

Welcome to Coast Guard Station Saginaw River



UNIT NAME:	STATION Saginaw River
UNIT ADDRESS:	2405 Weadock Hwy., Essexville, MI 48732
UNIT PHONE#:	989-892-0556
UNIT DESIGNATION:	MULTI-MISSION SAR STATION

LAST UPDATE: FEBRUARY 2016

OVERVIEW

Mission:	Search & Rescue, Law Enforcement, Boating Safety, & National Ice Rescue School
AOR:	Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River for SAR. Saginaw Bay is very shallow with several bars extending one to two miles from shore. Due to the shallow water during the winter, ice can be 8" to a couple of feet thick. Fishermen will drive ATVs, snow machines and other motor vehicles several miles from shore. The Saginaw River does have commercial traffic with tanker and bulk stone and gravel carriers around 400-600' in length. The river channel has a marked width of 200', for a total distance of 27 miles.
Brief History:	The U. S. Coast Guard's presence in the Saginaw River area dates back to 1842 when a light house was constructed on a portion of land ceded to the U.S. Government by the Chippewa Indians. The original light was replaced in 1876 by the Saginaw River Rear Range Light, located about three quarters of a mile from the mouth but still on the west side. Its use as a range light was discontinued in 1964 when the current range light system was put in operation, however; the building continued to serve as the station until December 1980, when the Coast Guard moved to its present location. The old lighthouse still stands today across the river to the north.



1876

Original Lighthouse replaced by Range Rear range lights



1939

Coast Guard Station Saginaw River



1964-1980 & Present

COMMAND CADRE

	Rank	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Spouse's Name	Prospective Staff
Officer in Charge	BMCM	Lathrop	Terry	W.	Tracy	BMCM Michael S. Beatty
Executive Petty Officer	BMC	Hamilton	Zachary	A.	Morgan	BMC Sam Pollard
Engineer Officer	MKC	McCauley	Brian	D.	Michelle	MKC Kurtis L. Yoder

INCOMING COMMAND CADRE SUMMER 2016

	Rank	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Officer in Charge	BMCM	Beatty	Michael	S.
Executive Petty Officer	BMC	Pollard	Sam	
Engineering Petty Officer	MKC	Yoder	Kurtis	L.

RESOURCES

CO-LOCATED COMMANDS	PERSONNEL	
	Active	Reserve
Units		
ANT Saginaw River	10	0
National Ice Rescue School (NIRS)	1	0

PERSONNEL

Billets	Officers	Enlisted
Active Duty	0	23
Currently Assigned	0	22
Reserve	0	0
Auxiliary	0	4 Flotillas
Civilian	0	0

OPERATIONAL ASSETS

ASSETS AT UNIT

45' RBM : Boat Number 45703



45' SPECS
Length overall : 44'9"
Beam overall : 14'8"
Unfixed Height : 20'9"
Fixed Height : 13'1"
Fuel Type : Diesel
Fuel Capacity : 510 Gallons

24' SPC-SW : Boat Number 24540



24' SPECS
Length overall : 27'
Beam overall : 8'6"
Unfixed Height : 16'
Fixed : 9'2"
Fuel : Gasoline
Fuel Capacity : 100 Gallons

20' SPC-AIR : Boat Numbers 201238/201239



20' SPECS
Length overall : 20'
Beam : 8'
Draft : 8"
Fuel : Gasoline
Fuel capacity : 50 Gallons

SENATE

Title	First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Contact Information
Senator	Carl		Levin	202-224-6221
Senator	Debbie		Stabenow	202-224-4822

NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

Title	Name	CG Issues/Concerns

DIRECTIONS TO UNIT FROM D9 OFFICE



“Command Philosophy”

Our unit “Goal” is to perform Search and Rescue, Maritime Law Enforcement, Recreational Boating Safety, Ice Rescue, Homeland Security, and providing initial pollution response with enthusiasm and pride. We should strive to be the best unit and give the “American Public” a sense of security. I quote the legendary football coach Vince Lombardi who said, "We are going to relentlessly chase perfection, knowing full well we will not catch it. But we are going to relentlessly chase it, because in the process we will catch excellence." Each and every one of us has a responsibility to maintain a professional appearance and conduct ourselves in a proper manner! Never forget those who have gone before us, we represent over 200 years of U.S. Coast Guard traditions. We will be committed to the U.S. Coast Guard core values: Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty!

