

OUR MARITIME HERITAGE



Captain Milo Beechwood Welch started the Soo Locks Tours in 1934 after many years of working as a tug boat captain.

Prior to starting the now family-owned 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 and is currently in operation! Additionally, Blount Marine would later build two more tour boats named Holiday in 1957 and Hiawatha in 1959.



"BIDE-A-WEE"

is Scottish for stay a while.

2023 BOAT SCHEDULE



TAKE A TRIP!



2023 Schedule

All tours depart from Dock #1

1157 E. Portage Ave.

May 15 – June 16

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

June 17– August 20

10:00 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm
1:30 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 pm

August 21 – September 1

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

September 2 - 3 (Labor Day Weekend)

10:00 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm
1:30 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 pm

September 4 – October 15

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

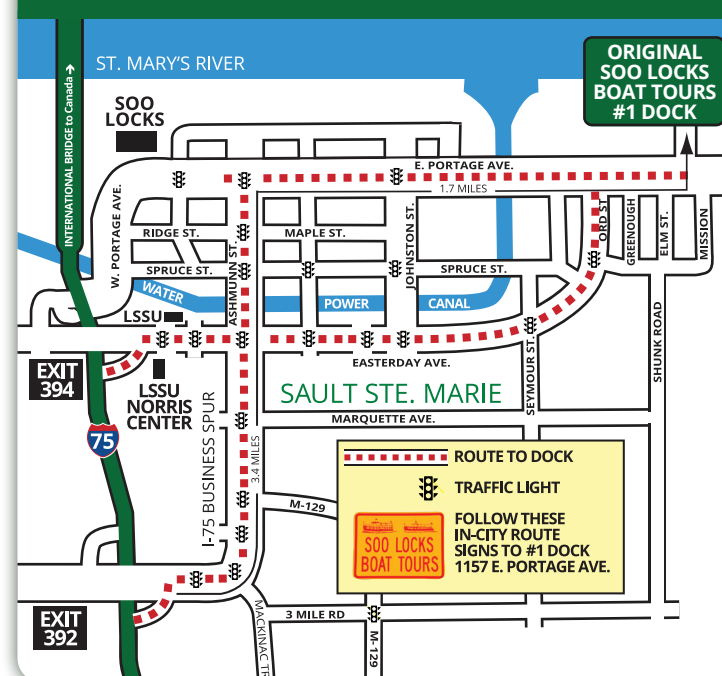
Please note schedule is subject to change due to lock availability and weather.



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. Our tours include locking through both US and Canadian Locks. Unforeseen circumstances may arise where the tour will lock up-bound and down-bound 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.

DOCK LOCATION



PLAN YOUR TRIP FOR 2023!

SCAN HERE

FOR TICKETS



THE #1 DOCK IN SAULT STE. MARIE

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SPECIAL CRUISES

All tours depart from Dock #1
1157 E. Portage Ave.



FIREWORKS CRUISE



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.

Departs: 9:15pm from Dock #1

Duration: 1.5 hours (It does not include a Lock Tour)

PRIVATE CHARTERS



Evening tour of the St. Mary's River, Soo Locks, or Sugar Island's Old North Channel

Great for convention functions, class reunions, family reunions, or company outings!

VESSEL & DOCKSIDE SERVICES



All boats feature: climate control, snackbars, and rest rooms



Hydrostatic cleaning of vessels and sanitizing before all cruises



Plenty of **FREE** Parking



All boats and dock facilities are handicap accessible



Dock Facility has easy access



Pet kennels are available for **FREE** to guests

GET READY TO WAVE!



Get ready to wave at the Captain and crew as we cruise right alongside the giant ships!

We may even get a Master Salute as we get up close!

SEE 1,000 FT SUPER FREIGHTERS!



Above is one of the thirteen 1000 ft super freighters entering into the Poe Lock with only 2 ½ feet on either side of the giant ship.

CRUISE THE LOCKS, NO PASSPORT REQUIRED!



Enjoy both up-bound and down-bound lockage through the American and Canadian Locks.



SEE MORE!



Learn the rich history of the Soo Locks & the area!



In 2022, Original Soo Locks Boat Tours was purchased by Interlake Maritime Services — we are proud to remain a family-owned business!