

- HEATING AND COOLING PIPELINE
 WATER TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Island Express Boat Lines, LTD
(Exact legal name of respondent)

If name was changed during year, show also the
previous name and date of change.

P.O. Box 357, Sandusky, OH 44870
(Address of principal business office at end of year)

TO THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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FOR THE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

Name, title, address and telephone number (including area code) of the person to be contacted concerning this report.

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(ADDRESS)	(CITY)	(COUNTY)	(STATE)	(ZIP CODE)

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS, DEFINITIONS, ETC.

1. The word "Respondent" in the following inquiries means the person, firm, association, or company in whose behalf the report is made.
2. The schedules and questions contained in this report were developed to be generally applicable to all heating and cooling, pipeline and water transportation companies. All instructions shall be followed and each question answered as fully and accurately as possible. Sufficient answer shall appear to show that no schedule, question, or line item has been overlooked. If a particular line item or schedule does not apply to the respondent, indicate this by answering "none", "-0-", or "not applicable", as appropriate, where it truly and completely states the fact.
3. If answers to an inquiry are given elsewhere in the report, incorporation of information by reference is sufficient.
4. Customary abbreviations may be used except that the exact name of the respondent shall be shown in full on the "Title Page" and in the "Verification" page.
5. Where the space provided is insufficient for the required data or it is necessary or desirable to insert additional statements or schedules, the insert pages shall show the number and title of the schedule to which it pertains, as well as the name of the respondent and the year covered, and shall be on 8 1/2" x 11" durable paper.
6. The information required with respect to any statement furnished is the minimum requirement. The respondent may add such further material information as is necessary to ensure that the required statements are not misleading.
7. All copies filed with the Commission must be legible and permanent. All entries shall be made in permanent ink or by a typewriter. Items of a reverse or contrary character shall be enclosed in parentheses, or indicated by a minus sign followed by the amount.
8. Amounts on any schedule (except as otherwise provided therein), may, at the option of the respondent, be rounded off to whole dollars provided that amounts are appropriately adjusted to agree with the rounded total.
9. The annual report shall be signed by a duly elected officer of the respondent and it shall be notarized.
10. The information required in this report, unless otherwise indicated, is to be reported for the entire company and not for the State of Ohio only.
10. Totals should be provided as indicated. The respondent shall ensure that schedule totals and subtotals are mathematically correct.
12. If a line item is supported by a detailed schedule elsewhere in this report, the respondent should ensure that the detailed schedule is completed and that the amounts on both schedules match.

HISTORY

1.	Exact name of company making this report. <u>Island Express Boat Lines Ltd.</u>
2.	Date of organization <u>4/21/97</u>
3.	Under the laws of what Government, State or Territory organized? If more than one, name all. <u>Ohio</u>
4.	If a consolidated or merged company, name all constituent and all merged companies. <u>N/A</u>
5.	Date and authority for each consolidation and each merger. <u>N/A</u>
6.	State whether respondent is a corporation, a joint stock association, a firm or partnership, or an individual. <u>Limited liability company</u>
7.	If a reorganized company, given name of original corporation, refer to laws under which it was organized, and state the occasion for the reorganization. <u>N/A</u>
8.	State whether or not, the respondent during the year conducted any part of its business under a name, or names, other than shown, in response to inquiry No. 1. If so, give full particulars. <u>N/A</u>
9.	Where are the books and records of the company kept? <u>Soderberg and Schafer, CPAs</u> <u>121 Jefferson Street, Port Clinton, OH 43452</u>
10.	Name below all classes of public service furnished by the respondent. <u>Water transportation</u>

