

Dossin Great Lakes Museum *Maritime History* Tour

Grade Four

The following information will help you better understand how each tour aligns with the grade-specific expectations as outlined in the Michigan Department of Education's Social Studies Content Expectations guide.

The number that precedes each entry is identical to that used by the state. The description that follows captures what your students will learn to help them meet the standards that have been set.

Topic: History of Michigan (Beyond Statehood)

Objective: Use historical thinking to understand the past.

4-H3.0.3 Learn the importance of the Great Lakes to the development of the Detroit area. From the strategic location of Cadillac's Fort Pontchartrain along the strait, through modern factories dependent on ore-hauling freighters, this region has been defined by its access to water.

This theme echoes throughout our short film "City on the Straits", the large relief map of the region, the numerous models depicting key ships of many purposes, as well as the ornate stained glass window depicting Rene-Robert Cavalier, Sieur de Le Salle in the Gothic Room.

4-H3.0.4 Gain valuable perspectives on how people of the past traveled, worked and played through immersive exhibits about the elegant 1912 passenger steamer the *City of Detroit III* and the Ford Motor Company's *S.S. William Clay Ford*.

Students will marvel at seven-and-a-half tons of intricate woodwork taken from the *City of Detroit III's* Gothic Room, take the wheel of a freighter in the Ford's actual pilot house, and, just for fun, sit in one of the Bob-lo Island Amusement Park's beloved swan boats.

4-H3.0.5 Hands-on opportunities help reinforce lessons learned in science class as your students will both survey the Detroit River through the periscope from an actual World War II submarine, the *U.S.S. Tambor*, as well as use pulleys much like those once responsible for much of the heavy lifting along Detroit's waterfront.

4-H3.0.8 Experience the Great Lakes as an ecosystem. River water samples and food web diagrams depict the Great Lakes as not simply a means for transportation, commerce and fun, but as a home to wildlife.