

Memphremagog Yacht Club History

In November, 2018 the yacht club received a letter from a man in Massachusetts wanting to know if the club's archives held any information about his grandfather who was a MYC member and the Burgess of Blodgett & Burgess Drygoods Store in Newport. This led me to do a little digging in the Library of Congress *Chronicling America* database of newspapers. <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

I found coverage of the club in the *Orleans County Monitor* (Barton, VT) and other Vermont papers from the founding in 1907 until 1922. Many extracts from the coverage are reproduced below. The text is from OCR scans of the original newspaper pages. I have tried to eliminate errors, but there may still be a few.

These excerpts, and the old postcards reproduced, give some idea of the membership, operations, and social life of the club during those fifteen years of its existence.

There are some interesting differences and similarities in the original and most recent incarnations of the MYC. The boats are very different, as are the costumes worn for the annual picnic. The large clubhouse, used for many MYC social events as well as being rented for community and private events, is not unlike the Gateway Center today. Clearly the event organizers were busy and the club was filling a need for the community.

A November, 1910 item relates how a gasoline launch was lost to fire when the owner put off taking in the marks to do a little duck hunting. And in a July, 1914 notice regarding the teaching of "modern dances" we learn that "the club has always had progressive ideals and will be the first in northern Vermont to actually add the Maxixe and tangoes to their regular dances and in a manner which shows them to be thoroughly up-to-date".

There is interesting coverage of the annual regattas and picnics. Membership, then as now, was mixed US and Canadian. The MYC even owned property in Canada for a time, though the planned development never materialized. The Vermont Legislature amended the 1907 MYC Articles of Association in December of 1912 to authorize the corporation to "lease, purchase, hold, convey and dispose of real and personal property, both in Vermont *and in the Province of Quebec*", [italics added]. Whetstone Island may have been purchased in 1913.

Times were changing, then as now. A 1908 news item reports that "three years ago there were only four motor boats on Lake Memphremagog; now there are 162". But in February, 1922, when the members, at their annual meeting, voted to sell Whetstone Island, we read that "at the time of its purchase there was much more interest in the lake than at the present time, when automobiling has taken the place of almost every other diversion".

One theme that appears several times, and will not be unfamiliar to us, is the beauty of the lake, its excellence as a recreational attraction, and the need for the people and city of Newport to work together to maximize the benefits to the community. A new hotel was being touted in May of 1914 "but the time has come for a show of hands". And in 1922 concern was expressed that the "*Lady of the Lake* is gone, the only steamboat is a foreign boat, run almost entirely to accommodate the Magog end of the lake".

Scott Wheeler's article states that the clubhouse was sold in 1921 but the newspaper coverage shows the MYC still operating in 1922. I believe the current MYC was registered as a VT nonprofit in 1981. If anyone has more information on the original or the current incarnation, I would like to hear from you.

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Some postcard images of Newport



Newport, VT. Memphremagog Yacht Club



Second Annual Cruise, Memphremagog Yacht Club



Memphremagog Yacht Club House 1908



Second Annual Picnic, MYC at Perkins Landing, PQ



MYC, Newport, VT



Oops, that's the other Newport, Rhode Island

NEWSPAPER REPORTS

1907

5-15-1907 St J Caledonian

Vermont News.

Yacht Club at Newport.

A Yacht club has been organized and incorporated at Newport, under the name of the Memphremagog Yacht club. The incorporators are: George B. Young, Col. C. S. Emery, Judge F. E. Alfred, W. V. True, E. C. Blanchard, C. F. Bigelow, and Aaron H. Grout. The club house which will be located on the lake front near Bay View street will cost about \$4,000. It will be two stories high with a 12 foot veranda on four sides. The second story will include an assembly hall and ante-room, the lower part being used for the storage of row boats and canoes. Two other boat houses will be built near the large one to accommodate launches. The club has reserved 350 feet of lake front for this purpose and operation will commence as soon as arrangements can be made for the erection of the buildings. The club house will be reached from the land by means of an overland pass of steel construction, having a span of 60 feet and 6 feet wide running from the end of North avenue. The location is one that commands the best view of Owl's Head mountain, Bear mountain, Indian point and Farrants point with a broad expanse of water directly in front. Lively interest is being taken by people in the village and outsiders who are summer visitors there. One object of the club is to develop interest in boating on the lake and advertise and develop the lake and village as a summer resort. It is expected that this will pave the way to a larger summer hotel on the lake than there now is, as the club has the cooperation of the B. & M. R. R., and C. P. R.R.

