AUG. 28, 2015 -- The evolution of our local sportfishing industry will highlight Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society’s next monthly program on Wednesday, September 9, at 7 p.m., in the Old School House History Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas. Admission is free and open to the public.

Presenter Dave Engel, owner and captain of Saugatuck charter-fishing boat Best Chance Too, will review the history of how the Lake Michigan fishery was developed and show some of the equipment used for deep-lake fishing. Assisting will be his son Hunter, who has followed his father into the charter fishing business as captain of Best Chance.

Engel, a 3rd-generation Lake Michigan fisherman whose charter fishing experience reaches back to the late 1960s when salmon and trout stocking spawned the industry, has participated in countless fishing tournaments and to date is the only person who has won competitions in all four states bordering Lake Michigan. With nearly one million in prize money taken over the past two decades, he currently ranks as the sport’s leading winner.

This month’s program is sponsored by S-DHS members Howard and Paula Schultz.

For general information about the Historical Society, its History Museum in Saugatuck, Old School House History Center in Douglas, programs, social activities and volunteer opportunities, visit www.sdhistoricalsociety.org.
Saugatuck charter fishing captain Dave Engel, caught beaming over a 20-lb. king salmon, will discuss our Lake Michigan fishery at the Historical Society’s monthly program on Wednesday, Sept. 9.