IDENTITY OF RESPONDENT

1. State whether respondent is a corporation, a joint stock association, a firm or partnership, or an individual.
Limited liability company
2. Date when operations began.
4/21/97
3. If a consolidated or merged company, give names of each such incident, date, and Commission authority. If a reorganized company, give name of original corporation.
N/A
4. If incorporated specify (a) Date of filing articles of incorporation, 4/21/97
(b) State in which incorporated, Ohio
5. Commission Case Number granting operating authority and date issued.
6. State whether or not the respondent during the year conducted any part of its business under a name or names other than that shown Title Page; if so, give full particulars.
No
7. Description of general service territory.
Put-in-Bay, OH, Sandusky, OH and surrounding areas Key West, FL
8. List all affiliated companies with whom the respondent does business and their relationship to the respondent. If respondent is a partnership, provide this information for each partner. (Use separate page(s) if needed). N/A
State whether the affiliate is (a) a regulated public utility or, (b) a publicly held corporation.
N/A
9. Did any corporation or corporations, telephone or other, hold control over the respondent at the close of the year? No If control was so held, state:
 - a. The name and address of the controlling corporation or corporations.
 - b. The form of control, whether sole or joint.
 - c. The extent of control.
 - d. Whether control was direct or indirect.
 - e. If indirect, the name and address of the intermediary through which control was established.
10. Did any individual, association, or corporation hold control, as trustee, over the respondent at the close of the year? No If control was so held, state:
 - a. The name and address of the trustee.
 - b. The name and address of the beneficiary or beneficiaries for whom the trust was maintained, if available.

11. Did the respondent hold control over other corporations at the close of the year? No
If so, state:

- a. The name and address of corporation or corporations controlled.
- b. The form of control, whether sole or joint.
- c. Other parties, if any, to joint agreement for control.
- d. The extent of control.
- e. Whether control is direct or indirect.
- f. If indirect, the name and address of the intermediary through which control was established.

IMPORTANT CHANGES DURING THE YEAR

Report important changes of the types listed. Except as otherwise indicated data furnished should apply to the same period the report covers. Answers should be numbered in accordance with the inquiries and if "none" states the fact, it should be used. If information which answers an inquiry is given elsewhere in the report, incorporation of that information by reference will be sufficient.

1. Issuances of Capital Stock or long term debt during the year: Identify the securities, date, consideration received and Commission authorization.
none
2. Changes in franchise rights.
none
3. Changes in ownership or control (shareholders holding 5% or more of outstanding stock).
This is the initial year. See schedule 4, page 9.
4. Other important changes: Give brief particulars of each other important change which is not disclosed elsewhere in this report.
none

SCHEDULE: 3 N/A

VOTING POWERS AND ELECTIONS				
<p>1. In the schedule below, show the particulars called for concerning the stockholders of respondent who, at the date of the latest closing of the stock-book of respondent prior to the actual filing of this report, had the twenty highest voting powers of the respondent. If any such holder held in trust, attach a statement showing the beneficial owners. If the stock-book was not closed within the year, show twenty such stockholders as of the close of the year. In the space provided, show total shares and notes of all stockholders.</p>				
Line No.	Name and Address of Stockholders	No. of Shares Held	No. of Voting Shares	Other Vote Empowered Securities
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	Total listed above			
	Total all stockholders			

SCHEDULE: 4

DIRECTORS, PROPRIETORS, PARTNERS

1. Give the name of director or proprietor. (For partnerships identify each partner, identify which are general or limited partners, and show each partner's percent of interest.)

Line No.	Limited Liability Members Name and Address (City and State) (a)	Served Continuously From (b)	Term Expired or Current Term Will Expire (c)
1	Kevin J. Baxter, 1630 Willow Dr., Sandusky, OH 14.286%	4/21/97	12/31/97
2	Rex Cole, 810 Dutch Lane, Sandusky, OH 7.143%	4/21/97	12/31/97
3	Joseph C. Fratoe, 1205 Springdale Dr., Sandusky, OH 7.143%	4/21/97	12/31/97
4	Christopher S. Fresch, 2613 Mulberry Dr., Sandusky, OH 7.143%	4/21/97	12/31/97
5	Daniel W. Howell, 6506 Old Rail Rd., Sandusky, OH 14.286%	4/21/97	12/31/97
6	Andrew S. Martin, 109 Cedar Point Rd., Sandusky, OH 21.429%	4/21/97	12/31/97
7	Duane Ohly, 4309 Autumn Ridge, Sandusky, OH 14.286%	4/21/97	12/31/97
8	Raymond A. Remy, Jr., 5008 Homegardner Rd, Castalia, OH 7.143%	4/21/97	12/31/97
9	Arthur O. Wolfe, 12203 Wikel Road, Milan, OH 7.143%	4/21/97	12/31/97
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(For corporations, show the data requested; for other forms of business organizations, show names of individuals holding comparable positions.)

