



## **U.S.C.G. Auxiliary Calling all amateur radio operators !**

Announcing an amateur radio special event  
*station to commemorate*

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary

All U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members, who are amateur radio operators, (and our amateur radio operator guests, especially from Hamfesters ARC) are invited to operate a "special event radio station" on **Saturday October 22, 2016**. Our official callsign is **W9C**. We will operate on amateur H.F. frequencies to commemorate the 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. This annual event provides an opportunity to exercise our capabilities while demonstrating our skills to a wide and diverse audience.

*Our amateur operators will set up and operate a special event radio station, using high frequency. We will operate out of the US Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor. Official USCG Aux. special event amateur radio stations will be operating "on the air" all day with special 1 X 1 call signs, contacting amateur radio operators and other U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary stations. Voice and digital modes are permitted. Stations are permitted to operate Friday, Saturday and Sunday if they desire.*

*Our official special event station will send out free commemorative QSL's. Last year over 50 USCG Aux. special event stations contacted thousands of other amateurs, and USCG Auxiliary members, to commemorate the USCG Auxiliary anniversary.*

## **Welcome and Bravo Zulu to the many stations participating in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary radio day.**

The USCG AUX Amateur radio Special Event is an excellent chance to practice communication skills, enjoy Fellowship and to Introduce non USCG AUX members to the Auxiliary or get existing Auxiliary members involved with Communications.

The best location for your event station is one that relates to the event we are commemorating, but any well-equipped station is a good option. Getting public exposure is always good for your event station.

Advertise your event station on web sites, Coast Guard Auxiliary sites , club newsletters QRZ , QST and amateur radio forums. Stations can publish their QSL information and remember to announce QSL information often while on the air.

You are urged to invite guests to attend your special event station. USCG AUX members, Non members, amateurs and even Ex Coast Guard would enjoy participating.

Select the frequencies in the general portion of each band that work best for your station or current band conditions. Avoid frequencies that are used for organized nets and Avoid Conflicts. Don't worry you can always move up or down the band a little to avoid interference.

During the event be Courteous on the air and to any guests or other operators. Make sure operators share use of the microphone. Give QSL information often and remember to ID your station every 10 minutes and at the end of each contact.

If you have newer operators with little experience attending provide a phonetics table, Q signal table, and a frequency chart. Post your station call sign in a prominent place and a short script that includes a brief description of the event and the QSL information.

Take pictures of your event station in operation and get the names of the operators. Send your photos in with your "final report", also publish them in USCG Auxiliary newsletters and web sites as well as amateur radio sites after the event.

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Make it a fun day of Fellowship and an enjoyable event for yourself and your guests.

I operated this event from C.G. Station Wilmette Harbor a few years ago. I publicized the event through my ham club and throughout my division and several C.G. Aux. hams from the division and club hams attended. We spent as much time story-telling as we did operating. I found that the hams were most appreciative operating from a "Government Facility" with a 1X1 call sign. We were actually on the transmitting end of pileups!

My suggestion is to interact with station personnel as much as possible, which means as much as the officer-in-charge wants. Always ask him first.

Some hams view themselves as experts in radio and as such, just want to get the station set up and on the air as quickly as possible. Try to explain every step of the set-up to as many station personnel as permitted. It's be a good idea for you to have either a Public Relations person and/or a Safety person explain the set-up and what you expect to achieve the station personnel, especially the to the officer-in-charge.

One item you can call attention to is the emergency portable aspect of your radio station that can assist the C.G. (Gold Side) whenever an emergency portable radio station is needed. You can also point out that your station can support VHF as well as HF radio traffic.

Remember, this is more of a Coast Guard Auxiliary event than a ham "Field Day" event, and we know how some hams can act.

Respect the C.G.'s territory (station) in regards to:

- 1) Hours of operation (ask beforehand)
- 2) Parking (ask beforehand)
- 3) Checking in with the C.G. (a must)
- 4) Professional set-up (always ask permission for radio, antenna and cable locations)
- 5) Economical use of space (don't take up too much space)
- 6) Non-interference with C.G. operations (don't get in their way)
- 7) Proactively invite station personnel to view your activity through the officer-in-charge
- 8) Don't be too big or too loud (a ham characteristic)
- 9) Ask the officer-in-charge a few times during the event if everything is OK
- 10) Clean-up, clean-up, clean-up

Have you considered offering W9AA as an Aux. facility? I'll ask DSO Mike Wiedel if that's possible.

