

Star of Saugatuck Boat Cruises  
P.O. Box 654 – 716 Water Street, Saugatuck, MI 49453

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2018 FACT SHEET

**WHOLE BOAT RENTAL**

Upper Deck Capacity – 80  
Capacity – 70 (Set up with Buffet 56)

**MAY – JUNE – SEPTEMBER (After Labor Day) – OCTOBER** Sunday thru FRIDAY

BASE PRICE: Including up to 50 Passengers (Minimum)

**PLEASE NOTE: Prices in red reflects the cash discount (Payment by check or cash).**

1 ½ Hour Cruise - Minimum: \$900.00/**\$850.00** Per person charge over 50 - \$18.00/\$17.00

\* 2 Hour Cruise - Minimum: \$1,200.00/\$1,132.50 Per person charge over 50 - \$24.00/\$22.65

**MAY & OCTOBER**

**SATURDAY**

BASE PRICE: Including up to 60 Passengers

1½ Hour Cruise – Minimum \$1,080.00/\$1,020.00 Per person charge over 60 - \$18.00/\$17.00

\* 2 Hour Cruise - Minimum \$1,440.00/\$1,359.00 Per person charge over 60 - \$24.00/\$22.65

**JUNE & SEPTEMBER**

**SATURDAY**

BASE PRICE: Including up to 80 Passengers

1½ Hour Cruise \$1,440.00/\$1,360.00 Per person charge over 80 \$18.00/\$17.00

\* 2 Hour Cruise \$1,920.00/\$1,812.00 Per person charge over 80 \$24.00/\$22.65

**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> through Friday prior to LABOR DAY**

**MONDAY thru FRIDAY**

BASE PRICE: Including up to 100 Passengers

1½ Hour Cruise \$1,800.00/\$1,700.00 Per person charge over 100 \$18.00/\$17.00

\* 2 Hour Cruise \$2,400.00/\$2,265.00 Per person charge over 100 \$24.00/\$22.65

**SATURDAY – SUNDAY & ALL HOLIDAY'S\*** BASE PRICE: 135 Passengers

1½ Hour Cruise \$2,700.00/\$2,565.00 Per person charge over 100 \$20.00/\$19.00

\* 2 Hour Cruise \$3,598.00/**\$3,422.00** Per person charge over 100 \$26.65/**\$25.35**

\*Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Venetian and Labor Day Weekends

**\* 2 Hour cruises subject to availability and doesn't create a conflict with published departure cruise schedule.**

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**Youth: (6 thru 12): 1 ½ Hour Cruise:** \$9.00/~~\$8.50~~  
Monday thru Friday's & Off Season \$8.10/~~\$7.65~~  
**2 Hour Cruise:** \$12.00/~~\$10.80~~  
Monday thru Friday's & Off Season \$10.80/~~\$ 9.75~~

**Children: (3 thru 5): 1 ½ Hour Cruise:** \$5.50/~~\$5.00~~  
Monday thru Friday & Off Season \$5.50/~~\$4.95~~  
**2 Hour Cruise:** \$ 7.35/~~\$6.65~~  
Monday thru Friday & Off Season \$ 6.60/~~\$5.90~~

**DOCKSIDE MOORING:** If you wish to return after your cruise and moor dockside to continue your party we can do so for a \$500.00 per hour dockside mooring fee. Minimum cruise time is 1½ hours. Please note that passengers leaving the boat will not be allowed to return onboard at a later time.

When moored dockside, events shall end by 10:30 p.m. and teardown completed by 11:00 p.m.

**DEPOSIT:** Charters require a \$500.00 deposit (\$900.00 if total cost is over \$1,000.00) **14 days** after receiving your contract, with the balance due **30 days** prior to your departure date. **Total cancellation of your cruise made less than 30 days out will forfeit their entire deposit, unless the charter is rescheduled 30 days prior to charter.** Bar tabs may be paid after your cruise.

