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*The Democratic Register*  
3.11.1893

**Yacht Club Notes.** A New Yacht Club, to be know as the Ossining Yacht Club, was on Monday evening last organized by the election of the following officers: Commodore, Ralph Stray; Vice-Commodore, Augustus R Osborne; Secretary, Alfred I Riker; Treasurer, Fred A Griffin; Measurer, Irving S Haff; House Committee Irving S Haff, Herbert Cornell and Hon. Edgar L Ryder.

-- Nearly all the members are veteran yachtsmen in this vicinity, and they have fitted up the little brown building near the Upper Dock for a clubhouse. They own almost all of the best yachts that used to belong to the Sing Sing Yacht Club.

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*The Democratic Register*  
8.05.1893

**Yacht Club Notes.** A forty-foot flag staff was raised over the Ossining Yacht Club's House the early part of the week. And their colors flung to the breeze

--Vice-Commodore Augustus R Osborne, of the Ossining Yacht Club, Frank Flynn and Charles Rice returned from a cruise on board of the cabin cat-rigged yacht Aller, on Monday. They went as far east as New Haven, Conn.

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*The Democratic Register*  
9.23.1893

**Yacht Club Notes.** In a match race the first part of this week the open catboat Pauline B defeated the cabin catboat Aller, both of the Ossining Yacht Club, by almost two minutes. The time of start was: Pauline B 2:33:15; Aller, 2:32:35 and the finish: Pauline B, 3:30:45; Aller, 3:32:15.

--The Colleen and Theresa K of the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club, and the Henry Ward Beecher of the Tower Ridge Yacht Club, of Hastings were guests of the Ossining Yacht Club on Sunday.

--The Ossining Yacht Club are contemplating holding an athletic entertainment of a highest grade very soon. Among the stars of the evening will be the Haverstraw "Brickmaker," Billy Vernon and a number of other well-known athletes.

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*The Democratic Register*  
10.18.1893

**For the Ossining Yacht Club.** A grand athletic entertainment will be held in Olive Opera House next Friday evening at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the Ossining Yacht Club. Among the many other scientific exhibitions of the manly arts, the star events will be Jerry Barnett of New York, who recently boxed Dixon, the colored champion of the world, to a draw, in New York, against Charlie Barnett, who is another good man; Jack Grace, of New York against the well known Jack Dorsey, the "Baltimore Spider" and last, but by no means least of the stars, will appear the far-famed "Billy" Vernon, of Haverstraw, who in time is destined to become the light-weight champion of the world, against "Jim" Coughlin, of Brooklyn.

The above named persons in their respective classes rank close to the champions in this country, and are the best who have every appeared here.

A visit to Olive Hall next Friday evening will amply repay all who like good scientific boxing, and also help along a good object. Tickets are at the low price of 25 and 50 cents, and can be obtained from any member of the club.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
3.10.1894

**Yacht Club Elections.** On Tuesday evening, the 6<sup>th</sup> instant the Ossining Yacht Club held its annual meeting and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commodore, Ralph R Stray; vice-commodore, Augustus R

Osborne; rear-commodore, Charles S Raymond; secretary James H Moran; treasurer C D Maleady; measurer, Irving S Haff.

The club was just one year old on that evening and the members present indulged in a mild celebration. Boxing was indulged in, and Messrs. Frank Fagan and Walter Stray sang all the popular ditties of the day and were warmly applauded. "G--" sang "The Girl I Left Behind Me" in a truthful manner and he received an ovation.

The club intends to start the second year of its existence by building a handsome two-story addition to their club and they expect to have some lively yachting times in this season.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
6.16.1894

**Yachting News.** The Pauline B of the Ossining Yacht Club is entered in the second annual regatta of the Tower Ridge Yacht Club of Hastings, today.

--The Ossining Yacht Club have secured the services of that veteran waterman, E'ne Davis, who has been around the water for sixty years or more, for janitor. He is the right man in the right place and his experience will be valuable to the club.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
6.30.1894

**Yachting News--**Charles S Raymond's Pauline B of the Ossining Yacht Club, sailed by Measurer Irving S Haff, of that club, added a great victory to an already long list of them at the sixth annual regatta of the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club, at Yonkers on Saturday last. In addition to winning the prize in class H, by beating the R C Miner, by 9 minutes and 59 seconds, she defeated her old rival, the Edna of Yonkers, Class G by 10 minutes.

