USCG BOATHOUSE

The Michigan Maritime Museum is home to one of the most complete collections of wooden rescue boats used by the United State Lifesaving Service and Coast Guard. There are four fully restored vessels which include the Merryman, an 1881 rescue boat, a 26ft. pulling surfboat used in the 1920s and 1930s, a 26ft. motor surfboat from the 1930s and 1940s, and a 1949 36ft. motor lifeboat. The vessels are enclosed in a replica Coast Guard boathouse, the likes of which have dotted the Great Lakes coastline for over a century.