**ACCEPTED PAYMENT:** Credit: (Visa, Master Card, Discover, American Express) debit card, cash, personal or organizational check.

PLEASE NOTE: Cash discounted rate is given when paying with cash or check (denoted in red on rate page).

**GRATUITY:** Gratuities are not included in the cost of the cruise. It is left up to your discretion if you wish to leave a gratuity for the crew or if the crew may leave a tip jar out.

**REFUNDS:** A full refund will be made (by company check) if cruise is cancelled due to severe weather, high winds, heavy rain, weather warning or mechanical failure ONLY by Star of Saugatuck. Cruises will depart in the event of rain or snow, and there will not be any adjustments made in pricing if fewer persons attend for whatever reason. **If the boat may not leave the dock due to a mechanical failure or weather, you may hold your event onboard for 1 ½ hours, dockside, for a \$500.00 usage fee.**

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**CANCELLATION:** To receive a full refund of your deposit, cruise must be cancelled **one (1) month** prior to departure date. You must speak with Marilyn Starring (or her designated representative) personally when cancelling your cruise. Deposit refund will be mailed back to you within 10 business days of cancellation. Failure to cancel the cruise anything less than 30 days prior will forfeit your deposit. If you fail to cancel and do not show for the cruise, you will be billed for the entire amount of the charter. You will receive a full refund on your deposit IF Star of Saugatuck cancels the trip due to weather or mechanical failure. IF you choose to cancel your private charter due to weather, lack of attendance less than 30 days in advance, you will not receive a full refund on your deposit.

**BEVERAGES:** The Star of Saugatuck holds a state of Michigan liquor license. We sell beer, wine, wine coolers, mixed drinks, soft drinks, bottled water, chips and candy. We are more than willing to work with you for your beverage needs for your event. You may have a cash bar, run a tab (your choice of beverages or full bar) or issue drink tickets with it becoming a cash bar after the tickets have been used, or have a non-alcoholic cruise.

You may not bring your own alcoholic beverages onboard the Star of Saugatuck. Anyone bringing alcohol onboard will cause **immediate termination** of the charter, without refund. Alcoholic beverages may **not** be taken off the boat.

A list of beverages that we carry can be provided for you to review at your request. Payment for tabs/drink tickets may be made after the cruise has been returned to the dock.

**Special Alcohol Orders:**

You may special order alcoholic beverages thru Star of Saugatuck. We will need to know specific type of beverage you require, and quantity. We need this order at least 14 days in advance of your charter, additional time would be better.

You will be charged for all beverages ordered. We do not have a take-out liquor license – any unused alcohol will remain in the possession of Star of Saugatuck, please order accordingly.

Please drink responsibly. We want everyone to have a fun time while onboard during your cruise, BUT we are not a “booze cruise” and if this is what you desire we would suggest that you charter another boat. We strongly urge you to have designated drivers or provide transportation for your guests if they will be drinking. The Saugatuck/Douglas police are very “pro-active” in stopping persons they suspect of drinking and driving. Drinking is a privilege – not a right.

We reserve the right to refuse serving alcoholic beverages to anyone who appears to be intoxicated. Please note we do not do shots or doubles for mixed drinks.

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Legal drinking age in the state of Michigan is 21. If ask to provide proof of age a picture identification must be used, such as a driver’s license. If you cannot provide photo identification you will **not** be served. Also, no one may get/buy a drink and give it to a minor or someone who has been asked for identification and cannot provide it.

The bars will discontinue serving alcohol approximately 20 minutes prior to return to our dock.

**If running a bar tab, there is a 3% service fee from prices quoted when paying with card. Prices listed are cash discounted rate.**

If you need to arrange for transportation for your guests you may privately hire the Interurban Transit system – 269-857-1418, or Saugatuck Taxi – 269-543-3355. We strongly recommend designated drivers for each vehicle if your guests will be driving themselves after your event.

