

United States Coast Guard Sector Detroit Welcome Aboard Packet



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Welcome to Coast Guard Sector Detroit! Established on March 31, 2005, Sector Detroit is responsible for a two state area of responsibility stretching from Marblehead, Ohio to Tawas, Michigan -- a span that includes a 427 mile border with Canada along one of the world's busiest international river corridors with over 4000 annual vessel transits.

The current Sector force structure is comprised of 520 active duty, reserve and civilian personnel and 780 auxiliary members. Sector subordinate units include Marine Safety Unit Toledo, Aids to Navigation Teams Detroit and Saginaw River, and Stations Marblehead, Toledo, Belle Isle, St. Clair Shores, Port Huron, Harbor Beach, Saginaw River, and Tawas.

For the Sector and its eleven subordinate units, the seasonal shifts – between soft and hard water (ice) – drive much of our operations, including search and rescue, law enforcement, marine safety, aids to navigation, ice breaking, ice rescue and maritime homeland security. More than 80% of Sector Detroit's 1094 response cases (3 year avg.) occur between April and September. Each winter, Sector Detroit serves as the tactical commander for a joint U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard icebreaking operation named “Op Coal Shovel” for the Detroit and Buffalo Captain of the Port zones and adjacent Canadian waters. Sector Detroit is also the Coast Guard's leading field unit for conducting Integrated Cross-Border Maritime Law Enforcement Operations, also known as the SHIPRIDER Program, a vital part of the DHS Northern Border Security Strategy. Recent operational highlights include:

- Sector accounted for almost 30% of the Coast Guard's BUIs for June, July and August 2014.
- From April 2013 to December 2015, Sector prosecuted 1,920 search and rescue cases resulting in 389 lives saved, including nine saved in a single day at the 2015 Port Huron Float Down.

- During the most severe ice season in 35 years, Sector exercised tactical control over a bi-national fleet of eight U.S. and Canadian ice-breakers for a period of 100 days, directing over 3,000 ice breaker hours.
- While conducting joint U.S. and Canadian Shiprider operations with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Sector conducted 204 bi-national patrols and 242 bi-national boardings, resulting in two international arrests and the most substantial contraband seizure on the Great Lakes in recent memory.
- Sector also led the implementation of new jurisdictional authorities to prosecute Boating Under the Influence cases as Federal misdemeanors, removing 137 intoxicated vessel operators and issuing 72 criminal charges to encompass 74% of federal tickets issued CG-wide.
- In response to the sunken tank barge ARGO, deemed by experts to be the greatest legacy underwater environmental threat on the Great Lakes, Sector Detroit led a unified effort consisting of 13 federal, state, local, and Canadian agencies and salvage organizations to safely remove over 48,000 gallons of contaminated water from a 104 year-old vessel which had rested under 50 feet of water for 76 years.

History

Coast Guard Sector Detroit and its tenant commands comprise the largest military service presence within Detroit city limits. The Coast Guard's history in Detroit dates back to as early as 1874 with the completion of the still standing U.S. Lighthouse Service building, which is adjacent to the current Sector Detroit facility at the foot of Mt. Elliott Avenue. In 1876-77, the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Districts were formed on the Great Lakes. The original Tenth district, headquartered out of Detroit, included the coasts of Lake Huron and Superior and 16 life-saving stations that opened from 1876-1895.

Sector Shore Units

Sector Detroit Headquarters *Active Duty: 98 Reserves: 23 Civilian: 12*

Sector Detroit is located onboard Base Detroit at the foot of Mt. Elliott Avenue approximately one mile from downtown Detroit. Situated at 110 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI 48207, there are five tenant commands co-located with the Sector:

CGC BRISTOL BAY (313) 568-9548
 ANT Detroit (313) 568 - 9538
 CGIS Detroit (586) 239-6759
 Electronic Support Detachment (ESD) Detroit (313) 568 - 9610; and
 Industrial Production Facility (IPF) Detroit (313) 568 - 9569.

Phone: (313) 568-9565 Fax: (313) 656-2660

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/units.asp>

Station Belle Isle *Active Duty: 34 Reserves: 15*

On April 6, 1881, the property on which Station Belle Isle is located was purchased from the City of Detroit for the sum of \$1.00. Belle Isle Lighthouse was constructed and a light was first shown on May 15, 1882. The light keeper's dwelling was built the following year along with a retaining wall and a boathouse. That lighthouse occupied the site continuously until construction of present day facilities. In addition to maintaining the light, the keeper would row out to aid any mariner in distress.

