

Albert H. Benham - Sodus, N. Y.

captained by Henry Doville, Sodus Point. Flat bottom - sharp at bow - burned in Sodus Bay near trestle.

SPENCER MAUDE - in operation 1880 to 1910. (turn page)

Albert Benham served as fireman for 17 years on IDEAL, SUNBEAM, H. C. LEROY, J. D. SCOTT (both under that name and as CITY OF ROCHESTER) GLENN, WAU-KON, and ALGONA - started on LEROY at age of fifteen

Gasolene boats came about 1903. Steamboats discontinued around 1910.

Characteristics to 1909 Islands - daily stops at Sodus

For further details and data, with pictures, see STEAMBOAT BILL \* Sept. 1955 - page 58.

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More data on Sodus Bay Boats, (1907-1911)

About 1906 barges towed by tugs to coal trestle - sometimes 3 or 4 together. Tug CORNELIUS 126018 stationed at Bay - called "Harbor Tug."

Number of steam barges - PHOENIX, two stacks; FRONTENAC, a very large barge. All owned by Hall Bros., Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Mr. Benham fired on OWEN, burned 10 miles off Oswego in 1900. Took to lifeboats - towed by Oswego Life Saving Crew to Oswego.

Later steamers carrying soft coal included PONTANA 200948, (a) R. W. ENGLAND (b) FRANK SCITHER; COALFAX (CAN) 149427; VALLEY FORGE - some still running 1957.

SPENCER MAUDE & THE GENESEE, 145332, was a small boat built as a steam yacht. Owned by Northern Central R.R. (now Central) - used to carry rail Officials on private tours of the Bay.

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For more details on Sodus Bay Steamers see Steamboat Scrapbook Nov. 28, 1954.