**FOOD:** You may bring your own food, use a local caterer (see list) or use a caterer of your choice. If there is **any food** served during your cruise, you are required to rent the entire boat. Your caterer must provide us with proof of insurance and name Queen of Saugatuck Inc. as an additional insured on their policy for the date of your charter. Caterer must use their own serving staff to set up, serve, and remove the food immediately after the cruise – catering staff will be included in head count, but you will not be charged for them. Caterer may have a minimal amount of time to set up/tear down. All food should come prepared and ready to serve, as there is no prep area onboard the boat. There is minimal storage area for hot boxes as well. Caterer must also provide table linens, serving utensils, plates, napkins, and tableware. Caterer may use sterno to keep food warm. Caterer’s will be required to sign a “third party catering agreement” at least 30 days in advance, which will be submitted to the MLCC for approval.

**CATERER’S** (Have served food onboard.)

Blue Star Meat Company	<a href="http://www.bluestarcatering.com">www.bluestarcatering.com</a>	616-392-4291
Catering Concepts Pam	<a href="http://www.westmichigancatering.com">www.westmichigancatering.com</a>	616-392-3666
Christine Ferris Catering Christine	<a href="http://www.cfcatering.com">www.cfcatering.com</a>	616-494-0923
Hope College Catering -	<a href="http://www.hope.edu/dining/catering">www.hope.edu/dining/catering</a>	616-395-7210
Gilmore Collection	<a href="http://www.gilmore-catering.com">www.gilmore-catering.com</a>	616-356-2627
Riverside Market - Jim		269-857-8899
Boatwerks	<a href="http://www.boatwerksrestaurant.com">www.boatwerksrestaurant.com</a>	616-396-0600
Shanahan Catering – Sharon		616-836-0147

Meijer’s, Family Fare, D&W and Sam’s Club also have party platters to go.

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**MUSIC:** Onboard we have a p.a. system which may be heard throughout the entire boat and is available for your use. You may have a full, partial, or no narration during your cruise – your choice. A small dance area may be arranged on the upper deck. We need to know in advance if you wish to have a dance area for your private charter.

We can play c.d.'s over our p.a. system or hook up an i-pod. This system is for background music only – if you wish to “crank up” the tunes for dancing you will need to provide your own amplification system.

Music cannot be so loud that the captain cannot hear VHF radio messages or deliver directions to the crew for normal/emergency operating procedures of the boat. Captain has final decision on volume of the music.

If you have musician(s) such as disc jockey, karaoke, or live music they must be included in the head count, but you will not be charged for them. Musical groups will consist of **no more than three (3) persons.**

Musicians **are required** to carry liability insurance and name Queen of Saugatuck Inc. as an additional insured for your event on their insurance policy. If they do not have insurance, we can provide it for them through our carrier for \$125.00 per event. We will need at least one week's notice to provide this coverage and payment is due in advance. If your musician(s) provided their own policy, we must have this policy in our possession **one week** in advance of your cruise.

If your musician(s) does not have liability insurance, or we are not provided a copy of the policy **musicians will not be allowed onboard the boat – this is non-negotiable.** Musician check-off list will be provided with contract.

This insurance is for liability **only** and does **not** cover any of their equipment if damaged or lost. The Star of Saugatuck is not responsible for any damage to their instruments or equipment while onboard. Musicians are responsible for taking all equipment on/off the boat.

All equipment must be adequately secured to prevent it's falling over if bumped by a passenger, or if the boat rocks due to a wave or wake from another boat. An aisle must be left on each side of the pilothouse to access the stairway and may **not** be blocked. Speakers may not be put on pedestals or hung in any manner. Bungee cords, rope, or plastic tie straps are acceptable methods of securing their equipment. Final set up is subject to management approval for crew/passenger accessibility and safety.

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Even though musicians are “free” they must be included in the total number of passengers allowed on the upper deck, and if they bring heavy equipment (i.e. speakers) onboard this too may diminish the amount of passenger you may put on the upper deck – this is a U.S. Coast Guard stability regulation which we strictly adhere to.

