

Michigan Every Day
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Great Lakes' Worst Storm

All indications showed that a severe storm was about to strike the Great Lakes and there was plenty of warning for ships to take cover. Nonetheless, ships across the lakes failed to heed the advice. Almost as soon as the storm struck, on Nov. 9, 1913, so did the reports of lost ships and boats that were battered and washed up on shore. Rescuers waited 16 hours for the hurricane force winds to die. In all, 40 were ships sunk, 235 lost their lives to the lakes and broken vessels littered the shore of Lakes Huron and Superior.