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7.24.1894

**A Squall on the River.** Considerable consternation was caused among the many people out in row-boats on the river Sunday evening by a sudden squall. The waves rose very high and

every body made for shore. Some had considerable difficulty, and ex-constable Willet Clark, accompanied by his wife and another lady, became entangled among the flotilla of boats off the Ossining Yacht Club house. They called out for help and Measurer Irving S Haff, Ned Rogers and Walter V Stray were quickly by their side in Andrew Rohr's big row-boat. With considerable difficulty they succeeded in getting the party to the club house, where it took the ladies some time to recover from their scare. The "lead pencil" crew of the Pauline B would make a good crew to have charge of the lifeboat that was some ago time purchased, as there are often many people caught out in gales and need assistance, but it is not in a condition to be put in the water.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
9.8.1894

**Yachting News.** The burgees of the Hudson River, Columbia and Pavonia Yacht Clubs were flying among the fleet at the Ossining Yacht Club anchorage on Labor Day.

--Charles S Raymond's cat-boat Pauline B of the Ossining Yacht Club, was one of the starters in the annual Labor Day regatta of the New York Yacht Racing Association. She was beaten by the "U&I" by about four minutes corrected time. The Pauline lost the race through a misunderstanding as to the time of the start. Had she started at the right time she would in all probability have been an easy victor. The crew consisted of Messrs. Haff, Miller, Maleady, Mapelsden, Ward, Rice, and Mattocks. The steamer "Sylph" of Peekskill, took about twenty persons to see the race.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
11.12.1894

--The Ossining Yacht Club will hold their annual outing and games on Thanksgiving Day, on the grounds of the Indian Brook Gun Club, on Andrew Rohr's farm. The sports will consist of a clay or live bird shoot, one hundred yards' dash, high and broad jumping, climbing greased pole, chasing greased pig, sack rack, potato race and five of the best amateur boxing contests ever

seen in Sing Sing. The games will be open to all amateurs, upon the payment to the secretary of an entrance fee of fifty cents on or before November 26<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded in the different events and the committee in charge promises all who attend an afternoon of genuine pleasure. Admission tickets, which include Johnny Aitchison's famous clam chowder, 25 cents, and other refreshments to be had on the grounds. The bird shoot will commence in the morning at ten o'clock. Stages will be run during the day direct to the grounds.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
12.01.1894

**Yacht Club Games.** The Thanksgiving Day outing and games of the Ossining Yacht Club, held on Andrew Rohr's farm, was a huge success in every way.

The day was perfect, the attendance large, and the games and sports so closely contested as to call forth great applause in each event.

The entries in the one-hundred yards' dash were Messrs. Storms, Bunyea, Griffin, and Rice of this village and Serrell of Ludlow. The first heat was won by Serrell, but so closely followed by Bunyea that at first it looked like a dead heat. The second heat resulted in a tie between Storms and Bunyea, and in the final heat Storms won easily, and took first prize. Serrell came in second and Bunyea third. The time for the final heat was eleven seconds, which was excellent time considering the track, which was about as bad as could be; in fact, dangerous to run upon.

The broad jump was won by Walter V Stray and the jump with dumb bells by Ralph R Stray. After several laughable trials by different persons, Ben. Haines climbed the greased pole.

Charles Rohr caught the greased pig after a long and exciting chase. Commodore Andrew Rohr beat Rear-Commodore C S Raymond in the live bird shoot; and also won in the clay-bird shoot. He did some remarkable shooting.

The four boxing bouts were well contested and exciting throughout, especially the one between Messrs. Bolan and Hall.

"Johnnie" Aitchison's famous clam chowder was very much ordered by everyone, his tent being one of the many centers of attraction.

The Committee of Arrangements wish to thank all persons who in any way contributed to the immense success of their first venture in out-door entertainments.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
4.20.1895

**Yacht Notes.** Commodore Andrew Rohr, Vice-Commodore John M Terwilliger, Captain "Johnny" Aitchison and George Rohr, of the Ossining Yacht Club, went down to the fishing banks, on Tuesday, in quest of cod. Commodore Rohr captured the largest one, a seven pounder.

--Rev. Dr. Wilson Phraner was in town on Wednesday and was present in the evening at the meeting in the Presbyterian Church, where he spoke on the subject of missions, in which he is so deeply interested, and alluded to the death of this son, Stanley, who was a missionary.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
4.27.1895

**Yachting Notes.** Commodore Rohr, Vice Commodore Terwilliger, Treasurer Maleady and Measurer Haff, of the Ossining Yacht Club attended the meeting of the New York Yacht Racing Association, at O'Neil's in New York city, on Friday evening last.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
5.25.1895

**Yachting Notes.** The cat-rigged yacht Pauline B, which was purchased by a number of members of the Ossining Yacht Club last fall, has been greatly improved. She has been decked over, a hollow spar thirty eight feet tall put in by Fabian, of Jersey City, and furnished with a new sail by Hyer, of New York.

On Memorial Day she sails with the Edna and Colleen, of Yonkers, for the special prize offered by the Audubon Yacht Club of New York city.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
6.1.1895

**Yachting Notes.** The Ella S., Topsy, Aller, and Pauline B, of the Ossining Yacht Club are entered in the regatta of the Hudson River Yacht Club, Ninety-second street, New York, to take place to-morrow.

