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S/D HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S AUGUST 25 "TUESDAY TALK"
AIRS "EXTREME YACHTS & CLASSIC BOAT RESTORATION"

AUG. 14, 2015 -- A state-of-the-art look at high-end wood yacht and classic boat restoration will highlight the next Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society "Tuesday Talk" on August 25, in the Old School House History Center, 130 Center Street, Douglas. The one-hour program begins when the school bell rings at 11 a.m. Admission is free, public attendance is invited and audience participation is welcomed.

The program will visually visit one of Saugatuck's best-kept secrets, Macatawa Bay Boat Works, a local shop more familiar among well-to-do boat enthusiasts around the Great Lakes and New York's upstate Adirondack region than to most townspeople here. Owner Jonathan Reus, lifelong aficionado of classic cars and boats, will discuss the Michigan history of his craft and show what's involved in building and restoring wood boats, including memorable Chris-Craft, Hackercraft, Garwood, Century and Riva originals. Among the ample photos to be presented are views of boats and boathouses of the company's upscale clients.

Founded in the late 1970s in Holland, after the Chris-Craft plant there closed, Macatawa Bay Boat Works began producing replicas and new designs that soon drew industry and boater attention, also sparking new interest in restoring the originals. Outgrowing its Holland plant, the company moved to its present location on Maple Street in Saugatuck in 1994. Reus, a native of Grand Rapids, took the helm ten years later and has since maintained the firm's focus and growth.

A summertime tradition since 1996, "Tuesday Talks" present entertaining and informative insights into our community life weekly throughout July and August. This week's talk is sponsored by *Star of Saugatuck* and owners Marilyn and Bruce Starring.

For more information about the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society, its Museum and Old School House History Center, or its upcoming activities, visit www.sdhistoricalsociety.org.

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