

# CGC KATMAI BAY (WTGB 101)

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**UNIT POINT OF CONTACT (POC):** Executive Officer, LTJG Matthew Romanuski

**UNIT's MISSIONS:**

Domestic icebreaking (December-May)  
Ice rescue (December-May)  
Search and rescue (year round)  
Recreational boating safety (summer)  
Security zone enforcement (summer)  
Public affairs (summer)

**TYPICAL SA/SN JOB ASSIGNMENT:**

Seamen are assigned to the Deck Department. Underway, Seamen will qualify as helm/lookout, and Quartermaster of the Watch (QMOW). Underway rotations are typically 1-in-3. All personnel must qualify in Damage Control. Occasionally opportunities exist to qualify as an ice rescuer, boat crew member, or boarding team member.

**TYPICAL FA/FN JOB ASSIGNMENT:**

Firemen are assigned to the Engineering Department. Underway, Firemen will qualify as an oiler. Underway rotations are typically 1-in-3. All personnel must qualify in Damage Control. Occasionally opportunities exist to qualify as an ice rescuer, boat crew member, or boarding team member.

**INPORT WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION:**

Two man duty section, depends on the amount of qualified watch standers and the port in which the cutter is moored.

**SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AFTER HOURS:**

Notify OOD via landline or ship's cell of your arrival so they can get you on to the Sector Sault Sainte Marie property.

**SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING IF UNIT IS UNDERWAY:**

Arrangements should be made with your sponsor ahead of time. Usually we will request that you report with the Sector Soo OOD, (906) 635-3228, or Servicing Personnel Office (SPO), (906) 635-3336.

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## **AMOUNT OF PERSONAL STORAGE SPACE:**

Each person will be given a locker in berthing that is 20 cubic feet (60”H/24”W/22”D). Each person will also be assigned a rack that has 7.5 cubic feet of storage underneath. The sleeping area is 78” long by 28” wide.

## **NORMAL WORKDAY UNIFORM:**

Operational Dress Uniform.

## **UNIFORM TO REPORT IN:**

SDBs from 01 October to 30 March. Tropical Blue Uniform from 01 April to 30 September.

## **AVERAGE TEMPERATURE**

Summer (Jun-Aug) High: 74 Low: 53

Fall (Sep-Nov) High: 53 Low: 38

Winter (Dec-Feb) High: 26 Low: 11

In the winter, temperatures routinely dip into the negative teens or negative twenties.

## **UNIT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE REP NAME & PHONE #:**

Mutual assistance is available at Sector. The XO can assist you if needed.

## **TYPES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AVAILABLE IN THE AREA:**

Lake Superior State University is located in the Soo. Sector also offers on base classes. Opportunities are often limited due to the busy operational schedule, however.

## **RATINGS PRESENT AT UNIT:**

BM, MK, EM, CS

## **NAME OF NEAREST CITY AND DISTANCE:**

Sault Sainte Marie is the biggest American city in the area, with a population of 14,000. Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario is just across the river and has a population of 74,000. Foreign travel approval is needed to visit. Traverse City, MI is the next nearest city about 150 miles away.

## **NAME OF NEAREST MILITARY FACILITY AND DISTANCE:**

Air Station Traverse City – 150 miles

## **LOCATION OF NEAREST EXCHANGE AND COMMISSARY:**

Sector Soo has a small exchange with limited uniform items, electronics, merchandise, and snacks. Air Station Traverse City has a larger exchange that offers more items and some groceries.

## **RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE AREA:**

There is a very high church to population ratio in the Soo. Christian denominations include Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, and Eastern Orthodox. Jewish and Islamic houses of worship are available in Canada. District 9 currently has two Chaplains who can help facilitate members of any faith. Sector Detroit’s Chaplain services the Soo and can be reached at (313) 316-0609.

## **ALTERNATE POC IF SPONSOR’S NOT AVAILABLE:**

LTJG Matthew Romanuski (XO) at: (906) 630-1141 or [matthew.j.romanuski@uscg.mil](mailto:matthew.j.romanuski@uscg.mil)

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The area is excellent for outdoor activities, including hiking, boating, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and camping. We are typically very busy during the winter and have few days in port.

## **MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS**

### **IS MESSING AVAILABLE:**

Yes, onboard the cutter.

### **TYPICAL HOUSING ASSIGNMENT FOR A SINGLE NON-RATE:**

Government leased apartments in the Soo. Expect a roommate from the cutter, Station, ANT or CGC BUCKTHORN.

### **STEPS TO ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Submit a housing application to the housing officer.

### **RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL 18-20 YR OLD**

**SINGLE MALE:** \$210

**SINGLE FEMALE:** \$210

### **MOST WIDELY USED BANK:**

USAA is the most common provider for Coast Guard members. Local banks include Central Savings Bank, Huntington Bank, Chippewa County Credit Union, and Soo Credit Union.

### **IS THERE A CREDIT UNION IN THE AREA:**

Yes.

### **DISTANCE TO THE NEAREST MALL:**

Soo, MI has many plazas but no mall. The nearest mall is in Soo, ON (foreign travel approval needed). The closest American indoor malls are about 3 hours away (Traverse City).

## **MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS**

### **COST OF AVERAGE TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT IN THE AREA:**

\$750 without utilities.

### **AVERAGE COST OF UTILITIES FOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT:**

About \$50 in the summer and up to \$100 in the winter for electric heat.

### **BAH RATE (2020) FOR AN E2 & E3 WITH DEPENDENTS:**

\$1,017.00

### **LEASED HOUSING AVAILABILITY:**

No.

### **GOVERNMENT OWNED HOUSING AVAILABILITY:**

Yes, married members live in housing.

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**AVERAGE WAIT FOR HOUSING:**

Varries, contact the housing office with questions.

**HOUSING OFFICE PHONE#**

(906) 632-7608

**WHERE MOST MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS LIVE:**

Coast Guard Housing

**RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL YOUNG FAMILY:**

Michigan is a no-fault state, and as such is one of the most expensive states for auto insurance. Monthly cost averages \$213 but can be much higher for younger members.

**WHERE MOST DEPENDENTS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE:**

There are a few primary care physicians (PCMs) in the area. Riverside Medical is one of the most common. Lake Superior State University also has a clinic with Physician Assistants that can be used. Many specialty appointments have to be done downstate for Tricare purposes. For more information contact your sponsor or Sector Medical at (906) 635-3226.

**LEVELS OF TRICARE AVAILABLE:**

Tricare Prime – Remote East

**IS THE TRICARE DENTAL PROGRAM AVAILABLE:**

Yes.

**LOCAL SCHOOLING OPTIONS:**

The Soo has one public high school and middle school with multiple elementary schools as part of the district. Lake Superior State University is the only local college level school.