During those first years, the land was very swampy and the only way to reach the lighthouse was by boat. By 1930, the natural topography coupled with the man-made improvements, extended island

utility, and in 1930 William Livingston Memorial Light was built East of the Belle Isle Light. This light marks the head of the Detroit River.

Throughout the years, yachtsman and public-minded citizens campaigned for a lifeboat station. Success came when Congress passed an enabling act in 1936. Representative Clarence J. McLeod was the author of the bill, and had campaigned vigorously to secure Coast Guard services for Detroiters. In 1939, Congress passed an appropriation bill of \$100,000 but due to litigation in connection with the original survey of the swampland, the money was not available for construction until late in 1940.

The station was completed in 1942, and at that time, was the most modern station on the Great Lakes. The mooring basin, launch ways, and boat handling facilities were the finest obtainable. The watch tower was unparalleled; allowing surveillance of the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair from a seventy-five foot tower with the most scientific design and instrumentation available. Over the years, improvements and modifications were made to ensure the station was always ready to meet mission requirements.

Phone: (313) 331-3119 Fax: (313)331-3126

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/units/belleisle.asp>

Station Harbor Beach Active Duty: 15

In 1880 Congress authorized the construction of the first Coast Guard Station located in Harbor Beach which was known then as Sand Beach. The Station was completed in 1881, it was 22 feet by 48 feet located just North of the Jenks Company dock. The station was equipped with a surfboat, two self-righting, self-bailing English Lifeboats, and a beach apparatus consisting of a wagon with spools of hundreds of yards of line with a Lyle Gun (canon). The original station underwent several transitions, including a long boardwalk that extended into the harbor to a boathouse offshore allowing the boats to be launched in deeper water.

In 1910 a new station was built on the Jenks Company Dock in deep water. The deep water allowed launching and a quicker response time to ships requiring assistance. The station had a watch room located on the roof, and later a 50 foot tower was constructed on the end of the dock. This station witnessed the end of the Life Saving Service and the beginning of the U.S. Coast Guard. In 1935 Harbor Beach once again saw a new Station located near the site of the first station approx 300yds off shore within the harbor. The rescue boats mounted on a cradle which rode on rails. In an emergency the men and boats rolled down the rails and into the water. When they returned to the station the boats would be piloted onto the cradle then winched up into the boathouse. This station was also used as a training facility for the Coast Guard during WW II, hundreds of men entered the door as a raw recruit and left a skilled Coast Guardsmen. The station fell victim to Lake Huron as lake water rose and entered the first floor of the station resulting in ice damage to the station and boardwalk during winters. The station was closed in 1987.

The fourth and current station is located onshore near the Harbor Beach Marina and was constructed in 1987, and at that time was a minimally manned station until 2004. The current station consists of a single story main building with a detached Boathouse. The station has 16 personnel attached and two primary boats; one 24' Shallow Water boat and one 25' Defender class boat manufactured by SAFE Boats International, and one 14' ice skiff.

Phone: (989) 479-3286 Fax: (989) 479-9158

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/units/harborbeach.asp>

Station Marblehead Active Duty: 36 Reserves: 10

Captain Lucien Monroe Clemons was assigned the first station keeper in September 1876. Lifesaving Station Marblehead was one of the 7 first on the Great Lakes. Since then, there have been 3 different stations built on the same location. The current one built in 1981.

Phone: (419)798-4445 Fax: (419)798-5804

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/units/marblehead.asp>

Station Port Huron Active Duty: 21 Reserves: 4

Original lifeboat station was created in 1898, known as Life Saving Station Lake View Beach located 5 miles north of Fort Gratiot Light. In 1931, three and a half acres of land surrounding Fort Gratiot Lighthouse was purchased by the government, and on April 13, 1932, Coast Guard Station Port Huron was officially opened. A new facility adjacent to the lighthouse was opened in 2004 as the current Station Port Huron.

Phone: (810) 984-2603 Fax: (810) 984-8999

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/units/porthuron.asp>

Station Saginaw River Active Duty: 30

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.