--The second annual regatta of the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club will be held on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a special prize given in Class H, which class includes the old rivals, the Pauline B of the Ossining Yacht Club and the Edna and Colleen of the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club.

--The Admission Committee of the Ossining Yacht Club have twenty-five applications for membership before them.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
8.17.1895

**The Yacht Club Regatta To-Day.** The first annual regatta of the Ossining Yacht Club to be held to-day, commencing at about 11:30 o'clock, promises to be first-class in every particular. The boats that have been entered are the speediest on the river, nearly all of them having been prize-winners in different races this season.

A large crowd of yachtsmen are expected from out of town, as the entries are of such first-class boats that a splendid, exciting race may be the result.

The course will be a triangular one, six miles around, which will be sailed over by the large boats three times, making eighteen miles in all, and twice over by the smaller boats, a twelve-mile race. The start will be in front of the club house to a stake boat below the Point, then to a stake boat down the river between Scarborough Dock and the Hook Mountain. The largest part of the race can be seen from the clubhouse, and the members wish extend to their

friends an invitation to view the race from the clubhouse.

The entries in the different classes together with the club under which they are entered are as follows.

Class C, Cabin Sloops, 32 feet and under 40 feet—Forsyth II, 34 feet, Jersey City; Henry Ward Beecher, 32 feet 2 inches, Tower Ridge; Ella Smith 32 feet 9½ inches, Ossining.

Class D, Cabin Sloops, under 32 feet – Arcadia, 24 feet 6 inches, Tower Ridge

Class E, Cabin Cats, over 23 feet – Aller, 25 feet 11 inches, Ossining; Molly Bawn, 28 feet, Pavonia; Minnie, 25 feet 11½ inches, Audubon.

Class F, Open Cats, over 27 feet – Dolphin, 27 feet 3 inches, Poughkeepsie

Class I, Open Cats, over 23 feet – Marguerite, 24 feet 10¼ inches, Ossining.

Class J, Open Cats, 23 feet and over 20 feet – Pauline B, 22 feet 7½ inches, Ossining; Colleen 22 feet, Yonkers Corinthian; Tempest, 22 feet 10 inches, New York Bay; Nettie, 20 feet 6 inches, Poughkeepsie; Topsy, 20 feet 6 inches, Ossining; Ibis, 20 feet 1 inch, Tower Ridge.

Class K, Open Cats, 20 feet and over 17 feet – Minnie II, 19 feet 10 inches, Kill von Kull; Mercedes, 19 feet 11 inches, Audubon; Charles T Wills, 19 feet, 5½ inches, Columbia; Lulu, 19 feet 1½ inches, Ossining.

Class L, Open Cats 17 feet and under – Adele Rae, 16 feet 2 inches, Audubon; Cinch, 16 feet 7 inches, Audubon; Little Dean 16 feet 5 inches, Audubon; Maggie P, 16 feet 2 inches, Kill von Kull; Flossie, 14 feet 8 inches, Ossining

The race in Class C will be between the rivals – the Beecher and the Ella Smith. In their last meeting at Hastings, the Beecher won a very close and interesting race by a very few seconds. The Forsyth II is also reported to be a very fast boat.

The Molly Bawn and Minnie are two of the fastest cabin cats on the river, but he Aller may be relied on to make them go as they never went before or else lose the race. In Class J, the two rivals – Pauline B and Colleen—will no doubt make a very pretty race, although some of the dark horses in the class may surprise either one of them by winning.

The entries in Class K are of the fastest boats also, and it will be hard to pick a winner.

Class L will furnish the closest race of the day, these little boats being the fastest of their size built; in fact, the owner of the Adele Rae will race his boat against any similar boat of its size built. The others from the same club are also hustlers.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
11.23.1895

**The Ossining Yacht Club Games.** The committees in charge of the second annual outing and games of the Ossining Yacht Club, to be held in Robbins Opera House, Thanksgiving afternoon, are hustling, and promise to present an entertainment that will surpass anything in this line ever before given by this popular organization.

The games will begin at one o'clock, and will consist of running, potato, sack and three-legged races, jumping and other events. Boxing bouts between well-known local amateurs and amateurs from Peekskill and other places, together with the well-known Barnett Brothers, professionals from New York, will form a special feature of the entertainment. These contests will take place on an elevated ring, and those who attend will have an opportunity of witnessing the best exhibition of the "manly art" ever seen in this village.

The committee will provide valuable prizes for every event, and special prize of a solid silver medal will be awarded in the running contest. The events are open to all.

The admission will be twenty-five cents and seats will be reserved for ladies.

