

## Lights on lake prompt search, nothing found

VERMILION — Two helicopters and a U.S. Coast Guard vehicle spent Thursday night and early this morning searching unsuccessfully for the source of lights seen on Lake Erie about a mile off Beulah Beach.

A Coast Guard helicopter from Detroit and a Life Flight helicopter from Lorain Com-

munity Hospital searched the area between midnight and 1:30 a.m., but nothing was seen except the lights.

A Coast Guard spokesman in Detroit said the lights were seen by the helicopter crew as flashing orange and white lights, and an orange glow.

However, because of fog over the lake, the crew was unable to

see the source of the lights, he said.

The Coast Guard helicopter was to return to search the area this morning as soon as fog lifted, the spokesman said.

The Erie County Sheriff's Department requested Coast Guard help to search the area after the department was unable to find the source of the lights.

A pickup truck from the Coast Guard's Marblehead station was sent out to Beulah Beach at 8:30 p.m. The three Coast Guardsmen dispatched in the truck reported seeing white and amber lights that appeared to be mast lights.