

SHIPWATCHER NEWS



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At the beginning of this shipping season, we were posed with challenges never seen before. The COVID-19 outbreak may have slowed us down, but we never stopped running. Great Lakes shipping got started as usual, with new protocols and guidelines in place. The market this season has been full of ups and downs, and some vessels did not fit out or spent time at the wall at times during the season. Through all of this, the sailors on Great Lakes ships persevered, continuing their jobs to keep our North American economy moving forward. It is with great gratitude towards these hard-working men and women that I announce the Shipwatcher News Caring for our Sailors program. The goal of this program is to send care packages to the sailors on Great Lakes ships to provide extra support for this challenging season. Even though it might not be much for the sailors, we want to show them that they are appreciated for their sacrifices and work. These men and women spend over a month at a time out at sea, with limited interaction with family and friends at home. The crews on the ships are their families on the water, and they work together as a team to overcome these challenges. I know I myself have struggled with the mental challenge of being temporarily separated from some of my loved ones during this time to avoid spreading COVID, and I know that these men and women must face this but at a far greater level.

Currently, we have partnered with the *S/S Alpena*, Grand River Navigation, Interlake Steamship Company, Lower Lakes Towing, Port City Marine Services, and VanEnkevort Tug & Barge, to provide gifts to over 550 sailors and 29 ships. We have also partnered up with J.W. Westcott Company of Detroit and Soo Marine Supply of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, for delivery of the packages to the ships. We are looking for generous supporters to donate to our cause to help cover the costs of purchasing the gifts and packaging. Please fill out this form if you feel moved to support our project. The deadline for monetary donations is December 1, 2020.

Thank you for your support!

Brendan Falkowski & Brock Johnson

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