

# SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS HISTORY CENTER

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## WHAT MAKES GREAT LAKES SO GREAT ZOOMS IN AUGUST 24 "TUESDAY TALK"

AUGUST 13, 2021 -- Fun facts and history of the Great Lakes float Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's next "Tuesday Talk" on August 24. As planned under Michigan's earlier Coronavirus protective measures, this hour-long program will be conducted virtually via Zoom.

Those interested in participating will need to register in advance online at [tinyurl.com/SDHC-TT-8-24](http://tinyurl.com/SDHC-TT-8-24) in order to receive instructions for joining the Zoom program. Questions regarding online registration procedures may be e-mailed to [info@sdhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@sdhistoricalsociety.org).

Presenter Ashley Demming, Director of Education and Administration for South Haven's Michigan Maritime Museum since 2015, offers a wide-angle view of the lakes' growth as a commercial and recreational resource, looking at the people who have lived and worked on them and the vessels that plied their waters -- some of which now rest beneath them. She also will highlight current activities of the Maritime Museum and its on-water fleet of historic and replica vessels docked alongside.

"It's a joy to showcase just how great our Great Lakes are", Demming exclaims. "I've lived in many different places, but as a native Michigander, the history, beauty, and unique qualities of these fresh waters always call me home."

Demming obtained her BA in Anthropology from Western Michigan University in 2006, then worked as Education and Outreach Specialist at Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena, Michigan. She earned an MA in Maritime History and Archaeology from the University of Bristol in Bristol, England in 2009, and returned to become an underwater archaeologist for the State of South Carolina from 2010-2015. Through more than a decade of experience in the field of maritime heritage and archaeology, public education and outreach has remained her passion.

A summertime tradition since 1996, SDHC's weekly Tuesday Talks present entertaining and informative insights into local community life and history throughout July and August. This program is sponsored by Doug and Debbie West, SDHC members and longtime Tuesday Talk supporters.

Saugatuck-Douglas History Center is supported in part by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information about SDHC, its Museum in Saugatuck and Old School House in Douglas, and its activities planned for the months ahead, visit [www.MySDHistory.org](http://www.MySDHistory.org).

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Caption : 1908 photo shows South Haven's amusement park and tour boats docked where the Michigan Maritime Museum stands today, as revisited in SDHC's Aug. 24 Tuesday Talk.



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