**CRUISE TIME:** Cruises will begin at your scheduled departure time. Boarding will begin 10-15 minutes prior to that time and all passengers will be issued a boarding pass. If you elect to wait for additional party members to arrive, cruise time will **not** be adjusted. If the departure is delayed (i.e.: Waiting for weather to pass over or making a mechanical repair.) cruise time will be adjusted.

**DECORATIONS:** Decorations must be approved prior to your putting them up. Decorating time may be minimal prior to your departure. You are responsible for putting up and removing (immediately after the cruise) decorations from the boat. String and plastic tie straps are acceptable. Duct, masking or scotch tape, thumb tacks, nails, etc. anything that would leave a permanent mark or remove paint may not be used to secure decorations. If you have table decorations, they should be secured to the table (florist putty works).

No open flame is allowed onboard the boat. No fireworks or Japanese lanterns may be launched off the boat.

**SEATING CAPACITY:** Maximum upper deck capacity is eighty (**80**) passengers. Lower deck seating capacity is seventy (**70**) passengers. If you set up a buffet on the lower deck seating capacity is reduced to fifty-four (**54**) passengers.

U.S. Coast Guard limits passengers allowed on the upper deck to 80 passengers. This is a strictly adhered to regulation, and our crew closely monitors the number of passenger’s top side. When maximum capacity is reached on the upper deck, all other passengers will be required to go to the lower deck, or they may stand out on the bow. Standing on the stairways going to the upper deck is not permissible. If you are going to have over 80 passengers, you may want to make out a seating arrangement to determine who will have upper/lower deck seating. Upper deck passengers will be wrist banded to help crew determine who is eligible to be on the upper deck and who are lower deck passenger.

100-135 passengers are a comfortable number of passengers to have onboard. The boat can handle 150 passengers but feels extremely congested. If you are having food onboard we would suggest no more than 125 passengers.

Passengers behaving in a manner, which is considered a danger to the boat, other passengers onboard, or crew member, will be removed from the vessel, and may face federal prosecution. If the situation warrants it may cause immediate termination of the cruise, with **no refund**.

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We request that you designate a person onboard the boat that the captain or crew may talk to if such a situation arises during your cruise.

**You are liable to any damages sustained to the Star of Saugatuck II caused by any of your party members.**

**SMOKING:** Cruises are non-smoking to comply with State of Michigan Liquor Liability laws.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Restrooms are located on the lower deck of the boat. There are two restrooms, and the men's serves as a unisex-handicapped accessible restroom.

The Star can accommodate individuals using canes, walkers or non-motorized wheelchairs that are not wider than 27". Passengers in wheelchairs will be seated on our lower deck. Please note that we **cannot** accommodate motorized wheelchairs or scooters due to fluxuating water levels on our gangplank. We do have a non-motorized wheelchair that your party may use for boarding dockside.

For your guest's safety and comfort, we suggest rubber soled shoes and no heels or flip flops.

**EXTREME CAUTION** should be used if decks become wet – certain shoes on wet boat decks become extremely slippery and extreme caution should be used when moving around the boat. We strongly suggest not wearing high heels, crocks or flip flops.

Children must always remain under adult supervision. Passengers are not allowed to stand on chairs or tables for safety purposes.

Due to increased security regulations, no packages may be brought onboard. All bags, as well as, passengers may be subject to random searches anytime – prior to boarding or onboard the boat. Upon heightened security photo identification, may be required and a passenger roster will be kept dockside with all passengers onboard. You will be notified in advance if this will be a requirement. Time frame will be as soon as U.S. Coast Guard gives us notice (i.e. 9/11 is example of when we would enforce such an alert.)

Firearms or weapons of any type **are not** allowed onboard – if you carry "conceal carry permit" you will need to provide proper identification dockside prior to boarding.

We have surveillance camera's onboard both decks of the boat.