Phone: (989) 892-0556 Fax: (989) 892-7008

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/units/saginawriver.asp>

Station St. Clair Shores Active Duty: 27 Reserves: 22

Part of the US Coast Guard's 9th District, Sector Detroit, USCG Station St. Clair Shores is a year-round Coast Guard Small Boat Station which operates both Active Duty and Auxiliary Units. The unit was constructed during the late 1920s and then rebuilt on the original site in 1990.

Phone: (586) 778 – 3320 Fax: (586) 778-0668

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/units/stclairshores.asp>

Station Tawas Active Duty: 23 Reserves: 2

Original Lifeboat station was created in 1876, known as "Ottawa Point." The station is the oldest in the District, and the only surviving example of the first series of life saving stations on the Great Lakes. The name was changed on July 1, 1902. The station was also nicknamed Near Light Lake Huron. Coast Guard Station Tawas' mission is Search and Rescue, Maritime Law Enforcement, Homeland Security, Ice Rescue, Recreational Boating Safety, Military Readiness and Environmental Response. Station Tawas has the largest AOR in Sector Detroit and it encompasses approximately 3,700 square miles with 8 marinas. Station Tawas is located in East Tawas, MI.

Phone: (989) 362-4429 Fax: (989) 362-4430

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/units/tawas.asp>

Station Toledo Active Duty: 23 Reserves: 13

Coast Guard Station Toledo began life as a buoy depot in 1938, and was to serve aids to navigation in the area. But as World War II grew the services, so did it becoming Station Toledo. The station became a processing point for enlisted personnel, and buildings were quickly erected to serve as barracks, an exchange and administration. The unit used to be known as Group Toledo, and was home to a lighthouse service tender, an 83-foot patrol boat, a service tug, a utility boat, a surf boat and several other small vessels.

Phone: (419) 729-2034 Fax: (419) 729-2651

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/units/toledo.asp>

Aids-to-Navigation Team (ANT) Detroit Active Duty: 13

Co-located with the Sector Detroit in Detroit, MI, was commissioned in 1978 and charged with maintaining Aids To Navigation (ATON) on the South Western end of Lake Erie through the Detroit River to include Lake St. Clair. Currently the unit has a primary responsibility for over 137 floating aids, 10 sets of ranges, 106 lights and daybeacons. Phone: (313) 568 – 9538

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/units/antdetroit.asp>

Aids-to-Navigation Team (ANT) Saginaw River Active Duty: 11

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Phone: (989) 894-0412

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/units/ANTsaginawriver.asp>

Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Toledo, OH Active Duty: 16 Reserves: 7 Civilian: 3

In 2005 the Marine Safety Office was consolidated into Marine Safety Unit under Sector Detroit. This Unit is located in Toledo, OH, MSU Toledo's primary responsibilities include Marine Environmental Protection & Response, Vessel Inspections, Port State Control, Waterways Management (including regulation of waterfront facilities), and Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety.

Phone: (419) 418-6050 Fax: (419) 259-6374

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/units/msutoledo/default.asp>

Resources anonymous

20' Special Purpose Craft – Airboats (SPC-AIR): The 20' SPC-AIR is primarily utilized in the execution of ice rescue missions, flood response, and are capable of operating over water, ice and short distances on land. Airboats are also used to get responders into shallow water areas and marsh areas where deep-draft vessels cannot go. <https://www.uscg.mil/datasheet/SPC-AIR.asp>

24' Special Purpose Craft-Shallow Water (SPC-SW): The 24' SPC-SW is primarily designed as a fast response rescue resource for and can operate safely in 4 foot seas and 25 knots of wind weather environments. <https://www.uscg.mil/datasheet/SPC-AIR.asp>

Response Boat-Medium (RB-M): The 45' Response Boat-Medium is a replacement for the 41' UTB. The RB-M capable of speeds in excess of 42.5 knots, can operate in seas up to 8-feet. The RB-M employs twin Rolls-Royce jet drives and MTU diesel engines.

<https://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/rbm/>

Response Boat-Small (RB-S): The RB-S is a 25-foot long *Defender Class* boat capable of speeds in excess of 45 knots, can operate in seas up to 6-feet, and can be transported by C-130 aircraft. <https://www.uscg.mil/datasheet/25rbs.asp>

49' Boat Utility Stern Loading Boat (BUSL): The 49' Boat Utility Stern Loading (BUSL) is primarily used for the servicing of lightweight buoys and dayboards.