A full set of signals will be adopted which it is expected will become uniform on the lake. Nearly of the capital stock is already subscribed and among the stockholders there is a fleet of 20

yachts. The officers elected are: Commodore, Judge. F. E. Alfred, Newport; vice commander. Gen. F. G. Butterfield, Derby Line; rear commander, Dr. E. E. Whitaker. Newport; fleet captain, Dean N. Dwinell, Newport; measurer, Dr. H. F. Hamilton. Newport; directors, Col. C. S. Emery, E. T. Spaulding, George F. Root; clerk and treasurer, Aaron H. Grout. The directors and officers form a governing board. Judge F. E. Alfred, who holds the head office, was the owner of the first gasoline launch on this lake.

1908

4-27-1908 Orleans County Monitor (OCM)

A meeting of the stockholders of the Memphremagog Yacht club was held Thursday evening at the Y. M. I. C. rooms, when it was voted to increase the capital stock from \$5000 to \$8000, the first amount of stock all having been disposed of. The furnishing of the clubhouse was left to the discretion of the club committee. The expense of fitting up the rooms is estimated at about \$500.

5-28-1908 W. Randolph Herald & News
In their new \$10,000 club house, which was formally opened last week, the members of the Memphremagog Yacht club at Newport have one of the finest club houses in New England. The building and boathouses occupy 450 feet of lake frontage. Three years ago there were only four motor boats on Lake Memphremagog; now there are 162.

8-5-1908 OCM

Memphremagog Yacht Club Notes.

During the past two weeks the usual number of club dances has been held, each Tuesday and Friday evening. The informal "hops" have proved very popular and there is a good attendance each evening. Music is furnished by Belding's orchestra with Miss Maud Hurst at the piano. On Friday evening

there was a large attendance from down the lake and the guests departed against a very high wind which sent the rollers in in great shape, but our intrepid yachtsmen seem equal to all winds and weather. The Black Arrow Canoe club and the new swimming club known as the Pickerels are flourishing under the guidance and supervision of P. R. West, who organized these auxiliaries and is their instructor. Peculiar interest attaches to the swimming club, both for swimmers and those who wish to learn the art. Steps are being taken to provide better accommodations for the swimmers in shape of dressing rooms etc., as present arrangements seem inadequate. An inspection of the visitors' register shows upwards of 200 visitors during the latter part of July.

All members are specially requested to take part in the First Annual Power Boat Cruise, which is scheduled to take place today (Wednesday). About 40 power boats are owned by members of the club and those members who have no boat are privileged to hire one, if possible, and take part in this cruise. It is the intention of Commodore Butterfield that the speed be regulated by the small power or slow speed boats so none will be left behind. The run will be made to Georgeville if possible, returning to ward night by the west shore of the lake.

1909

4-28-1909 OCM

Water in the lake is the highest it has been in years. Portions of the Causeway have been inundated for several days, much damage has resulted to the railroad yards, all boathouses are more or less flooded and the lower floor of the Memphremagog Yacht club house has been under water for some time, though no damage has re-

sulted. At present, by reason of the cooler weather, the water is falling very rapidly.

6-30-1909 OCM

The Memphremagog Yacht club is in a thriving condition, though but little has been said of it in these columns. Several new members have been accepted of late and more are coming. Later in the season when the cruises are resumed more definite interest will no doubt be taken. At present the club is the scene of much real comfort to its members, particularly among the ladies and children, and an occasional hop helps to keep things alive.

7-28-1909 OCM

The Memphremagog Yacht club is making preparations for the entertainment of the Press association, which makes a pilgrimage to this place the latter part of August. The association is to be entertained by President Vail of the American Telegraph & Telephone Co., at Lyndon Ctr. After a trip around Lake Memphremagog on the steamer the party will be entertained by the club in an appropriate manner. Morris Buck had the misfortune to lose his motorboat by fire Thursday evening. While cruising near Province Island his supply of gasoline giving out, he went ashore for a new supply and on getting into the boat, with a lantern, there was a sudden explosion and the boat was on fire from end to end. The accident was the result of a leaky tank. The boat was burned to the water's edge, but was insured for about enough to cover the loss.

8-25-1909 St J Caledonian

VERMONT PRESS ASSOCIATION

Royally Entertained at Speedwell Farms and Newport by T. N. Vail.

