

VESSEL PROFILE

ABOUT THE M/V OJIBWAY

The Ojibway was built in 1952 in Bay City, Michigan and was fitted with oil-fired, water tube boilers to produce steam. Both a high pressure and a low pressure turbine each rated at 2,200 s.h.p. gave her a speed under full load of approximately 14 m.p.h. The vessel's early years were spent hauling iron ore from Duluth and other ports to a variety of lower lakes steel mills. She stayed in this pattern until the early 1980s. With the depressed steel industry, she was used to carry grain cargoes, loading at Cargill elevators in Duluth en route to Buffalo. The vessel changed hands throughout the years until in 2004 she was towed from Buffalo by McKeil Work Boats bound for Hamilton, Ontario. In 2005 the bulker received an extensive refit in Hamilton, including the installation of a new General Electric V-16 four stroke, turbo-charged 7 FDM EFI diesel engine rated at 4,100 continuous B.H.P. at 1,050 R.P.M., a new propeller shaft with a controllable pitch control system and two new Caterpillar diesel generator sets. She was registered and renamed the Voyageur Independent and on November 14, 2005 departed Hamilton on her maiden voyage in ballast to Thunder Bay, Ontario. She departed Thunder Bay on November 22nd with her first load under her new name (17,673.27 tons of wheat) for a St. Lawrence River port. In 2007, Lower Lakes Towing Ltd. acquired the Voyageur Independent and continued to service companies engaged in the grain trade. In 2008, Lower Lakes registered the bulker with Transport Canada under the new name Ojibway out of the Port of Nanticoke, Ontario. This river class bulk carrier is ideally suited to the carriage of milling products on the upper lakes due to its size and carrying capacity and continues the Thunder Bay to St. Lawrence transits today.

SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH	642'
BEAM	67'
DEPTH	35'
MIDSUMMER DRAFT	26'01"
UNLOADING BOOM LENGTH	N/A
UNLOAD RATE	N/A
CAPACITY	20,668 tons
CUBIC CAPACITY	804,060
OPERATING SPEED	11.5 knots
AVERAGE CREW ON BOARD	13-15



ABOUT RAND LOGISTICS

Rand Logistics, Inc. is a leading provider of bulk freight shipping and ship repair services throughout the Great Lakes region. Through its subsidiaries, the Company operates a fleet of three conventional bulk carriers and eleven self-unloading bulk carriers including three tug/barge units. The Company is the only carrier able to offer significant domestic port-to-port services in both Canada and the U.S. on the Great Lakes. The Company's vessels operate under the U.S. Jones Act – which reserves domestic waterborne commerce to vessels that are U.S. owned, built and crewed – and the Canada Coasting Trade Act – which reserves domestic waterborne commerce to Canadian registered and crewed vessels that operate between Canadian ports.

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MORE ABOUT THE VESSEL

Previous names:

Charles L. Hutchinson (2)
Ernest R. Breech
Kinsman Independent (3)
Voyageur Independent

