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Shipyard Tour 2024

31 Years ago, Rotary President Carla Peterson set in motion the first ever Sturgeon Bay Shipyard Tours. She shared she was unsure of its success.

The 31st Rotary Shipyard Tour is on the books. Through the years, the tour has changed many times. It has traditionally been a walking tour that includes various nautical sites. The shipping and boat building businesses have changed names, changed locations, closed their doors, but the tour survived and thrived.

In the fall of 2023, various options were considered to replace the walking tour. JD Patterson, owner of Shoreline Boat Tours, approached Rotary with the concept of a cruise viewing business from the waterfront. He presented the theme "Sturgeon Bay Working Waterfront, both past and present". The plan was to promote a cruise in conjunction with the Door County Maritime Museum, which would visit multiple sites around the Sturgeon Bay harbor.

Rotary would provide the promotion, ticket sales and checking in guests. Three days, June 21-23, were selected with four cruises daily. 300 tickets were available, of which 269 were electronically sold fairly quickly.

An unpublished feature was the addition of a multiple slide show presented on two large screens viewable while touring.

Other than weather cancelations for several cruises, the tours went very well and the response from guests was exceptional. The canceled cruises are covered by Shoreline Boat Tours weekly through Sept 2.

Following are some high lights of the cruise and shots of the slide show. There are about 100 slides, so the following is just a snapshot of the sites covered.

The first voyage, 8:15am Friday, June 21. 25 guests per cruise on "Gratitude".



The cruise required timing the Old Steel bridge twice.



Birthdays

Philip J Schmitz CIC
July 14th
Thad Birmingham
July 18th

Years of Service

Kenneth Boettcher
04-01-1996
29 Years
Amy Leigh Kohnle
04-25-2002
23 Years
Keith Mutchler
04-30-2009
16 Years
Nathan T Drager
04-06-2017
8 Years
Jeremy M Paszczak
04-01-2021
4 Years
Tonya Felhofer
04-13-2023
2 Years

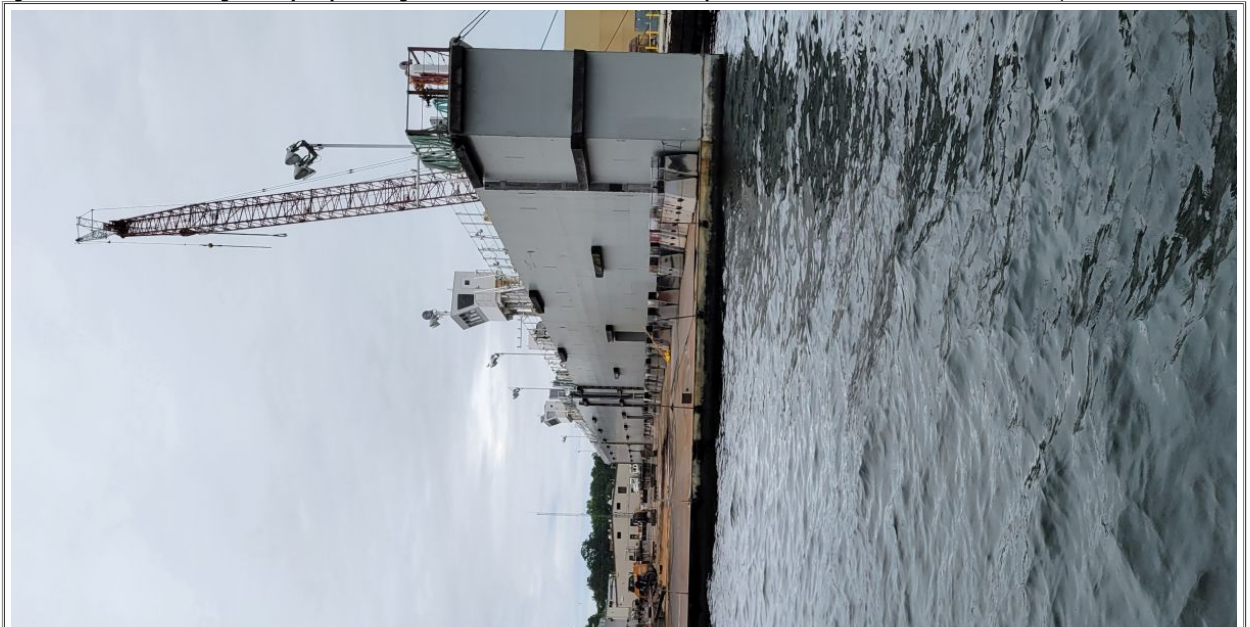
Michelle Lawrie
04-13-2023
2 Years



A completed bulk tanker barge has just left Fincantieri Bay Ship, a treat for the guests.



