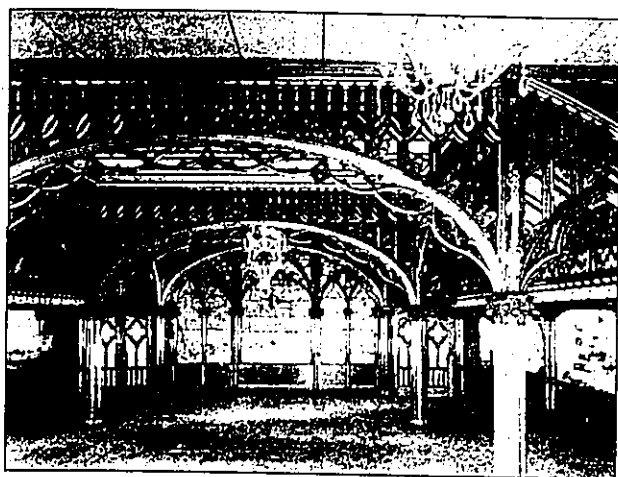




DOSSIN MUSEUM'S GOTHIC ROOM—Hand carved Corinthian columns flow into lacy golden oak arches suspended below a pine and gilt ceiling. This was the showpiece of the giant sidewheeler "City of Detroit II."

It contains aquariums and video presentations as well as exhibits. It also displays the only major artifacts from the shipwreck of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, its two lifeboats.

You can dock at Mariner's Park Marina, adjacent to the *Valley Camp*. From atop the Tower of History nearby, enjoy a view of the 500 Sault locks and Michigan's oldest city.

Back to the south at Port Huron, you can tour the lightship *Huron*. Now a National Historic Landmark, she is being restored at Pine Grove Park and will become a permanent exhibit of the Museum of Arts and History. For 36 years this lightship guarded the Corisca Shoals in Lake Huron north of the Blue Water bridge. She was retired in 1971. Self-guided tours are available to the public.

The Museum of Arts and History at the corner of Wall and 6th Streets features ship models, photos and artifacts from Great Lakes ships and pleasure boats. In a reconstructed pilot

house, visitors can ring bells, bellow orders into the speaking tube, spin the great ship's wheel, and generally play at being a seaperson. They made the pilot room handy on so children of all ages can have a good time with it.

Across the state, at South Haven on Lake Michigan, the Michigan Maritime Museum occupies a large interpretive center overlooking the Black River Tunnine Bay. It houses the center is a wooden lighthouse discovered by two fishermen in the summer in a small inland lake in Allegan County. Scientific data shows the native American vessel was built in the 1700s.

With models, photographs and artifacts, it demonstrates how vessels from canoes to great ships were built and used on the Great Lakes. It displays underwater archaeology, native American traditions, fishing, shipping, U.S. Lifesaving and Coast Guard Services, small boatbuilding and recreational boating.

The museum received a National Preservation Honors Award for its archaeological study of the 19th century schooner that went

down nearby in Lake Michigan. It, 1,000-volume Martalyce Canome, Great Lakes Research Library specializes in the anthropology of maritime man.

Also worth a visit is the *USS Silversides*, America's most famous surviving World War II submarine, welcoming visitors at Muskegon. Replicas of the Great Lakes schooners *Madelaine* and the *Malabar* are moving museums in Traverse City. The Marquette Maritime Museum explores maritime history in its area of Lake Superior. At Presque Isle, the Old Lighthouse and Museum focuses on 19th century lighthouse service and seafaring life.

The former passenger steamer *SS Keweenaw* invites visitors to tour its 350-foot length as it rests permanently at a dock in Douglas. A steam tug and sailing fishing boat are also on hand at the site.

In Lansing, the Michigan

Historical Museum offers occasional temporary exhibits on Great Lakes subjects, such as birthplace and lifesaving stations, plus information on collection that includes a variety of American maritime vessels.

Just a short drive from Muskegon, another Michigan Maritime Museum is located in the town of Charlevoix. This scenic spot, overlooking the Charlevoix Bay, features a collection of maritime vessels, including a 19th century schooner, a 19th century tugboat, and a 19th century fishing boat. The museum also features a variety of maritime artifacts.

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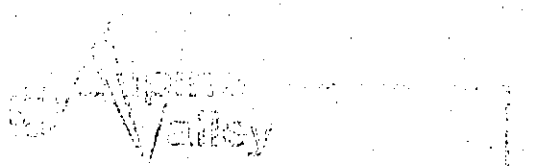
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