(excerpts)

The mid-summer outing of the Vermont Press Association was held Thursday and Friday and proved in every way a success. The attendance was the largest in the history of the Association. The majority of the guests assembled at St. Johnsbury, Thursday morning, and took lunch at the Avenue House, after which the private car of T. N. Vail was used to convey the entire party to Lyndonville. Here the large estate of Mr. Vail, known as the Speedwell Farms, was inspected by the newspaper men and their ladies, the large barns coming in for a large amount of approbation on account of their up to date style and appointments. The party also visited the gardens and green houses, where all kinds of fruits are in process of growth under glass.....

At 11 o'clock Friday morning special cars took the guests to Newport where they boarded the steamer for a 30 mile boat ride to Magog. A collation of salads, fruit, cold meats, sandwiches and coffee was served by Mr. Vail on the boat and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed. When the rain drove the guests to the cabin an impromptu concert was arranged, including solos, quartets, storytelling, imitations and recitations.....

Reaching Newport on the return trip a banquet was served at the Newport house at which Mr. Vail was the host. About 90 covers were laid at this meeting. President Hindley expressed the thanks of the association to Mr. Vail for the royal entertainment he had provided to which Mr. Vail gracefully responded. President Hindley then proposed the toast "Vermont" and called upon C. K. Gleed, of Topeka, Kans., as a native of Vermont who had dwelt in other states to respond. Mr. Gleed urged Vermonters

to preserve the natural beauties of their state. He said their conservatism was a valuable asset absolutely necessary to offset the radicalism of the West, that Vermonters were noted for their constructive ability and cited examples of men possessing it who had gone from Vermont to dwell in other states. Gov. Prouty spoke for the state of Vermont. After the banquet a reception and dance was given the guests by Gov. Prouty and his fellow members of the **Memphremagog Yacht club**. The guests dispersed to their homes on the night and morning trains.

11-9-1909 OCM

The Memphremagog Yacht clubhouse

is closed for the winter after another successful season. The financial interests of the club are in a satisfactory condition and its success as a paying business proposition is about to be realized. As a promoter of social intercourse and personal amusement the ideals of the organization have been realized during its entire existence and all doubts as to the wisdom of the project have been displaced.

1910

4-13-1910 OCM

Y. M. I. C. and M. Y. C. Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Improvement Club was held Tuesday evening at their Club rooms in Root's block. Through an oversight on the part of the committee, the annual meeting of the Memphremagog Yacht Club was warned for the same time and place. But the difficulty was solved by holding both meetings the same night, the Improvement Club taking precedence. Both meetings were harmonious. The Improvement Club shows a gain in membership and financial condition. A lease of the Bigelow rooms, so called, in the Hall block was accepted and it is the intention of the

club to move to that location about the first of next September. The Yacht club reports all dues paid and a reduction of the Club debt about \$500, leaving only about \$800 still due. The prospects for both Clubs for a prosperous year seem good. Officers elected as follows : Improvement Club. President, O. C. Miller; vice president, H. S. Root ; secretary and treasurer, L. B. Wellman; house committee, C. S. Emery, R. W . Spear, A. A. Bishop ; trustee for three years, E. C Blanchard.

Memphremagog Yacht Club. Commodore, C. F. Bigelow; vice commodore, C. S. Emery; rear commodore, G. F. Root; fleet captain, H. S. Haskell, Derby Line ; measurer, J. B. Akin ; governing board, W. W. True, F. R. Sherman, Clayton Gould, E. Goff Penly, of Montreal and Georgeville, F T. Caswell of Derby Line. The club house will probably be opened May 1.

Nov. 23, 1910 OCM

The gasoline launch, Kismetchie, owned by C.R.Moore was totally destroyed by fire last week Tuesday. Mr. Moore was on a trip down the lake to take up some buoys and markers for the Memphremagog Yacht Club and took his gun and row boat along, anticipating an opportunity to shoot ducks. The ducks being in evidence he tied the launch at Horseneck Island and taking the small boat proceeded to stalk his game. While thus engaged, his attention was called to the Island by what seemed to be gunshots, but proved to be the explosion of loaded shells left in the launch, which was on fire and blazing furiously. He was unable to save the boat, and was obliged to row home against a heavy wind. His loss was practically covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

1911

3-22-1911 OCM

In anticipation of the spring rise in the waters of the lake the ice about the club house and other buildings of the Memphremagog Yacht club has been cut, the thickness of this ice being about 30 inches. There will

probably be little or no damage to club property from ice this year as the even cold of the past winter has caused a steady fall in the waters of the lake. As the lifting power of ice when floating is about five pounds to the cubic foot, the secret of damage to Lakeside property is soon solved. In previous years the ice about the Yacht club property has been from four to five feet in thickness owing to successive overflows and has done much damage in spite of all endeavors to circumvent it.

