

# Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Trails Conference

Sponsored by the Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Consortium, Michigan Sea Grant, and the Michigan Maritime Museum

September 8 ~ September 9, 2014  
South Haven, Michigan

Join us September 8 ~ 9 to explore and celebrate our Great Lakes fisheries heritage

Discover how our valuable Great Lakes fisheries (past, present, and future) can benefit local museum programs, enhance coastal tourism development opportunities, and support community development efforts. Learn more about Michigan's Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Consortium projects and partnerships, including current opportunities toward designating a statewide fisheries heritage tourism trail.

This conference will offer:

- Business meeting of Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Consortium
- Pre-conference curriculum aligned water ecology learning opportunity for teachers; Post-conference oral history training
- Evening networking reception and sail on Lake Michigan
- Conference sessions and speakers exploring fisheries heritage tourism and the experience of other Michigan heritage trails

## Keynote: "Foodways - The Missing Link"



Janet Gilmore, fisheries folklorist, joins us from the Center for the Study of Upper Midwestern Cultures, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Janet has researched and written about commercial fishing and related maritime traditions for over three decades. She brings to us her experiences, stories and insights connecting Great Lakes fisheries heritage and foodways. To learn more about Janet's experience and expertise, [visit our website](#).

You're Invited - Register Online Today!

Visit the Michigan Maritime Museum website to [register online](#) today! To save your seat, please register by Friday, August 29.

This educational program is open to everyone interested in promoting maritime heritage tourism and Great Lakes stewardship.

- Monday, Sept. 8 - No cost to participate as part of the business meeting
- Tuesday, Sept. 9 - \$30.00 (\$10 students) to participate in the educational Great Lakes Heritage Trails Conference

Additional program information available at the above website or by contacting Eden Morris, Education Director, Michigan Maritime Museum ([volunteer@michiganmaritimemuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@michiganmaritimemuseum.org))



The **Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage**

**Consortium** reflects the work of a statewide network of organizations collaborating beyond restoration and preservation of fisheries heritage artifacts to envision and implement strategies for how these assets can be more ambitiously leveraged in advancing coastal tourism, community development, and Great Lakes literacy and stewardship through education and interpretation.

To learn more, visit:

[www.miseagrant.umich.edu/fisheries-trail](http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/fisheries-trail)

Leadership for the Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Consortium in Michigan provided by:



## TENTATIVE AGENDA

**Monday, September 8** at the Padnos Boat Shed, Michigan Maritime Museum (MMM) in South Haven

### GREAT LAKES FISHERIES HERITAGE CONSORTIUM BUSINESS MEETING

12:00 p.m. Lunch and gathering of the consortium membership

1:00 p.m. Business meeting - project updates, grant opportunities, and future meetings

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Tour of the *Evelyn S* fish tug and restoration process funded by the DEQ NOAA Coastal Management Program

### Teaching and Learning through Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. A learning opportunity for teachers - and all educators at heart - who wish to inspire Great Lakes stewardship through our fisheries of past and present.

This pre-conference session explores hands-on educational strategies by which to engage youth in Great Lakes stewardship activities that make a difference in their communities. Join Brandon Schroeder (Michigan Sea Grant/MSU Extension) and Chris Witulski (Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan) who collaborate with schools and educators of northern Lake Huron. Sponsored by Michigan Sea Grant, educators and the public may participate in this session for free.

### Conference Kick-Off Reception/Late Registration at MMM

5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Reception followed by complimentary boat excursions on MMM's *Friends of Good Will* (1810 replica top sail sloop) and the *Lindy Lou* (electric launch).

Dinner is on your own; restaurants are within easy walking distance of the Museum and Old Harbor Inn.

### Lodging/Accommodations

Overnight accommodations are available at the

Old Harbor Inn on the Black River, 515 Williams St, South Haven, MI 49090 ph (269) 637-8480

just a short walk to meeting and conference venues at the Museum and the South Haven Yacht Club. Conference rate is \$76, plus tax. To obtain this rate, please make reservations by August 15.

### Oral History "Best Practices" Workshop

Tuesday, Sept 9 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Want to learn how to collect and document an interview with someone who has a story to share?

This post-conference opportunity is for anyone interested in improving their oral interview skills in the digital age. Learn these skills alongside Dr. Laurie Sommers, a folklorist who has recorded extensive interviews with Michigan commercial fishermen. Sponsored by the Historical Society of South Haven. This session is open to the public and no cost to participate.

**Tuesday, September 9** at the South Haven Yacht Club until 3 p.m., then to Michigan Maritime Museum for a final experience to see where car, water, bike, walking and historic trails come together.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION at SOUTH HAVEN YACHT CLUB

### GREAT LAKES FISHERIES HERITAGE TRAIL - *If we build it, will they come?*

- 8:30 - Welcome and introductions - Brandon Schroeder, Michigan Sea Grant
- 8:45 - Importance of the Great Lakes fisheries (past and present) to trail development. Panel moderator: Bob Tolpa, Michigan Maritime Museum board member and retired EPA Water Quality
- 10:00 - Networking break
- 10:30 - Snapshots in Time: The experience of our trails and Beach Towns today. Who comes and why? Opportunities to better coordinate? Panel moderator: Gail Vander Stoep, Michigan State University
- Noon - Luncheon (Keynote: Janet Gilmore, "Food-ways - the Missing Link")
- 1:30 - Trails, marketing and the road to success - engaging the public, signage, web sites and events. Panel moderator: Julie Avery, MSU Extension.
- 2:30 - Networking break (travel to MMM)
- 3:00 - Trail head tour of the Michigan Maritime Museum and *Evelyn S* fish tug - Where history, water, roads, Harbor Walk and the Kal Haven Trail meet. Hosts: Patti Montgomery Reinert, Executive Director, and Eden Morris, Education Director, Michigan Maritime Museum.
- 4:30 - Departure or dinner on your own

For a detailed agenda and program information, [visit our website](#).