

# Coast Guard Station Sault Ste. Marie UNIT INFORMATION



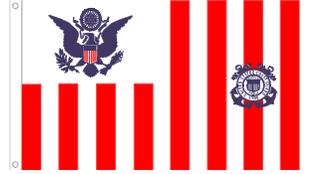
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**UNIT NAME:**                    STATION SAULT STE MARIE

**PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS:**                    OFFICER IN CHARGE  
USCG STATION SAULT STE MARIE  
337 WATER STREET  
SAULT STE MARIE, MI 49783  
ATTN: [Your Name]

**COMMERCIAL PHONE #**                    906-635-3272                    **FAX:** N/A

**E-MAIL:** [First name] (.) [Middle initial] (.) [Last name]@uscg.mil  
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**UNIT'S MISSIONS:** SAR, LE, MEP, HLS, PWCS

**TYPICAL SA/SN JOB ASSIGNMENT:** Boat Crew, Boarding Team Member, Ice Rescuer

**TYPICAL FA/FN JOB ASSIGNMENT:** Boat Crew, Boarding Team Member, Ice Rescuer, 45` RB-M Engineer

**INPORT WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR SA/SN:** Port and Starboard

**INPORT WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR FA/FN:** Port and Starboard

**SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AFTER HOURS:** Contact the OOD at 906-635-3272 and inform them of your estimated time of arrival. The main gate closes at 1700 and you will need to let the Sector watch stander know who you are and you are reporting to the Station.

**HOW MUCH PERSONAL STORAGE SPACE:** 55 cubic feet

**UNIFORM NORMALLY WORN DURING THE WORKDAY:** Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)

**RECOMMENDED UNIFORM ITEMS IN ADDITION TO SEABAG ISSUE:** We strongly recommend having your own cold weather gear.

**AVERAGE TEMPERATURE**      **SUMMER:** 75 F      **WINTER:** 0 F **UNIT**

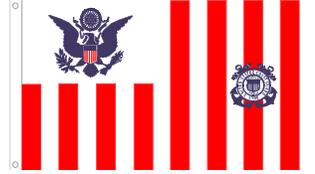
**MUTUAL ASSISTANCE REP/ PHONE** YN1 Lisha Welch (906)635-3301

**WHAT TYPE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE AREA:**

Lake Superior State University and Bay Mills Community College are the two local colleges available. Lake Superior State University has a strong working relation with the Coast Guard, and offers discounted tuition for Coast Guard members and their dependants. We usually have one or two classes taking place on board the base.

**RATINGS PRESENT AT UNIT:** BM, MK, ME

**NAME OF NEAREST CITY AND DISTANCE:** Sault Ste. Marie, MI



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

There is a clinic onboard Sector Sault that has an HSC and the nearest Military Treatment Facility is located approximately 4 hours south at:

United States Coast Guard  
Air Station Traverse City  
175 Airport Access Road  
Traverse City, MI 49686

**LOCATION OF NEAREST EXCHANGE AND COMMISSARY:** There is an Exchange located onboard the base the hours are M-F 0830-1700 and Saturday 1000-1500, they are closed on Sunday. Our nearest Commissary is located at Selfridge Air National Guard Base 5 hours south near Detroit.

**RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE AREA:** There are the following denominations in the Sault Ste. Marie Area: Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, Lutheran, Greek Orthodox, and Presbyterian

**AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IF NOT A CUTTER:** Our AOR extends north to Grand Marais, MI and South to Detour, MI.

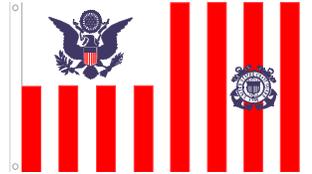
**UNIFORM TO REPORT IN:** If you are reporting between April-October report to the Station in your Trops. If you are reporting between October-March report to the Station in your Bravos.

**IF SPONSOR NOT AVAILABLE, RECRUIT SHOULD ASK FOR:** If your sponsor is not available, you should ask for the OOD. If they are not available then ask for BM1 Joseph Kerr. If you are calling with general questions about the area, any of our shipmates are more than qualified to help answer those.

**ANY OTHER INFORMATION A NEWLY ARRIVING APPRENTICE NEEDS TO KNOW:**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Sault Ste. Marie is a small town located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. If you are planning on driving it is important to check the weather, especially during the Fall/Winter months. If traveling via I-75 you will be required to pay a toll at the Mackinac Bridge, for fare information visit [Mackinac Bridge Fare](#). During periods of high winds the bridge may be temporarily closed, for information regarding the bridge tune to 530am or 1610 am on your radio. If you experience any delays while driving, notify the station's OOD .



If you are flying you will be landing at Chippewa County International (KCIU). CIU is approximately 20 miles south of Sault Ste. Marie in the town of Kinross, MI. Delta is the only servicing airline that goes to Kinross, for schedules visit [Delta's website](#). Notify your sponsor if you need travel arrangements to the station; make sure to give them your arrival time and flight number.