1912

5-29-1912 OCM

Although the Memphremagog Yacht club was opened on May 1, no very great activity, socially, has yet developed, on account of weather conditions, which have not been conducive to water sports or to much sojourning at the lakeside. Notwithstanding the extremely high water and heavy ice, damage to the club property was comparatively small and this has all been repaired. The ceiling and walls of the main room in the clubhouse have been stained a shade of green which adds greatly to the appearance of the interior. A new electric light specially designed by the steward, Mr. West, has been installed on the east end of the landing, which will enable boats to make a safe approach, may the night be ever so dark. Flag poles will be planted at each end of the wharf for the display of flags of both countries of which the membership is composed, and the large staff in the center will carry only the club colors. The boathouses are to receive a coat of paint as soon as the water is low.

8-28-1912 OCM

The Fifth Annual Cruise of the Memphremagog Yacht Club, which occurred on Tuesday of last week, was favored with beautiful weather, and

all who participated had a most delightful trip. The flotilla was in command of Commodore Geo. F. Root and formed at the clubhouse, about 10 a. m. The number of boats starting from the clubhouse was smaller than usual, but those from down the lake swelled the number to about 30. A picnic dinner was served, on the grounds of Gen. Butterfield's summer home at Lake Park. No special program had been arranged, but several interesting races between the fast boats were run, and upon the return to the clubhouse a dance was held which concluded the festivities.

1913

5-14-1913 OCM

A Camp of College Professors at Lake Memphremagog.

Col. C. S. Emery escorted a delegation of college professors representing various educational institutions all over the United States through Lake Memphremagog recently, showing the camping and outing advantages of Whetstone Island (the recently acquired property of the Memphremagog Yacht club) and many other of the numerous beauty spots. Now, that's just the class of people we should encourage to make this region their regular summer rendezvous and we have to thank Col. Emery for taking the proper initiatory course in courteously introducing them to a section of Mother Nature which they certainly haven't seen excelled, nor possibly duplicated, in grandeur anywhere in America. Now it's up to the citizens of Newport to take whatever further steps necessary to induce the college people to come to Lake Memphremagog.

8-13-1913 OCM

M. Y. C. Regatta.

Quite elaborate preparations have been made for the regatta here tomorrow, conducted by the Memphremagog

Yacht club. The races start at 1.30 and will consist of single and double canoe, single and double rowboat, sailing, boys' and girls' swimming, tub, and motor boat races. Entries are open until 12 o'clock that day, and the events are open to everyone in town and out, whether members of the yacht club or not. There will be a dance in the evening at the club house, with music by Turcott's orchestra.

1914

4-22-1914 OCM

Steward

Reginald Buzzell has been engaged as steward at the Memphremagog Yacht Club house during the coming season.

5-6-1914 OCM

Hotel Situation.

There are very few new developments in the promotion of the new hotel to be built in town but the time has come for a show of hands. As the question now stands the amount raised is to decide the location. If \$125,000 is to be raised the hotel will be built on the site of the old Memphremagog House. If \$145,000 can be raised the hotel will be erected on the Brady lot. So according to this statement it depends on how willing the people of Newport and vicinity are to help along an enterprise - which is an absolute necessity to the community if there is to be any advancement in the business activity of the town. The plans will be placed on exhibition in the window of the Orleans Trust company in a few days. The plan calls for a building with 140 feet frontage and four stories high. This will probably have to be changed to a shorter frontage on account of the lot on which it is to be placed as either of the two selected sites will not permit of this amount of frontage and leave the room around

the building which is desired. The building will contain 90 room and the first two stories will be of fireproof construction. The first \$55,000 has been practically raised so that \$90,000 will have to be raised to secure the building of the hotel on the Brady lot. It is for the interest of all the merchants and holders of real estate in town to have a good hotel here of the kind proposed and it should have the hearty support of everyone. It is now up to the people to show how much interest they have in this enterprise.

7-22-1914 OCM

New Members

Several new members were admitted to the Memphremagog Yacht club last week. This club is one of the largest and most active clubs of its kind in the state.

7-29-1914 OCM

Exponents of Modem Dances at the Yacht Club.

