



Your Voyage

Aboard the Motor Vessel

Ranger 111

Welcome aboard the RANGER III. The ship's crew and park staff wish you a pleasant voyage to and from Isle Royale National Park. During your stay aboard the RANGER III and while you are in the park, we will do our best to provide you with a gratifying and inspirational National Park visit.



M. V. RANGER III was built in 1958 by the Christy Corporation at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin at an approximate cost of \$1,200,000. Here are a few interesting statistics:

Length: 165' 0"

Beam (width at widest point): 34' 0"

Draft (depth below waterline): 12' 6"

Gross tonnage: 648

Passenger capacity: 125

Freight capacity: 76 tons

Cruising speed: 13.5 MPH

Propulsion: Twin screw, two diesel engines of 614 hp each. Propellers have controllable pitch allowing reverse, forward and speed changes to be controlled directly from the pilot house.

Steering: Electro-hydraulic operated. Manual steering available.

Electronic equipment: Ship-to-shore marine radio, radio direction finder, magnetic and gyro compasses, radar, FM radio (links with Park Service radio at Isle Royale and Houghton), public address system.

While aboard ship, please observe these simple requests:

1. Passengers are not permitted to enter certain areas of the ship, in accordance with provisions of Marine Law. Such areas are clearly marked.
2. Please read all the signs and observe their message. Note there are specific areas where smoking is not permitted (for example, the main passenger lounge).
3. Do not sit on rails—keep feet on deck at all times and never hold children over rails to see water, etc.
4. Passengers should remain on the upper deck or in the snack bar area while the RANGER III is departing from or approaching a dock.

These restrictions are to insure the safety of the ship and its passengers. We ask your cooperation in obeying them.

YOUR VOYAGE

From mid-June through Labor Day, the RANGER III departs from the Houghton dock at 9:30 a. m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, arriving at Rock Harbor Lodge approximately 3:45 p. m. On Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays the return trip departs Rock Harbor Lodge at 9:30 a. m. and arrives in Houghton at approximately 3:30 p. m.

Upon leaving the dock the RANGER III will proceed westward toward the Houghton-Hancock bridge. The ship's whistle signals the bridge tender to lift the center span, allowing RANGER III to pass. The bridge, completed in 1959, is the largest of its type in the world, with a center lift span weighing 2,250 tons. For the first 50 minutes of your voyage the ship will be in the Portage Lake section of the Keweenaw Waterway; then you will enter the man-made section, called the Portage Lake Ship Canal, which was dug in the 1880's from the west end of Portage Lake to Lake Superior—about 2.5 miles. In the canal section, just before entering Lake Superior, may be seen the U. S. Coast Guard Portage Lifeboat Station. As Lake Superior is entered, you will pass through the opening of the Portage Canal Breakwater. The stone which makes up the Breakwater all came from the southwest end of Isle Royale (before Isle Royale became a National Park). When RANGER III clears the breakwater, a course due north is assumed. The ship will cross several regular steamer lanes enroute to the island. If the RANGER III passes close to another ship while underway, you may hear signaling by one or both of the ships' whistles. Three blasts indicate: vessel underway in fog; one blast indicates: I am directing my course to starboard; two blasts indicate: I am directing my course to port.

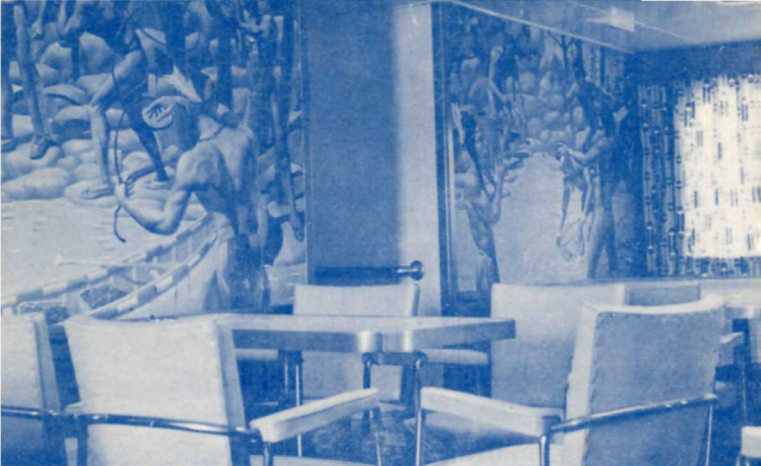
As Isle Royale is approached, the Purser will announce the features of the island that can be easily seen from the ship. Perhaps the most outstanding is the Old Lighthouse at the entrance to Rock Harbor. The light was built in 1855 and was used in the early copper mining era of the 1850's, 60's and 70's. The present light marking this entrance is to the ship's right (starboard) as the entrance is made. Normally, RANGER III will stop at Mott Island Park Headquarters to discharge cargo. The stop is short, and you will soon be on your way to Rock Harbor Lodge—four miles distant. Announcements by the Purser will give details of procedures to follow when the ship docks at the Lodge. If you are a Lodge guest, you will be directed to the reservations clerk at the Information Building. Campers should stop here to obtain a campfire permit. Campers' gear will be deposited on the dock. Baggage for Lodge guests will be taken to the cabins or rooms.

Interpretive programs on Isle Royale National Park are shown in the main Passenger Lounge during the trips over and back. The Purser will announce these programs.

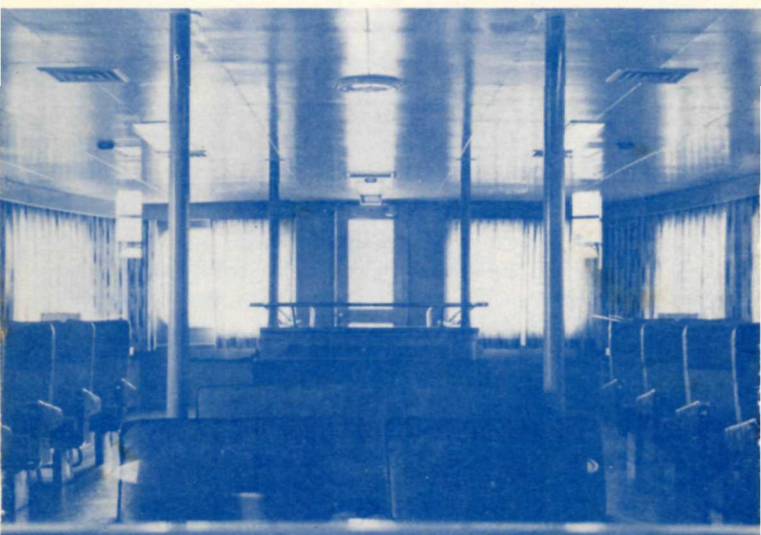
The Snack Bar (directly below the Passenger Lounge) is open from 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m.

Capt. Woodrow R. Bugge

Master, RANGER III



Murals in the Smoking Lounge



The Passenger Lounge

The Snack Bar