16	Name of Chairman of the Board	21. Treasurer
17	Name of Secretary of Board	22. Controller
18	President	
19	Vice-President	
20	Secretary	Managing Members: Kevin J. Baxter, Duane Ohly

SCHEDULE: 5A N/A

NOTES TO BALANCE SHEET

SCHEDULE: 6A N/A

NOTES TO INCOME STATEMENT

SCHEDULE: 9 N/A

NOTES AND OTHER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE									
Notes Receivable					*Other Accounts Receivable				
Name of Debtor	Amount at Close of Year				Name of Debtor	Amount at Close of Year			
Total					Total				
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE FROM ASSOCIATED COMPANIES									
Name of Debtor	Consideration Received				Amount at Close of Year				
Total					Total				
*Show major items only. Minor items may be reported in one group.									

SCHEDULE: 10 N/A

CAPITAL STOCK

1. Respondent shall enter the class of stock and a description of any pertinent details such as differences in voting rights, preferences as to dividends or assets, pledges, etc.
2. Respondent shall provide the information specified in column headings (b) through (h) and note any other pertinent information at the bottom of this schedule.

Class and Description of Capital Stock (a)	Par or Stated Value Amount (b)	Number of Shares Authorized (c)	Amount of Stock Issued and Outstanding (d)	Additional Paid In Capital (e)	Total (Col. (d) & (e)) (f)	Number of Shares of Treasury Stock (g)	Amount in Treasury Stock Account (h)
	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$
TOTALS	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$

SCHEDULE: 11

LONG-TERM DEBT

1. List in account number order in column (a) a description of the long-term obligation, including those maturing in the coming year.
2. In the remaining columns (b) - (i) respond shall furnish the appropriate data.

Description of Obligation (a)	Nominal Date of Issue (b)	Date of Maturity (c)	Interest Rate (d)	Original Amount of Debt (e)
City of Sandusky	6/10/97	8/01/02	5%	100,000
Citizens Bank	5/06/97	5/05/07	10%	300,000
Greater Erie County Marketing Group	5/20/97	8/01/02	5%	50,000

SCHEDULE: 12

NOTES PAYABLE

Name of Creditor	Considerations Reserved	Date of Obligations	Date of Maturity	Credit Balance at Close of Year			
			Total				

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TO ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

Name of Creditor	Considerations Reserved	Date of Obligations	Date of Maturity	Credit Balance at Close of Year			
			Total				

MATURED LONG TERM DEBT

Name of Creditor	Considerations Reserved	Date of Obligations	Date of Maturity	Credit Balance at Close of Year			
			Total				

SCHEDULE: 14

BASES OF CHARGES FOR DEPRECIATION

1. Provide separate schedules for each jurisdiction in which the respondent operates and for the overall operations of the respondent.
2. Under column (a) provide all subclasses of plant for which a separate depreciation rate is determined and a subtotal for each primary account.
3. Under columns (b) thru (d) provide the life, net salvage, and rate prescribed by the Commission.