The Memphremagog Yacht club have secured Walter Southwick and Miss Bertha Billings of Boston, who are experts in the new dances and steps, to give an exposition, of the modern dances at the Memphremagog Yacht club house tonight. These two people are competent to teach the new steps and it is expected, that the club members will avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing and learning the new steps. The club has always had progressive ideas and will be the first in northern Vermont to actually add the Maxixe and tangoes to their regular dances and in a manner which shows them to be thoroughly up-to-date. There will be a special orchestra of five pieces for the occasion, and after the artists have finished, the regular dance from 10 to 11.30 will be given.

9-16-1914 OCM

Newport News

Passenger steamboat service on the lake is closed for the season. The Lady of the Lake made her last run on Tuesday and the Anthemis on Saturday. The village trustees have caused a cement sidewalk to be laid on Field Avenue from Main street to the Yacht Club approach, also concrete gutters have been laid on Prospect street and the walks on other streets repaired. Our streets are now in splendid condition. H. J. Ball has put up a small cottage on Whetstone Island. Other lots are being taken and the time is opportune for others to make their selection and get their lease as interest in the island is increasing and it is expected that a number of cottages will be built in the spring.

Chas. Wilder has returned to Worcester, Mass. He has spent two summers past at Eagle point. Before his return he partially provided for next season by leasing a lot on Whetstone Island, of the Memphremagog Yacht Club. He will probably build a cottage another year.

1915

5-12-1915 OCM

Opening

The date for the formal opening of the Memphremagog Yacht club house has not been definitely decided upon, though it is thought it will be May 28th, instead of the 21st as reported last week.

1918

3-27-1918 OCM

Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Memphremagog Yacht club was held last week at the Y. M. I. C. rooms. The following officers were elected: Commodore, Henry G. Blanchard;

vice commodore, E. Goff Penny; rear commodore, H. J. Ball; clerk and treasurer, Geo. F. Root; directors, C. A. Brown, Wm. Pike, Geo. L. Frost, W. H. Cleary, and L. P. House; measurer, L. O. Drew; fleet captain, Richard Hurst.

1919

2-5-1919 OCM

Memphremagog Yacht Club.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Memphremagog Yacht club was held Wednesday evening. Following the reading of the annual reports, the following were elected: Commodore, George L. Frost; vice commodore, J. J. Rosevar; rear commodore, Chas. A. Brown; clerk and treasurer, A. E. Bishop; measurer, Geo. J. Eaton; fleet captain, Fred E. Woodruff; directors, Wm. F. Pike, W. H. Cleary, Geo. F. Root, O. S. Searles and D. N. Dwinell. A committee consisting of C. S. Emery A. H. Grout and R. W. Spear were elected to draft resolutions for the deceased members.

5-21-1919 OCM

Newport Personals

Percy West arrived Wednesday of last week from England. He will serve the Memphremagog Yacht club this season as steward, a position he filled several years ago with satisfaction to all.

OCM 6-4-1919

Yacht Club Opening.

The annual opening reception and entertainment of the Memphremagog Yacht club will be held at the club house Friday evening, June 6th.

The entertainer of the evening will be James D. Thrasher of Boston, assisted by Harry Edwards, soloist. McCauley's orchestra will furnish music.

Members are requested to be in their seats promptly at 8 o'clock. The

entertainment will be from 8 to 10 o'clock and dancing from 10 to 12.

8-13-1919 OCM

Yacht Club Cruise.

The Memphremagog Yacht club will hold a cruise, regatta and picnic Tuesday, August 19th.

The plans now are to go to Province island via small boats and the Steamer Anthemis, leaving the club house at 10.30 a. m. The club committee are anxious that all members of the club having boats join the flotilla and help make the outing a success.

1920

6-23-1920

Memphremagog Yacht Club.

For the sum of \$15 you can have the privilege of using the club premises and of sending your out-of-town friends and personal visitors, who may be staying with you to enjoy the dances or the pleasures of a quiet morning, afternoon or evening, under the protection of your card.

Every season after the first will cost you but \$5. Each member of the family over 16 receives a personal card; each member of the family under 16 can come into the club under escort of someone over sixteen entitled to enter the club.

Husbands who "don't care about dancing" can interest themselves in a wife and family that do and dancing till midnight on one day in the week, especially alter perhaps a sedentary Sunday, will never hurt anyone!

And if it gives you any satisfaction by carrying a member's card, you can be one ahead of your neighbor, because under by-law, neither he nor his wife can be taken to the club except to embark on a boat, or to view the premises as in the case of newcomers.

By renting a key for 25c you can enter the club when the steward is off duty; by renting a locker for one dollar, you can shut up coats, umbrellas, rubbers, camp stools, etc.

