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**Back Cover:** On the evening of 16 June 2008, *Edward L. Ryerson* clears the breakwater at Superior, Wisconsin, with a load of iron ore for Dominion Foundries and Steel Company, Hamilton, Ontario. The 730-foot ship, built for Inland Steel Company of Chicago in 1960, can carry up to 27,500 tons of taconite in her four holds, and make up to sixteen knots with her 9,900shp steam turbine. She was the last American steamship built for Great Lakes service. (Editor's photos.)