<https://www.uscg.mil/datasheet/atonboat.asp>

District Cutters Homeport in Sector AOR

USCGC BRISTOL BAY *Active Duty: 32*

The USCGC BRISTOL BAY (WTGB-102), homeported at Sector Detroit in Detroit is the second of the U.S. Coast Guard's 140-foot icebreaking tugs and one of just two Bay-class cutters that work in conjunction with a special barge. The USCGC BRISTOL BAY was designed by U.S. Coast Guard engineers and was built by the Tacoma Boatbuilding Co. in 1978. Named after the body of water formed by the Alaskan peninsula which empties into the Bering Sea, the USCGC BRISTOL BAY was commissioned in Detroit in 1979. In August 1991, BRISTOL BAY became the first Bay-class tug to receive a barge specially-designed to perform aids-to-navigation work. The 120-foot long barge works with the ship to service more than 160 aids to navigation each year.

USCGC Bristol Bay (WTGB-102) Phone: (313) 568-9548

USCGC HOLLYHOCK *Active Duty: 48*

The USCGC Hollyhock, homeported at Port Huron, MI is a 225-foot Seagoing Buoy Tender responsible for nearly 150 aids-to-navigation on the lower Great Lakes. USCGC HOLLYHOCK is named after a previous Coast Guard Cutter with the same name that served the United States from 1937 through 1982. The original HOLLYHOCK was launched at DeFoe Boat and Motorworks in Bay City, Michigan, and was initially commissioned as part of the fleet operated by the U.S. Lighthouse Service. When this government agency became part of the Coast Guard in 1939, HOLLYHOCK provided 43 additional years of distinguished service before it was decommissioned from the Coast Guard's fleet on March 31, 1982. The new HOLLYHOCK was built in 2003 and replaced the USCGC BRAMBLE (WAGL-392). It is the 14th seagoing buoy tender built for the U.S. Coast Guard by Marinette Marine Corporation, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

USCGC Hollyhock (WLB-214) Phone: (810) 982-2684 Fax: (810) 982-1152

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Check-in Information

Upon arrival to CG Sector Detroit, report directly to your new Department or Division. Your arrival can be arranged with your Department Head or Division Chief through your sponsor identified in your welcome message send by SPO. If you need to speak to SPO/ Admin prior to your arrival call the OOD, (313) 568-9565/ 9560.

Check-in Uniform: Tropical Blue Long

Miscellaneous Information

OMBUDSMAN/ SARC/ Education Officer:

Contact SPO for more information

Coast Guard Exchange:

Located at Sector Detroit Hours are: 0800 - 1630 Monday - Friday, and 1000 - 1400 on 2nd Saturday of every month. Closed on Sunday. Special orders are available. Call (313) 259-6217 for more information.

Mailing Address:

Commander
U. S. Coast Guard Sector
110 Mt. Elliott Avenue
Detroit, MI 48207-4380

Contact Information:

Admin: (313) 568-9525; Command Center: (313) 568-9560; Sector OOD: (313) 568-9565

Uniform of the Day: Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)

Continuing Education Resources:

Madonna University, Detroit, MI
University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI
Wayne State University, Farmington Hills, MI
Central Michigan University, Troy, MI
University of Michigan, Dearborn, MI
Oakland University, Rochester, MI
Western Michigan University, Royal Oak, MI

These are just a few of the many higher education institutions available in the area. Contact the Educational Services Officer, Mrs. Tierra McDonald at (313) 568-9486 for more information.

Nearest Exchanges and Commisary:

Coast Guard Sector Detroit (CGES)

CGXpress

110 Mt. Elliott Avenue

Detroit, MI 48207-4380

PHONE: (313) 259-6217

HOURS: Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm / 2nd Sat of every month 10am-2pm / Closed on the 1st, 3rd, 4th Sat

Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Harrison Charter Township, MI

AAFES

Bldg 700 George Ave

Selfridge ANGB, MI 48045

PHONE: 586-465-0960/ 586-239-4614

HOURS: Mon 1000-1600/ Sun 1100-1700/ Tue-Sat 0900-1800

[https://www.shopmyexchange.com/exchange-](https://www.shopmyexchange.com/exchange-stores/United%20States/MI/Selfridge%20ANGB/Selfridge-ANGB--1073110)

[stores/United%20States/MI/Selfridge%20ANGB/Selfridge-ANGB--1073110](https://www.shopmyexchange.com/exchange-stores/United%20States/MI/Selfridge%20ANGB/Selfridge-ANGB--1073110)

DECA

701 George Street

Selfridge ANGB, MI 48045-5011

PHONE: 586-239-5570/4464

HOURS: Mon CLOSED/ Sun 1100-1700/ Tue- Sat 1000 – 1900

<https://www.commissaries.com/stores/html/store.cfm?dodaac=HQCCAS>

Religious Denominations in Area: There are numerous churches, synagogues, and mosques in the greater Detroit area. Please Contact Chaplain Roach for more information!