Remember, you are a guest in their house. Have a good time. Have a respectful time.

Greg Kniec, W9WIZ  
ADSO-CM

# 1x1 Special Event Call Signs

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## W9C : U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 77th Anniversary

Start Date: **October 21, 2016**

End Date: **October 23, 2016**

Coordinator: ARRL

Record ID: 13571

Requisitioned by: **Michael Vannier**

Call Sign: N9NNL

Address: 2700 E Vandrunen Drive  
Crete, IL 60637

Email: [mwvannier@gmail.com](mailto:mwvannier@gmail.com)

Phone: (708) 269-8040

# Suggested Script for Event Stations

October 22, 2016

“CQ CQ CQ”

This is W9C “Whiskey Niner Charlie”  
Commemorating the 77th Anniversary of the  
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

"Calling CQ and Standing By" .....

Exchange = Name & QTH of contact [enter in log]

QSL Info = Send an SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) to  
[N9NNL] for a commemorative QSL card.

“This station will also be operating on  
[7.180, 14.295, 21.315, 28.420] “

**NOTE: FCC requires you ID with the trustee call  
Once every hour when using a 1 X 1 Call !**



Michael Vannier &lt;mwwannier@gmail.com&gt;

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## Radio Day Reminder October 22, 2016

1 message

**Dan Amoroso** <nm3s@prodigy.net>

Mon, Oct 17, 2016 at 8:45 AM

To: Alan Stanton <alan.stanton62@gmail.com>, cfed43@mchsi.com, cgaux8@yahoo.com, christopher miller <millerchris75@yahoo.com>, EGlasscott4670@ieee.org, Eric Simmons <kb6yno@comcast.net>, gyoung@worchester.edu, hopwoodwt@yahoo.com, "J. Walker" <jwalker.mn@gmail.com>, Jack Satterfield <jack@satterfield.org>, Jack Slattery <john.slattery@cgauxnet.us>, John Bigrow <rowbig@hotmail.com>, John Mellen <john.mellen.46@gmail.com>, Joseph Cotton <cottonj@gmail.com>, Joseph Mracna <josephmracna@gmail.com>, Julius Nagy <juliusnagy1943@gmail.com>, ke2un@msn.com, Kenny Johns <ham.wn8y@gmail.com>, kredden@boatmoves.com, Michael Vannier <mwwannier@gmail.com>, Mike Slepian <mrslep@comcast.net>, n2dv@arrl.net, n8cev@frontier.com, Paul Sadeck <pgs-uscga-gov@comcast.net>, "Rafael R. Shabetai" <rshabetai@palig.com>, Richard Taylor <Richard.Taylor@cgauxnet.us>, Robert Vanderhyde <ww6bbb@arrl.net>, shaneford@aol.com, Tom Traynor <thtraynor@att.net>, w3di@arrl.net, w4cga@msn.com, w9wiz@yahoo.com, Wes Baden <badencapecod@gmail.com>, William Dahl <w2anq@arrl.net>, William G Begley <ae3j@comcast.net>

Hello All Stations :

Reminder this weekend is the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary radio day event.

Now is the time to double check all your H.F. station and make sure it is fully operational.

Get your log sheets and needed supplies ready prior to the event day.

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***Keep a log of all contacts: Call sign, name, location.***

***Inform contacts to send an "SASE" to your address to receive a commemorative QSL card.***

***Try to contact other "Special Event Stations" if possible.***

***Send "QSL" requests after event along with info below:***

- 1. Total number of contacts***
- 2. Total number of States contacted***
- 3. Total number of Countries contacted***
- 4. Total number of "Special Event Stations" contacted***
- 5. List any staff that attended.***
- 6. Special contacts: lighthouse, battleships, etc.***
- 7. Send photos of your event station and participants***