For this to be a successful unit we need to operate as a **“TEAM”!** **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore. I quote famous basketball player Michael Jordan with “Talent wins games but teamwork and intelligence wins championships!” In order for us to save lives, enforce laws, and protect our shores we need to work as one. We will have no Ego’s! Those who are strong in certain areas will help those who seem to struggle. Each crewmember should feel as a contributor as we perform our missions. Communication: this is your unit and if you have solutions or suggestions share them with the crew and the command. The only way we will be a successful unit is by communicating. I do not expect everyone to be perfect. But I do expect you to give your best. You swore an oath to your country and I will hold you to that oath. Michael Jordan has another phrase “If you can’t back it up with performance and hard work, talking doesn’t mean a thing.” If we put forth an honest effort, then our character will speak for itself.

I believe in a strong family, whether it is your personal family or the U.S. Coast Guard. I am steadfast in my belief that I would not be here today without the support I have received throughout my career from my family and the U.S. Coast Guard. When you find rough waters, reach out to this command or a close shipmate for support. The Coast Guard is a unique organization because we have numerous programs to support you through those rough waters.

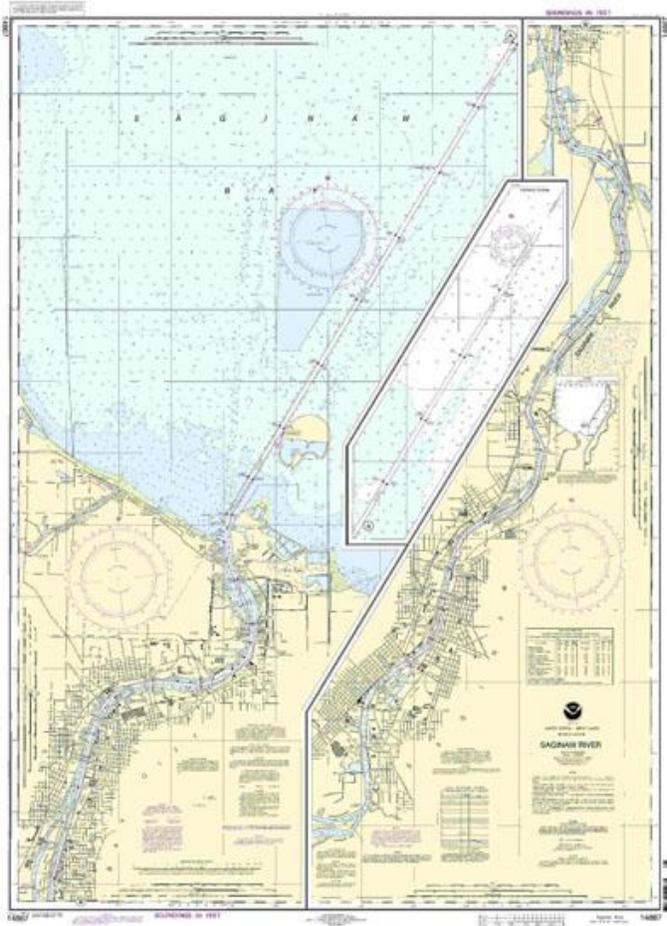
The Coast Guardsman Creed is an “Outstanding” vision to follow. Be honest and positive with yourself. Do not lose focus. Keep yourself physically fit. Set long and short term goals. Hold yourself accountable to those goals. If you have dreams, then I challenge you to reach those dreams. Believe in yourself, as William Shakespeare wrote, “Thinking makes it so!” I feel by doing this you will find that this tour will be rewarding and fun!

In closing, safety always, “Safety” is the key that will keep us out of harms way.

“Semper Paratus”

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (AOR) - SAGINAW RIVER (CHART 14867)

OUR AOR ALSO INCLUDES THE SAGINAW RIVER WHICH STARTS AT THE MOUTH OF SAGINAW BAY AND ENDS AT THE ZILWAUKEE BRIDGE.



REPORTING ABOARD THE UNIT

Receiving orders : After receiving orders at Cape May you will be allowed to contact your future duty station. The following is information that the Officer Of The Day (OOD) will need:

1. Full Name
2. Contact Information
3. Leave Address between boot camp and unit
4. Size of shoes, clothes
5. Report Date

REPORTING ABOARD CONTINUED

Reporting Uniform :

01 MAY – 31 AUG : Tropical Blue (Short)

01 SEP – 30 APR : Dress Blue Bravos

(Also bring a complete ODU to change into)

Reporting To Unit : When you arrive, ask for the OOD and have an original copy of your orders in hand. If OOD is unavailable, report to the watch stander in the communications room. We require you to contact the OOD the day before you report. If it is a holiday they will instruct you to report. If during business hours you need to report between 0800 and 1600.