

## WINNIPESAUKEE YACHT CLUB

Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mayer  
Conducted by Kathy Jones

The Winnepesaukee Yacht Club was built in 1910 on land owned by Jacob Chamberlain. The club was open from 1910 to 1928.

The yacht club was a large wooden building with a big porch around three sides. The interior of the building consisted of a large square room, 30 feet by 30 feet. There were three five foot doors on the three outside walls leading to the porch. The fireplace was very large and could hold a five foot log. There was no ceiling, it was all open up to the roof. It was actually just a shell of a building with no finished walls or insulation. It was not used during the winter months except to store sailboats in the large main room of the club. Off the main room on the back wall was the kitchen where they had a big cast iron stove. There were two more rooms off the main room. One of the rooms opened onto the porch where the caretaker, Mr. Barr, lived in the Summer. The other room was used for boating gear and a locker room.

There was a balcony over the front door which is where the orchestra sat when the orchestra played for dances. Dances were held during the week with members and guests arriving by boats.

There was a long dock that went straight out from land into the lake where the boats tied up. Boat races were held, both sailboats and motor boats. The yacht club pennant was green with a white "W" on it.

The Mayers bought this property from Grace B. Taplin on October 8, 1941. She bought it from Frank H. Hilton on May 5, 1926. Frank Hilton bought it from Andrew J. Ward in May, 1921. Andrew Ward bought it from Cambell in April, 1915.

The changes the Mayers made in their home have been: central heat, a bathroom, also insulated walls and paneled them with lumber, replaced two of the five foot doors with picture windows. A ceiling was built making the height of the room fifteen feet and modernized the kitchen.

Interview with Bric Opellette

Conducted by Greg Lawrence and Phil Laurion . . .

Bric Ouehlete has resided in Alton Bay for 20 years, but spent 25 summers here before establishing a permanent residence. In 1928, Bric's father bought a section of Sandy Point with two cottages on it from Mr. Hallin and he continued to buy Sandy Point in sections until it was all bought in 1938. Every few years since Sandy Point was bought, cottages have been built to make a final amount of 40 cottages in 1954. Then the motel was built which was the first one in this area. The newest addition is the deluxe motel and lounge built in 1962.