LT JOSEPH ROACH

Sector Detroit Chaplain & Sector Sault Sainte Marie (East) Chaplain

1461 N. Parimeter Road

Selfridge ANGB, MI 48045-5011

Email: Joseph.L.Roach@uscg.mil

PHONE: (586) 239-2305

24/7 Response - Sector Detroit Command Center: (313) 568-9464/ 9560

<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/chaplain.asp>

Housing:

No military housing available for Sector Detroit. While there are plenty of rental homes and apartments available in the greater Detroit area, the market is unusually fast paced. A quality apartment will typically rent in about four weeks turn-around during transfer season. There is such a large rental inventory you will always be able to find a suitable place to live.

Most personnel attached to Sector Detroit live west of the Interstate 75 corridor. Traffic on south bound of I-75 heading to Toledo gets extremely congested during rush hours. Contact your sponsor or your Department for more information on recommendation.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

MILITARY

Sector Detroit
www.uscg.mil/d9/sectDetroit/default.asp
Selfridge ANG Base
www.127wg.ang.af.mil
TACOM/ Detroit Arsenal
garrison-michigan.army.mil
U. S. Coast Guard Spouses
www.cgspouses.net
MI Vehicle Registration for Military
www.michigan.gov/sos/1,1607,7-127-1640_14837-26169--,00.html

LOCAL CITIES/TOWNS

City of Detroit
www.detroitmi.gov
City of Warren
www.cityofwarren.org
City of Grosse Pointe Wood
www.gpwmj.us
City of Livonia
www.ci.livonia.mi.us
Town of Novi
www.cityofnovi.org
City of Farmington Hills
www.fhgov.com
Harrison Charter Twsp
www.harrison-township.org
City of Roseville
www.roseville-mi.gov
Harrison Charter Twsp
www.ci.saint-clair-shores.mi.us

LOCAL SCHOOLS

Detroit Public School
detroitk12.org
Oakland County Schools
www.oakland.k12.mi.us
Macomb County Schools
www.misd.net
St Clair County Schools
www.sccresa.org

TRANSPORTATION

Detroit Metropolitan Airport
www.metroairport.com
Michigan Public Transit Assoc.
<http://www.mptaonline.org>
Smart Bus
<http://www.smartbus.org>
AMTRAK Detroit
www.amtrak.com

Michigan Department of Transportation
<http://www.michigan.gov/mdot>

RETAIL SHOPPING

Eastland Center
shopeastland.com
Westland Center
westlandcenter.com
Fairlane Town Center
shopfairlane.com
Southland Center
shopsouthlandcenter.com
The Mall at Partridge Creek
shoppartridgecreek.com
Lakeside Mall
shop-lakesidemall.com
Oakland Mall
oaklandmall.com
Somerset Collection
thesomersetcollection.com
Orchard Mall
orchardmallwb.com
Twelve Oaks Mall
shoptwelveoaks.com
Great Lakes Crossing Outlets
greatlakescrossingoutlets.com
The Village of Rochester Hills
villageofrochesterhills.com

DAY CARE/ FAMILY RESOURCE

Ms. Pratt
Family Resource Specialist
Health, Safety, Work-Life Department
Base Cleveland
Phone: 216-902-6353
<https://cgportal2.uscg.mil/units/dol/dol3/BC/H/Family%20Resources/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Reference Map of USCG Sector Detroit

- Main gate
- CG Exchange
- IPF Detroit
- ANT Detroit
- Sector Warehouse
- Main Building:
 - 2nd Deck:
 - Com Ctr
 - SPO
 - Response Dpt.
 - Logistics
 - CGIS
 - 3rd Deck:
 - Prevention Dpt.
 - Reserves Office
- ESD Detroit
- Gym
- USCGC BRISTOL BAY

