THE DOUGLASTON AND LITTLE NECK HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION

GREAT YACHTS OF LONG ISLAND'S NORTH SHORE

Dr. Robert B. MacKay

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018

Annual Meeting starting promptly at 2:00 pm.
Lecture immediately following.
Refreshments will be served after the lecture.
Community Church of Douglaston, Parlor Room
39-50 Douglaston Pkwy, Douglaston

Free of charge, RSVP requested: <u>dlnhistoricalsociety@gmail.com</u>

At the turn of the twentieth century Long Island's North Shore was the most prized residential area of the United States. This was where captains of industry and financial titans built lavish estates on the bluffs and bays across from the shoreline of New York City where they worked. With Long Island Sound literally in their backyards the Astors, Morgans, Goulds, Roosevelts and Vanderbilts commissioned fast, luxurious yachts that they used for everything from commuting to the city to racing and voyaging. Dr. MacKay's presentation explores this extraordinary world of fabulous boats, many of which were built on the Island.

Robert B. MacKay, PhD, is an author, historian, and former director of the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities (SPLIA). A North Shore sailor who remembers some of the last great yachts, he is a graduate of Harvard, and received his doctorate in American and New England Studies from Boston University. Dr. Mackay has written extensively about Long Island country houses and commuting yachts. He is the author of *Great Yachts of Long Island's North Shore*, *Long Island Country Houses and Their Architects*, *1860–1940* and *America by the Yard: Cirkut Camera*. He lives in Cold Spring Harbor, New York.