I got excited about viewing the Bay Ship Graving Dock from the water and messed up the shot. Tried for over an hour to rotate, but no luck.





Galaxy S21 5G

There was a viewing screen fore and aft (how about that for an army guy?)



Working Waterfront of Sturgeon Bay Past and Present



Presented by:

Shoreline Boat Tours

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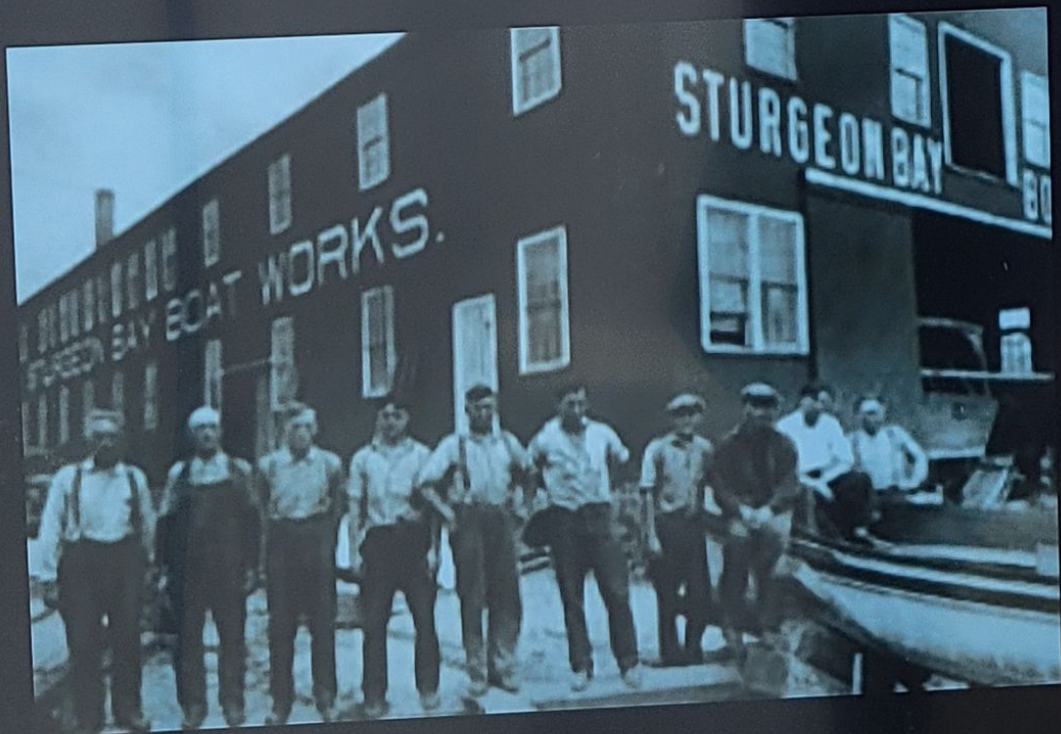


Bay Ship / Fincantieri





Palmer Johnson



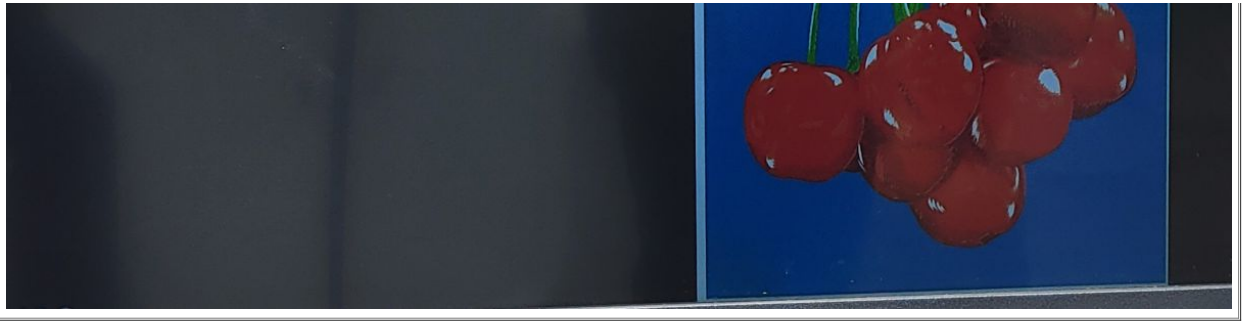
There were several businesses that were a part of the past.

