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## **Southold Historical Museum Announces Summer Exhibits**

SOUTHOLD, NY – Southold Historical Museum welcomes repeat visitors each year by offering exciting seasonal exhibits that explore the fascinating history of our town. This summer, the Museum is featuring two new exhibits at our two locations.

*Let's Set Sail* is a seasonal exhibit that explores the history of sailing and the Southold Yacht Club. It is open to the public 1:00 PM - 4:00PM weekends through mid-Sept. at Southold Historical Museum's Maple Lane Museum Campus, 55200 Main Road, Southold.

Since 1640 when thirteen families from the New Haven (Connecticut) Colony sailed into Town Creek, Southold, sailing has been an important part of life for the North Fork community. In 1933 a group of young men living on Town Creek imagined a sailing club for recreational racing. In 1938 the Southold Yacht Club (SYC), a small family-oriented, volunteer-driven club was organized at Founder's Landing with a mission of making sailing accessible to the North Fork community. In 1969 SYC built their historic clubhouse and boatyard on Southold Bay beachfront next to the Goose Creek Beach.

This exhibit includes the story of the SYC, which today provides an educational Junior Sailing Program promoting seamanship, sportsmanship and a lifelong interest in sailing for young people in the community. Collegiate and Olympic sailors have been part of the SYC program. The club is part of the Peconic Gardiners Junior Sailing Association, which hosts the annual two-day Carol Smith Regatta in Southold Bay. SYC has also hosted the World's Longest Sunfish Race, around Shelter Island, NY for the past 53 years.

### **Special Exhibit at the Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse**

*Going Places*, the history of ferries that cruised the Long Island Sound, is open to the public 1:00 PM - 4:00PM weekends through mid-Sept. at the Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse, 3575 Lighthouse Rd., Southold.

Part of the job of the Horton Point Lighthouse keepers was to watch the hundreds of ships that cruised Long Island sound, and to stay alert to possible accidents.

Hundreds of sailing and steam powered vessels made their way along the protected waters of the sound to shoreline communities throughout the year. By the mid-nineteenth century a large number of ferry lines had been established to bring travelers to various points around the northeast. Travelers could leave lower Manhattan and travel in luxury to destinations not only on Long Island, but also Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Visit Horton Point Lighthouse and learn about some of the many ferry lines that traveled up and down Long Island Sound.

Admission price of \$5 pp or \$10/families includes entry to the Maple Lane Complex and Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse and all of the exhibits.

For more information, visit [SoutholdHistorical.org/Upcoming](https://SoutholdHistorical.org/Upcoming), email [info@southoldhistorical.org](mailto:info@southoldhistorical.org), or call 631.765.5500.

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