***And send articles and photos to USCG AUX newsletters***

***Or magazines.***



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<p>Commemorating USCG Aux. 77th Anniversary.            US Coast Guard Auxiliary District 35, 9th Western Region</p> <p>Station W9C will operate on 22 OCT at 1430 to 2330 Zulu            (Saturday 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM Central Daylight time)</p> <p>Broadcasting from USCG Station Calumet Harbor on Southern Lake Michigan</p> <p>Frequencies are 7.180, 14.295, 21.315, 28.420, plus or minus 20 depending on QRM.</p> <p>QSL card with SASE to N9NNL Michael Vannier, 2700 E. Vandrunen Drive, Crete, IL 60417</p> <p>Also LoTW.</p>		

www.arrl.org/special-event-stations



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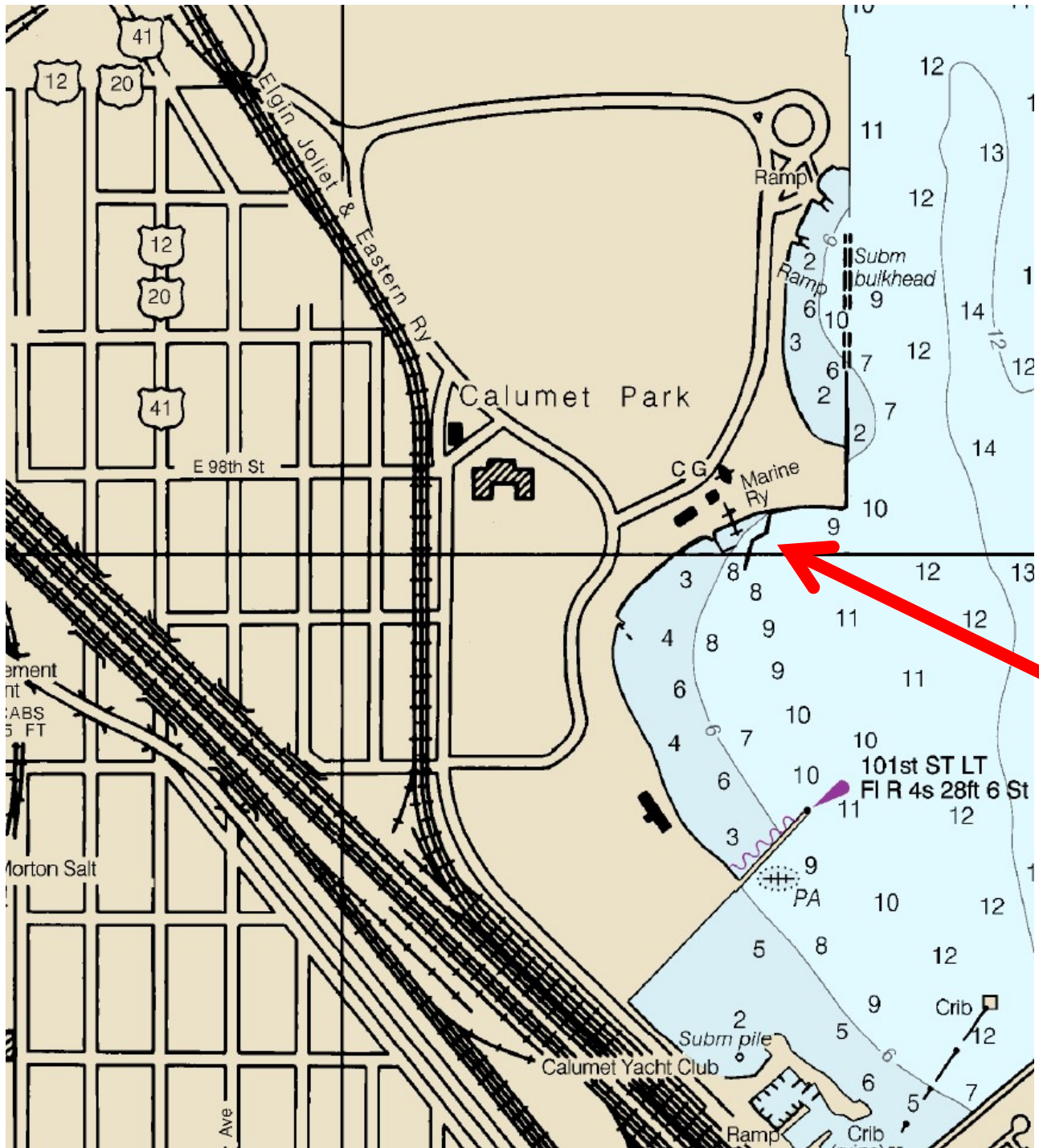


