged well. Thank you.

I totally enjoyed it! Fine balance between pictures and text and an interesting story with historical perspectives. A book I can recommend.

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