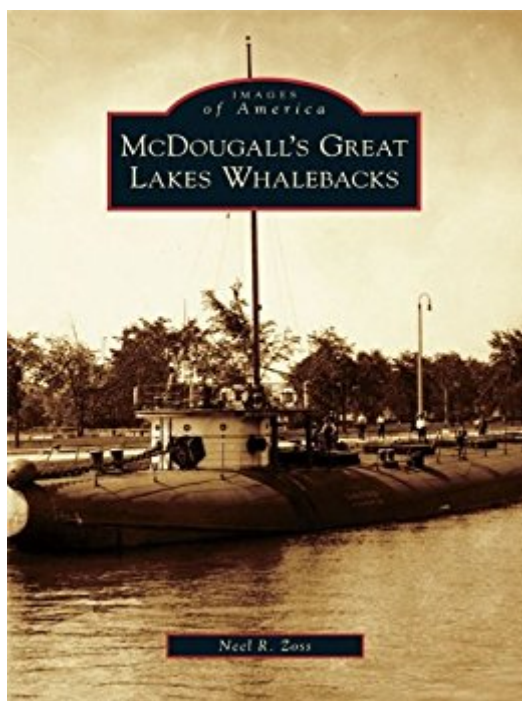


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# McDougall's Great Lakes Whalebacks



## Synopsis

During the last years of the 19th century, the Duluth Harbor, situated between the sister cities of Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior, was the birthplace of a bold and innovative and decidedly odd-looking class of Great Lakes barges and steamships known as whalebacks. Capt. Alexander McDougall and his American Steel Barge Company built the curved-decked, snout-nosed whalebacks on the shores of the harbor, first at Duluth's Rice's Point and later in Howard's Pocket at Superior. The vessels were a radical departure, in design, form, and construction, from the standard shipbuilding concepts of the era but proved themselves more than capable as a number of the boats sailed the Great Lakes and the seaboard of America until the 1960s. All the whalebacks are gone now--either scrapped or sunk--with one exception. After sailing the lakes for more than 70 years, the last whaleback, the SS Meteor, returned home to Superior in 1972 and is now continuing its service as a magnificent maritime museum on Barker's Island.

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I loved this book and only wish it had been longer. Not to give my age away, but I can remember my grandfather calling to me to come out on the dock to see the last of the whalebacks steaming down

Lake Macatawa to Lake Michigan. I've never forgotten it.

THIS BOOK IS A GOOD START FOR THE TOPIC OF WHALEBACKS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT IN A LITTLE LARGER FORMAT AND WITH THE ADDITION OF SOME LINE DRAWINGS OR ARTIST RENDITIONS. UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE PROBABLY NOT TOO MANY PHOTOS OUT THERE FROM THIS TIME PERIOD ONE CAN APPRECIATE THE AUTHORS WORK.

I've always been fascinated with the whalebacks! I am glad I found this book.

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