Cherry Industry

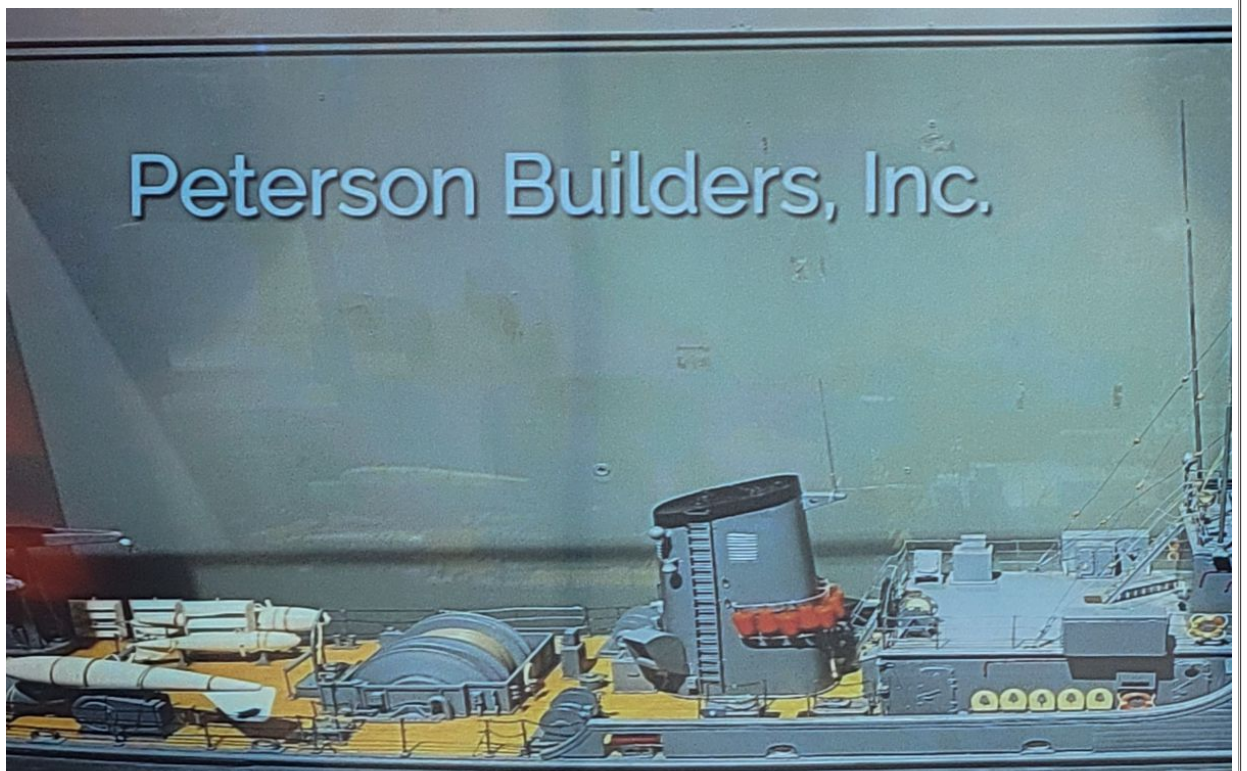
United Fruit
Growers Cooperative

DOOR COUNTY
WISCONSIN





Leatham Smith Shipbuilding Co. (Sorry for the rotation)





Other sites: the old railroad bridge, Universal Fruit Growers, Roen Salvage, Coast Guard cutter Mobile Bay, The Granary, the Yacht Club, Sawyer Park-Around 100 historic slides with multiple views of many significant past shipbuilders.

The Sturgeon Bay Working Waterfront cruise is available through Sept 2nd via Shoreline Boat Tours Shorelinedoorcounty.com

Well, does the Rotary Club of Sturgeon Bay have another 30yrs in us? We'll have to ask Carla Peterson.

We will need fresh eyes for next year. Three people on the committee would be great. It is fun, easy and terribly rewarding to conduct a Shipyard Tour.