O. S. Searles is the membership man, E. F. Hobson is the secretary treasurer (at True & Blanchard's), the club hours are between 8 a. m., and 10 p. m., but the boathouse is always open. Steward away between 12.30 and 1.30 and 5.30 and 6.30.

Monday night's dance proves that good music, clean surroundings and pictures of rather uncommon interest and the glint of silver trophy cups help to make one enjoy a pleasant time.

In two weeks when all are back for summer, then we start on the limit of good times. Burrough's orchestra say it's the best place to produce good music

1921

7-20-1921 OCM

Newport News

The Memphremagog Yacht Club has arranged to hold dances at the Club House every Tuesday and Friday evening. An orchestra will be in attendance on Tuesday evenings.

1922

2-1-1922 Caledonian Record

W. R. PROUTY HEADS NEWPORT YACHT CLUB

The Organization Votes to Sell Whetstone Island

The annual meeting of the Memphremagog Yacht club last evening brought out an attendance of about 50 members, an unusually large number, and was the biggest meeting in years.

This is perhaps owing to the fact that the club's financial affairs are in a crucial condition and ways and means must be devised to liquidate accruing debts and

formulate plans to put the club on a paying basis. At the present time the club has a debt of something over four thousand dollars, of which three thousand is the balance owing on the purchase of **Whetstone Island** and the rest for repairs and running expenses. At last night's meeting new officers and a new board of directors were elected. The nominating committee, C. S. Emery, C. A. Brown and E. W. Savage presented the following list of names to serve for the year 1922: W. R. Prouty, Commodore; W. F. Pike, Derby Line, vice commodore; Aaron H. Greut, Rear Commodore; George F. Root, clerk and treasurer; directors, C. A. Davis, H. B. Stewart, F. R. Sherman, F. D. Flint and J. E. McCarten. Leigh Wellman was appointed secretary pro tem, the regular secretary, E. F. Hobson having resigned at the time of his departure to Island Pond. Commodore O. S. Searles, presided as chairman. The house, membership, island and entertainment committees will be appointed later by the new directors. A motion was made by George F. Root to borrow four thousand five hundred dollars to pay off all indebtedness, and to mortgage Whetstone Island or any of the club property as security for same. A motion was made by Col. C. S. Emery to sell the Island. All motions were carried and voted. The island which is the property of the Club, known as Whetstone Island, is situated on the East shore of the lake near the mouth of Fitch Bay, and contains about 16 acres. At the time of its purchase there was much more interest in the lake than at the present time, when automobiling has taken the place of almost every other diversion.

It was planned to make of the island a rendezvous for picnics, outings, moonlight sails and an interchange of courtesies with other clubs on the lake and also to furnish an objective point for the annual regattas and races and help put the club on a paying basis. One of the suggestions was a tea house, but the new board of officials and directors with the corporation of the members will find a solution of this problem.

Meanwhile there is no need for a pessimistic spirit. The lake and, the hills are still with us winter and summer and out of this tangle ought to develop an outing or Country Club which would interest a very large number of our citizens both young and old and help to develop a right community spirit which signifies success in any large undertaking.

Several of the club members who were most interested in the developments of the proposed Yacht Club plans were Canadian members, summer residents, and owners of properties along the shore of the lake. With the breaking out of the war their interest declined. Some went across, some died, or met with such losses that they have never since felt so keen an interest. The Lady of the Lake is gone, the only steamboat is a foreign boat, run almost entirely to accommodate the Magog end of the lake. Various suggestions were made as to methods by which the club house might be made to yield some revenue.

5/23/1922 Caledonian Record
The Sunset Tea-Room under the management of Miss Daisy Stevens and Harley Stevens will open at the Memphremagog Yacht club house Tuesday May 30th. Special dinner 50 cents. Regular menu also served. The first social dance will be given Friday evening,

June 2.

7-30-1922 OCM

Yacht Club Regatta.

The Memphremagog Yacht Club will hold a regatta Aug. 1, and the races will be in front of the club house. A grand stand to hold about 1000 will be erected and a charge of 25 cents for each seat will be made, the upper part of the club house will be reserved for the Judges and executive committee of the regatta as it is thought the large crowds pushing to the railing at the finish of a race would incur too much possibility of accidents. A good band will be in attendance and will occupy the top of one of the boat houses.

Several barges will be anchored and seats arranged so as to command a view of the contestants at all times. A fare of five cents will be charged to convey passengers to and from these barges. This is a new venture and the committee feel that they should have the hearty support of all in making this gala day.

