



# Port N' News

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Current Port, Maritime & Transportation Topics at the Port of Green Bay

## Green Bay Port Symposium Hosts Local and State Leadership

The annual Green Bay Port Symposium was held on April 17th, 2024 at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. The Symposium gathers a unique blend of Great Lakes leadership and local area stakeholders together to listen to presentations on Federal, State, and local maritime issues and shipping industry projects. This year, the Port of Green Bay welcomed several speakers, including Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers.



Governor Tony Evers at the 2024 Port Symposium

Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach spoke on the indirect benefits and achievements that Port activities provide the region. Executive Streckenbach's welcome was followed by an address by the Mayor of Green Bay, Eric Genrich. Mayor Genrich discussed the revitalization of waterfront properties along the Fox River and joint effort of the City of Green Bay and Brown County on securing funds to complete the Port Development Site Project.

Adam Tindall-Schlicht, Administrator for the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, gave his remarks on the Port of Green Bay's essential place in Great Lakes shipping.

Governor Tony Evers made a brief appearance to address the Symposium attendees. His appearance was followed by a video message from US Senator Tammy Baldwin who spoke on her recent efforts to fund and designate a new Great Lakes Ice Breaker.

Harbor Commission President Tom Klimek presented the 2023 Port Review and Economic Impact Study that was conducted in 2022. Dr. Aaron Weinschenk of UW-Green Bay held a discussion on the upcoming 2024 Elections. The National Weather Service's Mike Cellitti spoke on NOAA's Water Level forecast.

Ryan Cluckey of Holcim US and Ken Przybyla of GLC Minerals represented the two terminals this year with updates on their respective projects and developments.

The Port of Green Bay's Business Development Manager, Mark Walter, closed the Symposium with an update of the Port Development Site at the former Pulliam Power Plant.

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### Upcoming Events:

May 13— Harbor Commission Meeting TBD

June 12 - Harbor Commission Meeting TBD

# First Ship of 2024 Shipping Season Arrives for Early Start

The first ship of the season arrived in the Port of Green Bay in March officially kicking off the 2024 shipping season. On Sunday, March 10 at 10:38 a.m., the Margaret with Tug Albert arrived with a delivery of petroleum products for U.S. Venture.

“It’s an early start this shipping season. In fact, this is the earliest Port opening in my 25 years here,” said Dean Haen, Port Director. “With it officially underway, we’re looking forward to another great year for Great Lakes commerce! The big ships entering the Port of Green Bay provide economic stability for our region, along with plenty of enjoyment for ship watchers in the area!”



The arrival signals the close of the annual First Ship Contest hosted by the Port of Green Bay and Discover Green Bay. Mary Teddy of Suamico, Wisconsin won this year’s contest with a guess of March 10 at 2:24 p.m. Mary has won a one-night stay and complimentary gift basket from St. Brendan’s Inn; a Port of Green Bay swag bag; a 2024 Great Lakes Calendar by Chuck Zentmeyer; and a 200th Anniversary Brown County Monopoly Game.

“We congratulate Mary on winning this year’s contest,” Haen added. “And we’d like to give a shout out to all of the ship watchers in the area! Ship watchers share some great photos and video of the big ships on social media, and they’re an engaged group.” Anyone interested in ship watching is encouraged to view the ships from the Fox River Trail, the Green Bay Metro Boat Launch or other areas along the Lower Fox River. Port security requirements do not allow public access on any port property.

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## Where in the World is Dean Haen?



Port of Green Bay Director Dean Haen and other Great Lakes maritime leaders met with U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg in Washington D.C. in March 2024 to discuss the AGLPA’s federal positions.

# Congressional Hearing in Green Bay Highlights Need for Tier One Designation and New Ice Breaking Assets

Port Director Dean Haen participated in a Congressional Hearing on March 1st, 2024 at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay.

The focus of the hearing was to highlight the need for increased icebreaking capacity in the Great Lakes and to allow the Coast Guard and several business leaders to testify on the importance of extended shipping in the winter months. U.S. Senator Baldwin hosted the hearing as the Chair of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing.

*“The Port of Green Bay is a fundamental part of our regional economy, our history and our lives. It plays an important role in the transportation of goods and commodities that are critical to the economic health of the region. The Port of Green Bay receives and/or sends commodities as far south as Sheboygan, Wisconsin, west to Wausau, Wisconsin and north into the Upper Peninsula of Michigan,” testified Dean Haen, Director of the Brown County Port and Resource Recovery Department. “Wisconsin businesses rely on Great Lakes shipping. USCG icebreakers are crucial national assets that support the movement of ships here on the Great Lakes during the winter months.”*



Port Director Dean Haen, GLC Minerals President Kenneth Przybyla, and Lake Carriers Association President James Weakley,



U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, Port Director Dean Haen, and Kenneth Przybyla at the Congressional Hearing at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay on March 1st.

Director Haen continued his testimony where he discussed the importance of securing a Tier One Designation with the U.S. Coast Guard.

*“The bay is one of the most heavily iced places on the Great Lakes. The Port is not looking for year-round service. Green Bay is a Tier 2 waterway meaning we are a lower priority than other waterways for federal icebreaking. The USCG ice breaks Green Bay only after the Soo Locks area is cleared. A Tier 1 waterway designation for Green Bay, similar to every East Coast port would ensure USCG has assets for Green Bay. “*

# Ship Spotters! Hit Us With Your Best Shots!



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The Port of Green Bay is calling all Ship Spotters and local photographers to help us update our gallery of ship images. We want to collect a variety of pictures of the Port of Green Bay which include the cargo ships, recreational activity on the water, and local life along the river. Here are a few ways you can share your images. Let us know if you will allow us to use them:

- ◆ Tag us! If you want to share your images, please tag Port of Green Bay—Port of Call for All on Facebook, and we will credit you when we share your image.

- ◆ Message us on our Facebook page, or email us directly at [BC\\_Port@browncountywi.gov](mailto:BC_Port@browncountywi.gov). If permission is given for use of your images, we may utilize them in our newsletters, ship arrival notifications, and social media. Credit will be included with the images.



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