# USCG Station Calumet Harbor

4001 E. 98<sup>th</sup> Street  
Chicago

# W3C Special Event Station

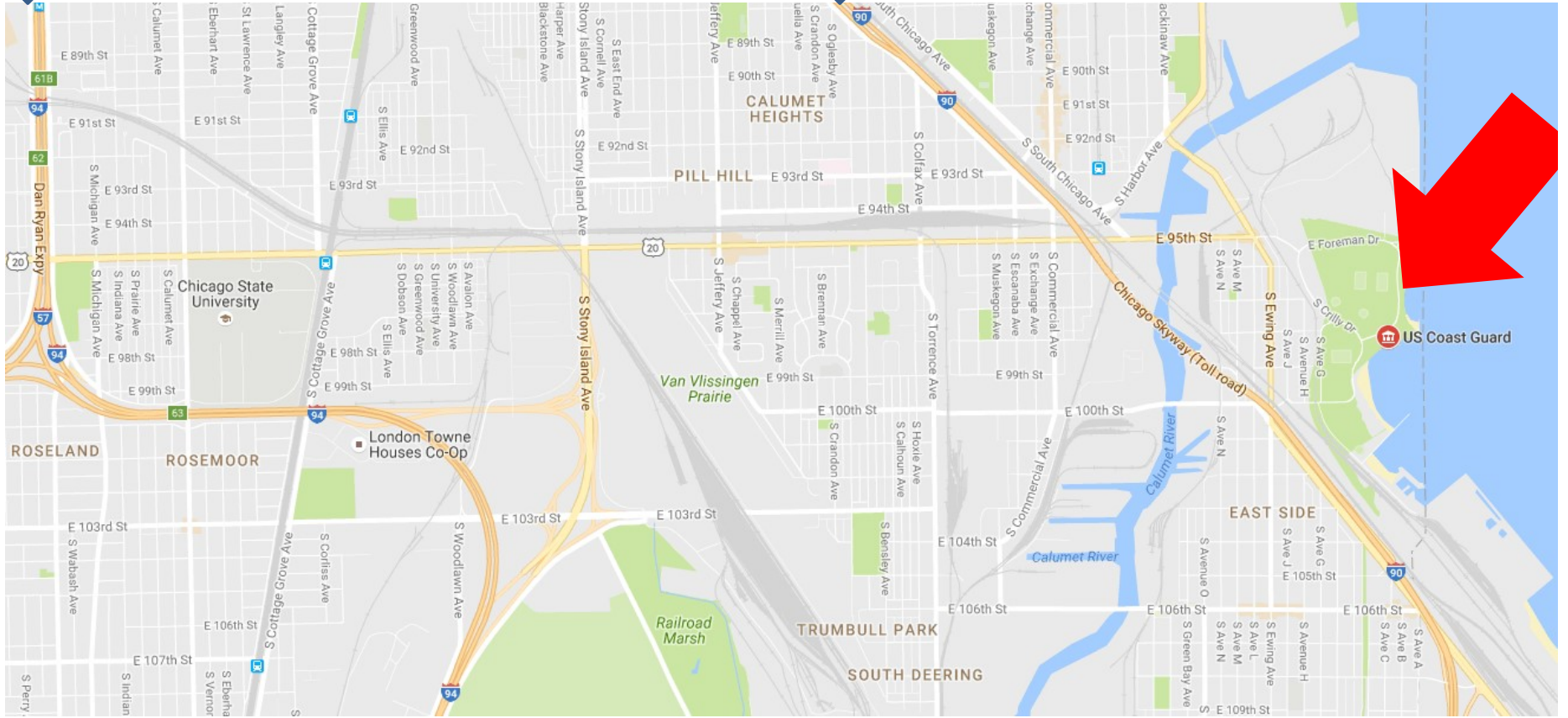
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- Division 35 of the 9<sup>th</sup> Western Region
- Contact person:
  - Mike Vannier, SO-CM for Division 35, N9NNL
  - (SO-CM = Staff Officer for Communications)
  - Cell Phone: 708-269-8040
  - Email: [mwvannier@gmail.com](mailto:mwvannier@gmail.com)



