

## Foreword

Happy Hundredth Birthday, Rochester Yacht Club!

What a sense of pride we feel being members of our Club which has been united for a century in friendship and in the common spirit of boating made more delightful for many by the spice of competitive racing.

Ours is not just another old Club. It is a vibrant going concern with a river at our door from which we can sail to any part of the world. Our reputation is nationwide, in our country and in the country across our lake, which many of our Canadian friends share with us in cruising and competition, but our origin and our roots are very local. This Club is a second home to many of us and we are proud of, and strengthened by our diverse membership which now numbers more than five hundred families.

A Centennial is a time for looking back and this book is an elegant, accurate and thorough memorial to our rich past. This book could not have been possible without the contribution made by Vice Commodore William Stolze, who sacrificed many hours of business and boating to bring this to being, and a very hardworking Committee. We must also recognize that we would have no past as a Club if it were not for all of the dedicated officers and Executive Committee members and Committee Chairmen who have built this Club to what it is today.

A Centennial is also a time for the future but the future will not be found in these pages, but only in the members' plans and dreams for the next hundred years.

Joseph P. Ingerson  
Honorary Chairman

Henry W. Williams, Jr.  
General Chairman  
Centennial Year Program

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Joseph P. Ingerson is best known for his warm, friendly welcome to visiting yachtsmen and his legendary locker from which he generously supplies otherwise unobtainable parts and sailing gear. Joe began sailing at thirteen, drawn by the lure of Lake Ontario to the RYC basin to exchange his work for a chance to sail. And sail he did. First with Frank Christy aboard *Iroquois* and then with scores of others. One of Joe's most devoted and able pupils is his wife, Helen, a nationally recognized racer herself, who now handles the helm of their yacht *Zest* while Joe works the foredeck. For seventeen years, Joe has been Fleet Captain, Sail. He is well-known in southern and eastern racing circles, counting among his friends some of the top sailors in the world. Joe is also the first (and only) Commodore of the Rochester Frostbite Association.



Henry W. Williams, Jr., who it has been said practices law in order to sail, has been around the Rochester Yacht Club since he was a teenager. His father, Dr. Ward Williams, was a member and fleet surgeon from the early 1920's and helped celebrate the 75th Anniversary. In various roles as cook, skipper, crew and navigator, Henry has raced on the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes. He compiled an enviable record in RYC, Freeman Cup and LYRA competition in *Daniel Hand* and *Margaret*. Currently, Henry is skipper of *Susan B. Anthony* which he and his brother own and campaign, and which includes among its crew, his wife Maureen.



*NOX, Designed by Fife of Scotland, built by Miller brothers and Meerdick in Rochester and launched in 1892, this cutter had LOA of 36 ft., beam of 8 ft. and draft of 5 ft., 6 in. During first three years she entered 16 LYRA races, winning 14 firsts. Won Madge Cup in 1892. The NOX cigar was named after this famous yacht.*

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