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## Thief Steals Artifacts from LST-393 Museum

**Aug. 14-**A middle-aged man stole several small display items from the *LST-393* museum ship in Muskegon on August 3. He reportedly ripped some items off of old military uniforms and took a hat, patches, pins and medals with him. The man has been arrested and charged.



The LST-393 on the August 3, 2019. Photo: Brendan Falkowski

## Algoma Central Signs Contract with 3 Maj Shipyard

**Sept. 5-**An agreement was reached between Algoma Central Corporation and the 3 Maj Shipyard in Croatia. With the new contract in place, 3 Maj will complete construction of Hull #733, a 650' Equinox-River class self-unloading bulk carrier. The hull is currently 80% complete, according to the shipyard. This, along with several other partially-completed projects should keep the troubled yard in business for the next few years.

## T/B Laura L. VanEnkevort Arrives on the Lakes

**Sept. 9-**VanEnkevort's new tug *Laura L. VanEnkevort* arrived on the Lakes earlier this week, docking at Toledo on September 9. She recently underwent a refit at a Gulf area shipyard. In Toledo, the tug was paired with the barge *Joseph H. Thompson*, relieving the barge's current tug, *Joseph H. Thompson Jr.* The Jr. will be reassigned to the new barge *Michigan Trader*, which is currently under construction at Sturgeon Bay. The *Laura L. VanEnkevort* was built in 1994 as the *Sidney Candies*, being sold and renamed *Nadia Ramil* in 1998.

## Indiana Harbor Breaks Soo Locks Ore Record

**Aug. 8-**Another vessel broke the Soo Locks ore record once again. This time, it was the *Indiana Harbor*, downbound with 76,930 tons of pellets at a draft of 30.4 feet.

## Interlake Cuts Steel for New Freighter

**Aug. 14-**At Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, a ceremony comprising of staff from Fincanteri Bay Shipbuilding, Bay Engineering, and Interlake Steamship celebrated the cutting of steel for the first new American Great Lakes freighter in over 35 years.

## Dorothy Ann/Pathfinder Make Unusual Salt Runs

**Aug 19/29-**On two separate occasions the ATB pair *Dorothy Ann/Pathfinder* loaded salt at Cargill Deicing in Cleveland. The first cargo, loaded on August 19, was bound for Toledo, while the second, loaded on August 29, was headed to Milwaukee.

## Construction Progresses on New Toledo HBI Plant

**Aug. 26-**The construction of Cleveland-Cliff's new \$800 Million Hot-Briquetted Iron (HBI) plant in Toledo is progressing fast. It should be complete sometime in 2020, and will bring about 130 new jobs to the area. It will also draw more truck and train traffic, as well as more freighter traffic with taconite to be made into HBI.

# Aquastar Cruises

In the Port City of Muskegon, Michigan, a former Arnold Mackinac Island Ferry boat offers harbor cruises. The cruise vessel, the *Aquastar*, is the former *Port City Princess*, being purchased last season. She has been refitted since and sports a paint job similar to the late *Aquarama*. Afternoon and sunset cruises are offered along with several other specialty cruises. Check them out at <https://aquastarcruises.com/>.



The Aquastar at Muskegon Photos: Brendan Falkowski

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