



THUNDER BAY PORT AUTHORITY

ADMINISTRATION PORTUAIRE DE THUNDER BAY

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PORT POSTS STRONGEST NOVEMBER IN 17 YEARS

The Port of Thunder Bay handled 1.2 million metric tonnes of cargo during the past month – the most for any November since 1998.

Grain shipments are surging in Thunder Bay. The 1 million metric tonnes of grain loaded for outbound shipment in November was 33% higher than the five-year-average for the month. This trend is expected to continue to the end of the shipping season in mid-January.

The biggest story in the Port over the last thirty days has been the number of ocean vessels. Known as ‘Salties’, ocean vessels typically load grain in Thunder Bay for direct export to destinations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Twenty-five Salties called the Port in November, a level reached only in one other month (May 2014) during the last 15 years. Six additional salties remain in Port for loading in December, with more to come.

Salty loadings contributed significantly to the strong grain volumes in November. 40% of all grain shipped during the month departed on Salties, roughly two times the normal share.

It was also a strong month for potash and dry bulk shipments in Thunder Bay. Outbound loadings of potash were much stronger than average and are now on-par with 2014 volumes.

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CARGO STATISTICS - 2015

With Comparative Figures in Metric Tonnes for 2014

Period From November 01 to November 30, 2015

	Month Totals 2015	Month Totals 2014	Year to Date 2015	Year to Date 2014
COAL	27,271	72,957	382,478	444,499
GRAIN	1,068,717	849,966	6,766,208	7,160,542
POTASH	53,437	13,383	260,817	259,611
DRY BULK	48,541	14,981	140,002	178,742
LIQUID BULK	0	10,248	17,545	48,714
GENERAL CARGO - KEEFER	2,585	3,553	18,766	5,448
GENERAL CARGO - OTHER	0	0	7,002	4,957
TOTALS	1,200,551	965,088	7,592,818	8,102,513

VESSEL REPORT

	Current Month	Same Month Last Year	Year to Date Totals	Last Year Totals
DOMESTIC	31	30	243	266
FOREIGN	25	18	108	109
AMERICAN	0	0	0	2
TOTALS	56	48	351	377

*Monthly statistics are edited as cargo reports are received. Cumulative totals are adjusted to reflect changes.

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