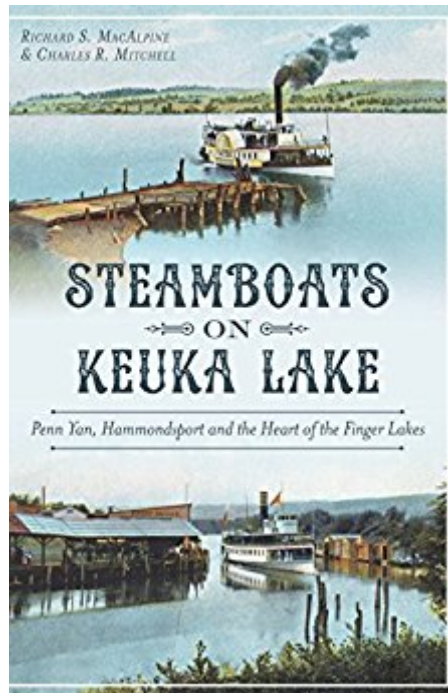


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Steamboats On Keuka Lake: Penn Yan, Hammondsport And The Heart Of The Finger Lakes



Synopsis

The grand age of steamboats on Keuka Lake began in 1835 and was vital to the development of the region. The boats carried excursionists--Victorian tourists--to the resorts and cottages that lined the lakeshore. The communities of Penn Yan, Hammondsport and Branchport that anchor the three branches of the Y-shaped lake flourished. This prosperity helped grow the area's grape and wine production that is so celebrated today. Though the last steamboats were taken out of service in 1915, the romance and nostalgia of the period are preserved in tales of glamorous steamers, the people who worked and traveled on them, the resorts they served and the history they made. Local historians Richard MacAlpine and Charles Mitchell capture the stories, anecdotes and photos from this bygone period.

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Customer Reviews

Steamboats on Keuka Lake captures the excitement of a by-gone era in lake travel. Few roads existed and travel was difficult at best by horse and wagon. So steamboats were for cargo, passenger excursions, and anything else needing transportation up and down Keuka Lake. For those of us with personal connections to Keuka, this book brings to life resorts that have since faded

away, and stopping points along the lake that can be visited by land and boat today. The boat speaks to the persons involved, the deals, and the battles over business and trade. I loved the book as it brought forth memories of a cherished lake and a lifestyle we can dream about, but never re-live. I hope the authors continue to search and gather more details about the history of Keuka and how we enjoy the lake today as we do. For those who just love history, you'll find the book rewarding as well.

My husband is from the area, but now we live out of state. 'Steamboats' was a fun reminder of his earlier experiences on Keuka- such fun!

We live on Keuka Lake so it was fun to read all this information about the history of the steamboats that use to travel on this lake.

Well written, awesome photos. Factual, enjoyable reading.

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