

*THE CLUBHOUSE*

The present house is the *fourth* home of Rochester Yacht Club. As records of 100 years ago were read and reread, and many people were interviewed, we often had the feeling that no one really knows how many clubhouses there have been, where they were located, or what happened to them.

The summary below tries to clear up, once and for all, the "mystery" of the Rochester Yacht Club clubhouses:

*1877* A Clubhouse, the first, was built on the east bank of the river somewhat north of the present clubhouse. It was a two-story building, measuring about 25 by 88 feet. Sometime in 1881 this clubhouse was apparently destroyed by fire and not rebuilt.

*1889* The second clubhouse was constructed on the west bank of the river close to the south end of a roller coaster on Ontario Beach. It measured 42 by 65 feet and was a three story building. In about 1900 its use was restricted to storage of spars and masts and other boating activity. In about 1915 it was disposed of and shortly after demolished to make way for the development of port facilities for the city.

*1902* The third clubhouse was built on the shore of the lake in Summerville. It was a three story structure with a large veranda. The use of this clubhouse was mostly social and it included clubrooms, bar, and a restaurant. It was sold in 1914 and became Popp's Inn, a popular local tavern, until about 1938 when the building was torn down.

*1922* The fourth clubhouse was built on the present site, on the east bank just north of the Swing Bridge. It was a two story structure with a screened porch on the second floor. The house was substantially remodeled in 1953 and again in 1973.