

Our Maritime Heritage



The first tour boat “BIDE-A-WEE”, a Scottish Word meaning “Stay a While”.

Captain Milo Beechwood Welch started the Soo Lock Tours in 1934 after many years working as a tug boat captain. Prior to starting the Soo Locks Tours, Captain Welch assisted the ships and tow-barges into the Soo Locks. He sold everything he had to fulfill his dream of sharing the wonder of the Soo Locks with others. His first tour boat was a wooden motor yacht named “BIDE-A-WEE”.

Captain Welch retired the original “BIDE-A-WEE” and upgraded to a steel vessel. This boat would also be named “BIDE-A-WEE”.



The third tour boat named “BIDE-A-WEE” was built by Blount Marine of Warren, Rhode Island in 1955. Blount Marine would later build two more tour boats named Holiday in 1957 and Hiawatha in 1959.

Mission Statement:

By the grace of God, we are a dedicated crew providing our guests a Great Maritime Adventure.

2022 Lock Tour Schedule

ALL DEPARTURES FROM DOCK # 1
1157 East Portage Ave.

MAY 15 – MAY 21

10:00 am 1:00 pm

MAY 22 – JUNE 12

10:00 am 1:00 pm 3:30 pm

JUNE 13 – JUNE 21

10:00 am 12:30 pm 3:00 pm

MORE DEPARTURES MAY BE ADDED DURING BUSY TIMES
Call (906) 632-6301

JUNE 22 – AUGUST 20

10:00 am 11:00 am

12:30 pm 1:45 pm

3:00 pm 4:30 pm

AUGUST 21 – SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 am 1:00 pm 3:30 pm

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SEPTEMBER 3 & 4 – LABOR DAY WEEKEND

10:00 am 11:30 am 12:30 pm

1:30 pm 3:00 pm

4:00 pm 5:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 5 – OCTOBER 15

10:00 am 1:00 pm 3:30 pm

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NOTICES AND DISCLAIMERS

Rain or shine (7 days a week). Tour is approximately 1 3/4 hours. We may have additional early and late departures for motor coach groups where individual passengers are welcome to sail with the groups. Call for details. Most tours include locking through both US and Canadian Locks. Unforeseen circumstances may arise where the tour will lock upbound and downbound only through the US or Canadian Locks. Schedule subject to change without notice. Company reserves the right to cancel tour for less than 15 passengers. Company does not guarantee that every tour will ride with a freighter.

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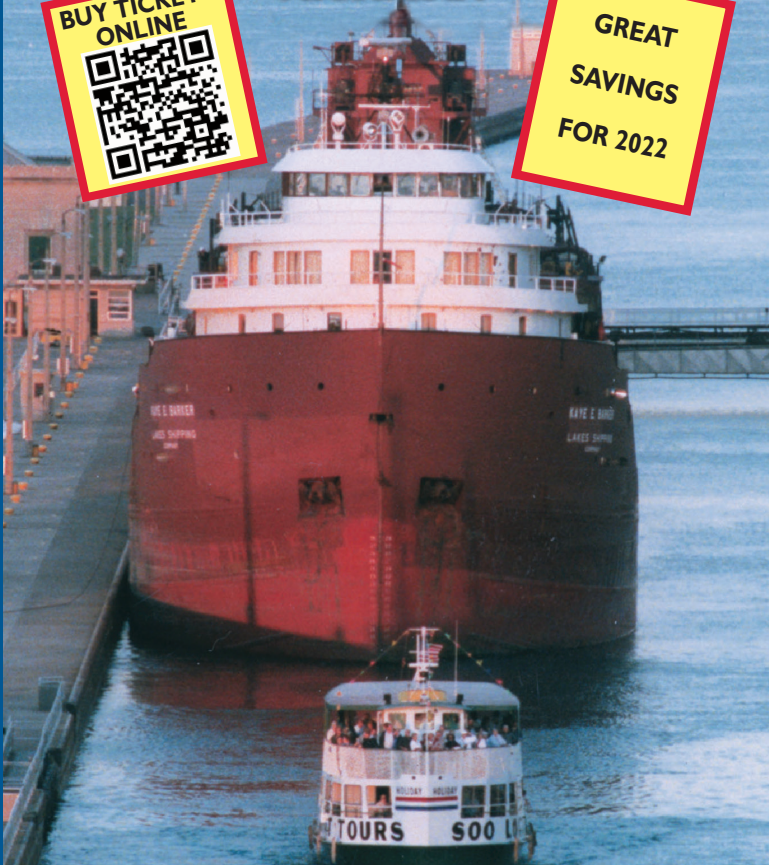
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RIDE THROUGH THE SOO LOCKS WITH US!



Capture many thrilling sights!

Join us for a true Maritime Adventure!

- Enjoy a live narrated cruise on the beautiful St. Mary's River and actually "Ride Through the Soo Locks". You will experience both an up-bound and down-bound lockage through the Soo Locks.
- See both U.S. and Canadian Locks.
- Cruise right alongside the giant ships!
- Go under the International Highway Bridge
- Get a close-up view of huge hydroelectric power plants.
- Learn the rich history of the Soo Locks and area.
- View many interesting sights on the Michigan and Ontario waterfronts.
- No Passport Needed

Get ready to wave at the Captain and crew as we cruise right along-side the giant ships. We may even get a Master Salute as we get up close.

Here's one of the thirteen 1,000 foot super freighters entering into the Poe Lock with only 2 1/2 feet on either side of the giant ship.

Special Cruises

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Fireworks Cruise July 1st & 4th

July 1st Canada Day
See the Canadian Fireworks by boat. It's a great show!

July 4th Independence Day
The American Fireworks are an absolute wonder.

The Firework Cruises depart from Dock #1 at 9:15 pm. The cruise is 1 1/2 hours. It does not include a Lock Tour.

"The fireworks are so close, you can almost reach out and touch them!"

Private Charters

ALL DEPARTURES FROM DOCK #1
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Private Charters are available for an evening tour of the St. Mary's River, Soo Locks, or Sugar Island's Old North channel.

- Convention Functions
- Class Reunions
- Company Outings
- Family Reunions

Private Charters are a Great Way to enjoy an evening on the beautiful St. Mary's River. This makes for a great get-together for Convention Functions, Class Reunions, Company Outings, and Family Reunions.

Vessel & Dockside Services

- All boats are climate controlled
- All boats have snack bars and rest rooms
- All boats and dock facility are handicap accessible
- Hydrostatic cleaning of vessels and sanitizing before all cruises
- Dock Facility has easy access
- Plenty of Free Parking
- Pet kennels are available for free to guests