

## Robert Jenkins Memories of USCG Lookout Station #6. by Dusty King August 25, 2025

Robert “Bob” Jenkins has a special connection to Lookout #6, located just offshore at Brush Point, on the west end of the St. Mry’s River.

*“I was one year old when I made my first trip to the U.P. That was in 1947”*

Bob’s grandparents had a summer cottage near the Point and his parents brought their family up for a visit every year.



Bob (age 10) w/family. Lookout #6 is on the left.

*“We only missed one summer. It was the year either my sister or my brother was born.”*

The Lookout was fully operational when Bob was a youngster.

*“You could hear the men on the boats calling to the guys at the Lookout They would tell them their draft, which would be relayed to the Lockmaster and the boat would then be assigned the number of the lock they were to use.”*

There was a bell attached to the Lookout Station. It was part of the crew’s responsibilities to ring this bell in foggy weather as a warning to the boats.

*“I remember hearing the bell on a foggy night. I never knew if it was on the lookout or the buoy just off shore.”*

Bob also remembers that there was an outhouse located on the pilings next to the Lookout.

*“I’m sure it conformed to the environmental laws at that time.”*

Bob has good memories of the time he spent at his grandparent’s cabin. He recalls walking down the road to a neighbors place and getting water from an artisan well there.

*“I caught my first fish about 150 yards from Lookout 6.”*

Bob continued the tradition of vacationing in the Sault with his own family. And in 1988, he purchased land on the Point for a vacation home. Members of the family still own his grandparent’s cottage.

*“I have been coming here now for 78 years.”*

Bob and Ann, their children, and now their grandchild continue to come to Brush Point. All that is left of U.S. Coast Guard Lookout Station #6 is a pile of stones.