**Single members:** Sector Sault Ste. Marie does have leased housing based on you're BAH. For more information or for any questions contact FS1 Russell Brennan at 906-635-3206 or email [Russell.G.Brennan@uscg.mil](mailto:Russell.G.Brennan@uscg.mil)

**Married members:** you must obtain a release from mandatory assignment to Government Owned Housing prior to procuring housing in the civilian sector. This may be accomplished by contacting the Local Housing Officer, FS1 Russell Brennan, at 906-635-3206. He can also be reached by email at [Russell.G.Brennan@uscg.mil](mailto:Russell.G.Brennan@uscg.mil). You will also need to fill out a form for [Housing Application](#) indicating your intent to occupy or request a release from mandatory assignment.

Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) [rates](#) are set on the Sault Ste. Marie area; the duty station zip code is 49783. Most members on BAH live within Sault Ste. Marie, however housing is available in a few outlying towns (i.e. Kinross, Brimley, Dafter). The local newspaper lists available homes and apartments for rent in the area. Local Real Estate companies also help in locating rental homes.

### **MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS**

**IS MESSING AVAILABLE:** Yes

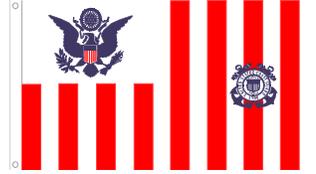
**QUARTERS AND OR BARRACKS AVAILABLE:** No

**RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL 18-20 YR OLD SINGLE MALE/FEMALE:**

Michigan is a No Fault State, insurance varies member to member

**IS UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE:** Yes

**WHERE WILL A SINGLE NON-RATE MORE THAN LIKELY LIVE:** Single members usually live in Harwood Apartments, if leased housing is available, or other rentals on the economy.



**SHOULD MEMBER SUBMIT HOUSING APPLICATION TO HOUSING OFFICE:** YES

**WHERE DO MOST PEOPLE BANK:** Central Savings Bank, Huntington Bank, M Bank, National City Bank

**IS THERE A CREDIT UNION IN THE AREA:** Soo CO-OP Credit Union, Chippewa County Credit Union

**IS THERE A MALL IN THE AREA:** The nearest mall is located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

**MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS**

**COST OF AVERAGE TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT IN THE AREA:** \$600  
Without utilities

**BAH RATE FOR AN E2:** W/O DEP \$675.00 W/ DEP \$900.00  
**E3:** W/O DEP \$675.00 W/ DEP \$900.00

**IS LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE:** No

**IS GOVERNMENT OWNED HOUSING AVAILABLE:** Yes, information is available [here](#)

**WHAT IS THE AVERAGE WAIT FOR HOUSING** 1-3 MONTHS

**HOUSING OFFICE PHONE#** 906-632-7608 **FAX#** 906-632-7622

**WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS LIVE:** Government Housing

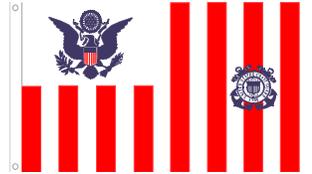
**RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL YOUNG FAMILY:** Insurance varies member to member

**WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE:**  
War Memorial Hospital or their Primary Care Manager.

**WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS GO TO SCHOOL:**

- Sault Area Public Schools (<http://sault.eup.k12.mi.us/saultas/site/default.asp>)
- Lake Superior State University( [www.lssu.edu](http://www.lssu.edu) )

**WHAT LEVEL OF TRICARE IS AVAILABLE:** Tricare Prime Remote



**IS DELTA DENTAL AVAILABLE:** Yes dental is available through United Concordia for active duty and Metlife for dependants

**IS IT ADVISABLE TO BRING DEPENDENTS ALONG WHEN REPORTING?** Yes, however it is important to wait until you have checked in before bringing them to the station

**HAVE A JUNIOR MEMBER DESCRIBE THE AREA, JOB AND ANYTHING ELSE OF INTEREST TO A NEWLY ARRIVING MEMBER:**

Your first 5-6 months will be based on completing mandatory qualifications such as Boat Crewman, Boarding Team Member (BTM), and Ice Rescuer. The typical workday consists of morning boat checks, Preventative Maintenance System (PMS), maintaining the boats and station, and Port and Waterways Coastal Security (PWCS) Patrols. The primary roles of the station are Law Enforcement (LE), Search and Rescue (SAR), and Homeland Security. The station sits right on the St. Mary's River, which creates a border between the U.S. and Canada. Sault Ste Marie offers great opportunities for hiking, fishing, camping, hunting, etc. There are places to shop, eat, watch a movie, and even go bowling in the city. It is miserably cold and windy in the winter months, but nice in the summer. Expect a lot of snow in the winter. Housing for members with dependents is very nice. There are also apartments in the area to rent from or you can find a house in the economy. Welcome to Sault Ste. Marie, MI!