



*RYC Clubhouse on West Side of River, about 1892*

In the spring of 1889 the members realized the need for a home and plans were soon underway. The U&A reported on April 15, 1889 that:

It is likely that Rochester Yacht Club will have a clubhouse soon. The site has been secured on Ontario Beach which has a frontage of about 60 feet and a depth of about 165. The north line runs close to the south end of the roller coaster.

According to the plans which have been prepared by Otis N. Crandall, the building will be 42' x 65' on the ground and three stories in height. The style of architecture will be similar to that of the buildings of the Ontario Beach Improvement Company and the general

appearance of the building will be tasteful and pretty.

Just north of the present railroad swing bridge a large blast furnace was located, operated by the Rochester Iron Manufacturing Company. The RYC clubhouse was between the blast furnace and the amusement park in Charlotte.

The construction was financed with the sale of \$2500 of clubhouse bonds and the building was completed shortly thereafter. At about the same time club rooms were secured in the Ellwanger and Barry Building in downtown Rochester.

During the first few years the initiation fee was \$10 and yearly dues were \$6. Dues were almost immediately raised to \$10, and in the spring of 1892 raised again to \$12. Non-resident dues were \$6 per year. In 1892 the club built a marine railway in Charlotte, capable of hauling out the largest boat of the fleet and with ample sidetracks for laying up during the winter.