



## Station Grand Haven, Michigan

USLSS Station #9, Eleventh District  
Coast Guard Station #270

<b>Location:</b>	North side entrance of Grand Haven Harbor, Mich., 1 3/4 mile east northeast of Pierhead Rear Light;
<b>Date of Conveyance</b>	1874
<b>Station Built:</b>	1875
<b>Fate:</b>	Still in operation

### Remarks:

The history of the Coast Guard in Grand Haven dates back to at least 1876 when the Eleventh District of the U.S. Life Saving Service established headquarters in town. Following the reorganization of Life Saving and Revenue Cutter services into the Coast Guard in 1915, Grand Haven became headquarters for Tenth Coast Guard District. With the reorganization of 1939, Cleveland succeeded Grand Haven as headquarters of the Ninth District, but Grand Haven remained an important location with a Coast Guard Station, a lighthouse, and the cutter *Escanaba*, which exploded and sank on June 13, 1943 while on convoy duty in the North Atlantic. All but two men of the 103-man crew died that day.

Group Grand Haven (April 6, 1997)

The Group office moved to its current location in Grand Haven in 1988. Prior to that time it had been located at various sites in Muskegon and Ludington.

Rifle Range

In February 1973, federal surplus property known as Grand Haven Coast Guard Rifle Range, Ferrysburg, Michigan, was assigned to the Department of the Interior

for conveyance to the City of Ferrysburg for parks and recreation purposes. It was officially transferred to the city on July 13, 1973.

## Fatal Accident

April 28, 1991, William Dale Kozlowski, a seaman of Grand Haven Station, was fatally injured by the propeller of the Station's 22-foot small boat after being tossed from the station canoe during a collision with the small boat, 50 feet from the dock. A second crewmember on board the canoe received minor head injuries.

## Keepers:

Richard Connell was appointed keeper on 11 JUL 1876 and left in 1879 (?)

John DeYoung was appointed keeper on 21 FEB 1879 and was dismissed on 22 NOV 1884.

James Beauvais was appointed keeper on 29 JAN 1885 and resigned on 30 JUN 1888.

John Lysaght was appointed keeper on 9 JUL 1888 and resigned on 19 APR 1910.

William Walker was appointed keeper on 23 MAY 1910 and was still serving in 1915.

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## Photography:

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