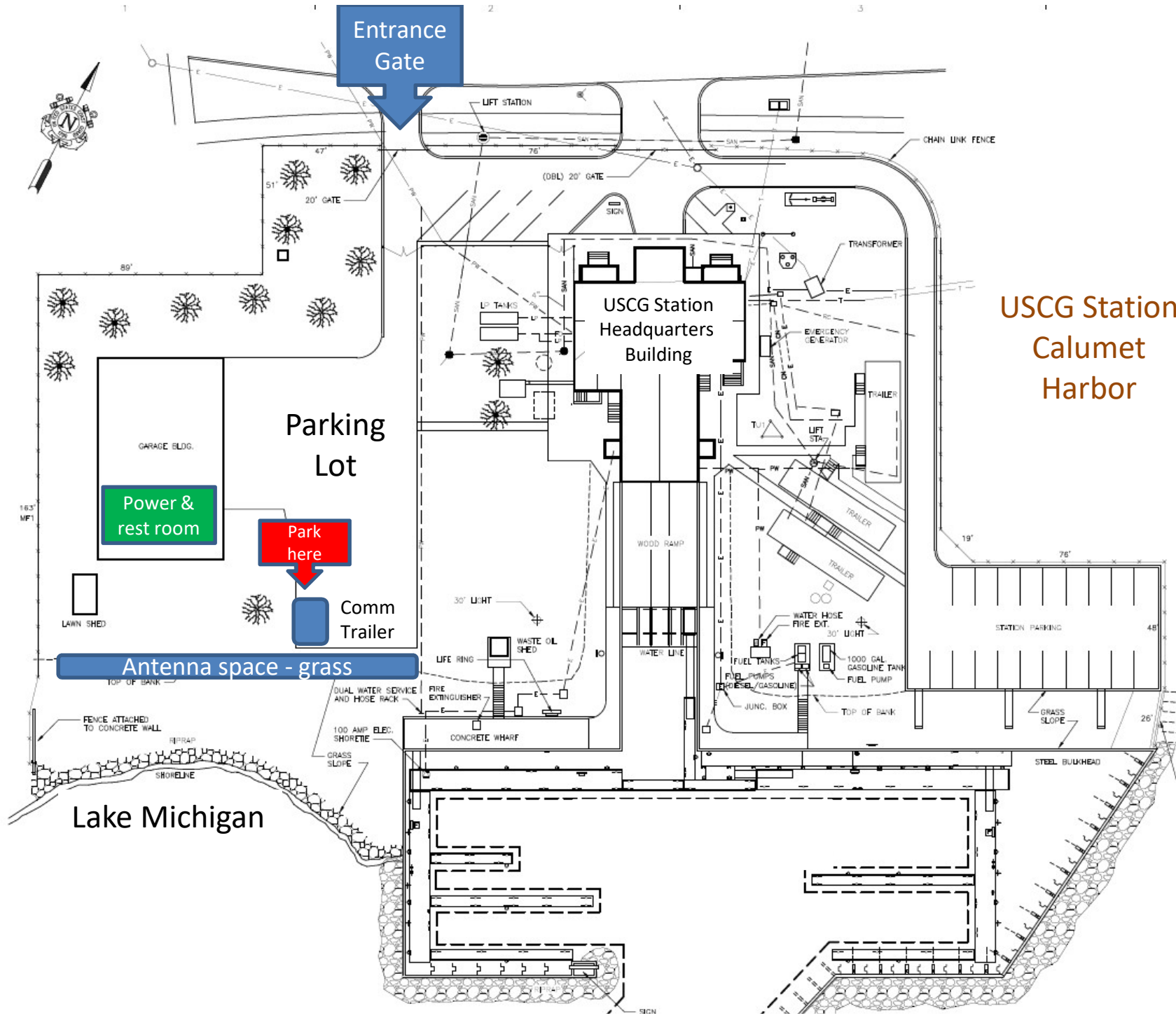
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