



Presque Isle District Library  
Welcomes Notable Author,  
**Scott M. Peters**

Thursday, June 16

@ 7:00 pm

**Rogers City Library**

181 E. Erie Street, Rogers City

[www.pidl.org](http://www.pidl.org)

***Making Waves: Michigan's Boat-Building Industry, 1865-2000* by Scott M. Peters (University of Michigan Press)**

The Great Lakes State boasts a rich heritage in the development of boat building in America. By the late 19th century, Michigan had emerged as the industry's hub, producing some of the fastest and most innovative boats ever created. Michigan entrepreneurs like Christopher Columbus Smith, John L. Hacker, and Gar Wood established some of the top boat brands and brought the prospect of boat ownership within reach for American consumers from all ranges of income. In *Making Waves*, Scott M. Peters explores this intriguing story of people, processes, and products of an industry that evolved in Michigan but would change boating across the world.



**Scott M. Peters** was born and raised in Flint, Michigan, and graduated from the University of Michigan-Flint with a degree in History. He received a master's degree in History and Museum Studies from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and interned at the Great Lakes Historical Society. He has worked at the Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. Museum in Flint, the International Center for Artificial Organs and Transplantation in Cleveland, and for the past 30 years at the Michigan Historical Museum, where he is the Curator of Collections. Scott's passion for boating came from many rides in boats as a child on Hubbard Lake, and he became interested in Great Lakes shipping from camping excursions near the Soo Locks and at Algonac State Park. He has written articles on maritime subjects for *Michigan History* and other journals.

**This program is made possible through a grant from the Library of Michigan.**