Jurisdiction _____
 Overall Operations

Classes and Subclasses of Depreciable Plant

	Account Number and Title of Plant Accounts and its Subclasses (a)	Life (Years) (b)	*Net Salvage (%) (c)	Depreciation	
				*Rate (%) (d)	*Reserve (%) (e)
1	Boats and equipment Docks	10		10%	
2		20		5%	
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*Composite rate for all depreciable accounts

*Composite rate for all plant accounts

Ratio to all depreciable accounts

Ratio to all plant accounts

SCHEDULE: 15 N/A

STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS			
Account No.	Item	Page No.	Amount
	Balances-First of Year		
	Changes:		
	Balance Transferred from Income		
	Dividends Declared		
	Miscellaneous Debits to Retained Earnings		
	Miscellaneous Credits to Retained Earnings		
	Balance-End of Year		
	Notes to Statement of Retained Earnings:		

SCHEDULE: 16

PARTNERSHIP CAPITAL STATEMENT ⁽¹⁾			
Account No.	Item	Page No.	Amount
	Partnership Capital-Beginning of Year		
	Net Income (Loss) for Year		(112,157)
	Partners' Capital Contributions		350,000
	Miscellaneous Credits		
	Total Credits		237,885
	Partners' Drawings		
	Prior Period Adjustment(s)		
	Miscellaneous Debits		
	Total Debits		
	Partnership Capital-End of Year		237,885

(1) This statement should also be used by sole proprietors.

SCHEDULE: 17

TAXES ACCRUED					
Explain items recorded in column (e). Any amounts included for other than current taxes should be explained by footnote.					
Kind of Tax (a)	Balance First of Year (b)	Amount Accrued During Year (c)	Payments During Year (d)	Other Items Dr. or (Cr.) (e)	Balance End of Year (f)
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

SCHEDULE: 20

STATEMENT OF INTRASTATE-GROSS EARNINGS (1)				
Line No.	Item	Amount		
		Total Company	Other Than Ohio Intrastate	Ohio Intrastate
1	Operating and Miscellaneous Revenue (Rent Revenue, Special Billings (revenue from work performed for others, rent revenue-nonoperating, return on regulated investment used to provide nonregulated products and services, etc.)	208,703	32,498	176,205
2	Other Revenue, Dividend and Interest Income, Gains From Disposition of Property -Operating and Nonoperating, Other Operating or Nonoperating Gains (foreign currency exchange or transfer, extinguishment of debt, company's share of earnings of affiliated company accounted for on equity method, income from sinking and other funds, etc.)			
3	SUBTOTAL (1) + (2)	208,703	32,498	176,205
4	Earnings or receipts from sales to other public utilities for resale	()	()	()
5	TOTAL (3) + (4)	208,703	32,498	176,205
<p>(1) Intrastate means from one point in Ohio to another point in Ohio, or wholly within Ohio.</p>				

SCHEDULE: 21

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT PUCO CORRESPONDENCE IS DIRECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON AT THE CORRECT ADDRESS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING.

**Name, Title, Address, and Phone Number of the Company's Contact Persons
to Receive Entries and Orders from the Docketing Division**

Kevin J. Baxter
Name Title

P.O. Box 357, Sandusky, OH 44870
Address

(419)-627-1500
Phone Number (Including Area Code)

**Name, Title, Address, and Phone Number of Person to whom Invoice
should be Directed**

Island Express Boat Lines, Ltd
Name Title

P.O. Box 357, Sandusky, OH 44870
Address

(419)-627-1500
Phone Number (Including Area Code)

Name and Address of the President

Kevin J. Baxter
Name President

P.O. Box 357, Sandusky, OH 44870
Address

VERIFICATION

The foregoing report must be verified by the President or Chief Officer of the company. The oath required may be taken before any person authorized to administer an oath by the laws of the State in which the same is taken.

OATH

State of Ohio
County of _____

_____ makes oath and says that
(Insert here the name of the affiant.)

he is _____
(Insert here the official title of deponent)

of Island Express Boat Lines Ltd
(Insert here the exact legal title or name of the respondent.)

that he has examined the foregoing report; that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained in the said report are true and the said report is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named respondent in respect to each and every matter set forth therein during the period from and including 4/21, 1997, to and including 12/31, 1997.

(Signature of affiant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary in and for the State and county named, this 30th day of April, 1998. My commission expires _____

REBECCA R. CANTERBURY
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO
COMMISSION EXPIRES 11-7-2000

Rebecca R Canterbury
(Signature of officer authorized to administer oaths.)