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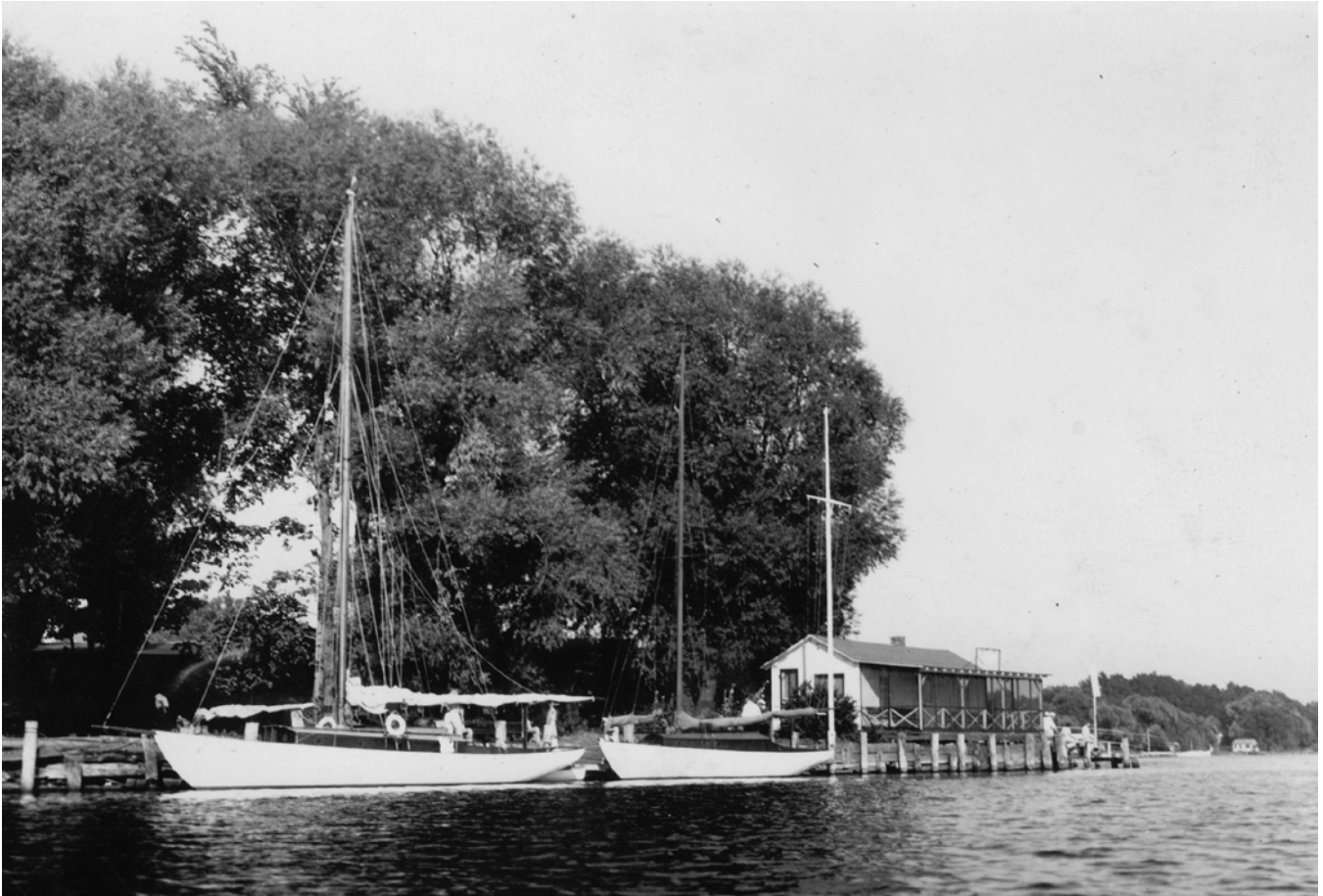
**HISTORY OF SAUGATUCK YACHT CLUB & SAILING SCHOOL
HIGHLIGHT S-D HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S JUNE 8 PROGRAM**

MAY 27, 2016 -- Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society's next free, public monthly program on Wednesday, June 8 will convene at Saugatuck Yacht Club (SYC), 15 Park Street, at 7 p.m., to see the recently built clubhouse facilities and learn about the 82-year growth of that organization and its youth sailing school.

Presenter Emily Watts, SDHS member whose family has enjoyed SYC membership and activities since 1968, authored the club's history covering years 1959-2015 to supplement a previously written history covering 1933-1956. Her late husband Bob was SYC Commodore in 1977-78, and their sons were active as instructors in the Club's sailing school and writers of The Commercial Record's *Dock Talk* column. A retired English Professor at University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and recipient of that school's Outstanding Teacher Award, Emily also has served SYC as Racing Chair and rescue boat driver.

The Historical Society's free monthly programs offer entertaining and informative insights into our community's past and present life, with thanks for sponsorship of this month's program in memory of Ann Renaldi, longtime active member of both SYC and SDHS, by her family, friends and other donors of memorial gifts in her name.

For more information about the Historical Society, its Museum and its Old School House History Center, visit www.sdhistoricalsociety.org.



The history of Saugatuck Yacht Club, shown here as it was in 1937 at the foot of Butler Street, will be the subject of the Historical Society's free program on June 8 at the SYC club house.