

GREAT LAKE MEMORIES

Two issues back, our Ship of the Month was the little wooden "rabbit" M. SICKEN. We now present some excellent photographs of her which come from the collection of Ralph Roberts.



A fascinating photo shows M. SICKEN at the Cecil Bay, Michigan, mill dock which was located west of Mackinaw City, on the Straits side of Waugoshance Point. Note the men handling the lumber. But not only can we not imagine any rail vehicle venturing out on that elevated wooden structure, we can't even imagine walking out on it!

Here we see M. SICKEN about to be loaded with coal at Oswego, New York. We had no idea that she traded down onto Lake Ontario at that time, but the photo had to have been taken before 1915, as it was in that year she was equipped with the forward mounted A-frame, boom and clam bucket.



This image shows M. SICKEN hauled out by the bow for hull plank replacement on February 8, 1924. She was owned by R. G. Weddell, of Trenton, Ontario, so the photo likely was taken somewhere in the Bay of Quinte area. Can anyone identify the exact location?

We hope you have enjoyed these real "memories photos" and we sincerely thank Ralph Roberts for sharing them with us all.