GO BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE BAYVIEW YACHT CLUB
WITH THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

DETROIT - The Detroit Historical Society’s popular weekly “Behind the Scenes” series, sponsored by the DTE Energy Foundation, continues with a tour of the Bayview Yacht Club on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m.

Floyd Nixon’s canoe and Perc Williamson’s small power launch were all it took for a small yacht club to start taking shape. These young men, bonded by their love of the sea, began in a three-story tin boathouse on Motor Boat Lane in 1915. Now with over 1,000 members, many world-renowned racers, and leaders in the United States Yacht Racing Union (USYRU), a 5,000 square-foot clubhouse on the Detroit River is home to “the Shrine of Nautical Culture” that we know as Bayview Yacht Club. The club’s success has not come automatically but rather through the hard work of its visionary members, commodores and employees who have guided Bayview with the principles on which the club was founded: the development of sailors, the preservation of the finest traditions of the sea, the continuance of that finer class of sportsmanship which seems born largely of the sea and sea-minded, and the development of sailing vessels which will add fresh glory to the most daring and romantic of all sports. This tour will take you through the clubhouse and explain its history before you enjoy lunch.

The cost for this Behind the Scenes Saturday tour is $30 for Detroit Historical Society members and $40 for guests. Telephone reservations can be accepted with a Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are not sold on the day of the tour. Those who register receive directions to the tour location, a map, and additional information in the mail prior to the tour.

For more information or to reserve your spot for the Detroit Historical Society’s Behind the Scenes Saturday tours or other 2012 events, call (313) 833-1801, or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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