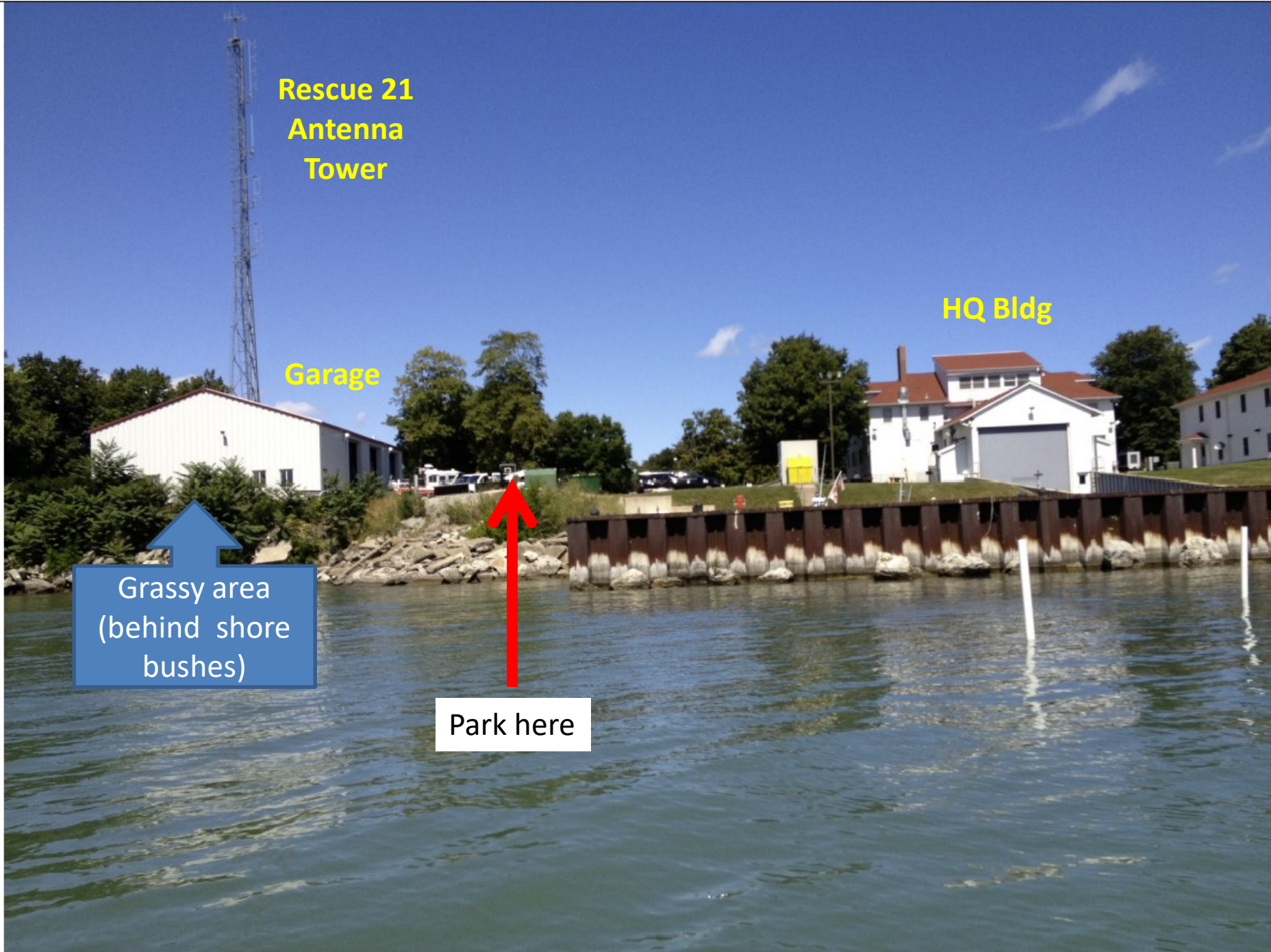
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