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*The Democratic Republican*  
11.30.1895

**Ossining Yacht Club Games.** The event of Thanksgiving Day in this village was the outing and games of the Ossining Yacht Club, at Robbins Opera House.

The games commenced at two o'clock in the afternoon and concluded shortly after five. There were running and walking matches, jumping, boxing and music. Vice-commodore J M Terwilliger acted as master of ceremonies.

The games started with a potato race, which was won by Clarence Reynolds. The entries in the half-mile run were George Storms, of Everett avenue; Walter Bunyea, and George Storms, of Dale avenue. Bunyea won easily, as the other two dropped out after running a few laps.

The quarter-mile run had Ernest Collyer, Walter V Stray, and George Storms, of Everett avenue, for starters; Collyer finished first, Storms second,

In the jumping contest, the competitors were Messrs Ralph Stray, Earnest Collyer, and W Stray. Ralph Stray won the event.

The sack race had four starters, but the contest settled down to Ralph Stray and Ernest Collyer, the former winning the race by so slight a margin that the spectators were in doubt as to which crossed the line first.

The high kicking contest had but one entry – Frank Lewis. He gave a good exhibition in that line.

The high jump was won by Warren Odell, his competitors being Messrs. Ralph Stray and Ernest Collyer. Odell won rounds of applause by his work.

The quarter-mile walking match was won by Ernest Collyer. George Leary was the only other starter, and for a while he gave Collyer a close *run*.

The quarter-mile run, for club members only, was one of the most interesting and closest contests of the day. The starters were Monroe Merritt,

George Leary, W V Stray, Ralph Stay and Eugene I Maleady. At the start Maleady set the pace and continued a long distance in the lead until the fifth lap, when he stopped, thinking that lap was the final one. Ralph Stray kept on running, taking the lead. Maleady started again and finished second. He would have been an easy winner, but for his blunder in stopping when he did.

The pair of chickens that ornamented the top of the greased pole were unmolested, as none of the boys who tried to ascend the slippery stick was able to get more than a third of the way up. It was greased with Cottolene, and the boys say that is what was the matter—"Dis new fangled stuff is too slip'ry; see?"

Sanford and West, in instrumental and vocal music, were stars in themselves and helped greatly to keep the audience in good humor.

Thos. Toole gave a good exhibition of jig dancing. The boxing bouts consisted of lively exhibitions of skill between local amateurs, aided by a few outsiders. Only a few of them can be mentioned owing to lack of space and time: John Larkins and Jack Howes, both local chamois pushers, kept the house constantly applauding and also constantly laughing.

The star event between "Spot" Gaynor, of North Sing Sing and "Bud" Ryan, of South Sing Sing, was of the cyclonic variety. After a rush there would be a kaleidoscopic whorl of heads, legs, arms and gloves, and then the united efforts of referee, time-keeper and seconds to separate them. "Spot" made a speech and took up a collection. The Barnett Brothers, professionals, of New York gave a short scientific bout which was quite interesting and concluded the entertainment.

The local amateurs, all of whom showed considerable knowledge of the "manly art" and helped make the show such a rousing success were: Messrs. Ellis, Hall, Haff, Bolen, Goshenheimer, Farrell and Dowd.

Valuable and useful prizes were awarded to the successful competitors in the athletic contests. The yacht club desires to thank all who by the donation of prizes, attendance, or otherwise contributed toward the success of the entertainment.

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*Democratic Register*  
1.04.1896

**Welcomed the New Year.** The Ossining Yacht Club, of this village, gave a banquet on Tuesday night last in their club house in honor of the parting year, and to meet socially and welcome the new. Over forty members of the club and their friends assembled to enjoy the "feast of reason and flow of soul". The banquet was served by Chef Emanuel Papino, and consisted of six courses served in this chef's most elaborated style.

At the midnight hour, Commodore Rohr arose and announced that 1896 had arrived and he wished all a Happy New Year, after which Vice-Commodore Terwilliger addressed the meeting. He outlined the progress that the organization had made since its formation three years ago with four members. Now it has nearly ninety members on its rolls, and is perhaps the liveliest organization in this village. He made a patriotic allusion to the great international yacht race last fall, which excited considerable enthusiasm among those present, and concluded by reading a letter, said to have been sent by a young lady, telling the exploits on land of some of the prominent members of the club, which presented disclosures that set the company in roars of laughter. He has mislaid the letter, so we cannot give it in full this week.

Ex-President W Clinton Mead, who is also a member of the club, was called upon and responded in his happiest vein. Mr. Mead's address was in his usual pointed and eloquent style, and at its conclusion he received an ovation from those present.

Then mostly everybody had something to say, and "Lewis" Searles made his debut as a nautical poet; his rhymes were received with great applause,

“Owen” Maleady and George Leary gave several appropriate and funny toasts, and set everybody laughing. “Hand” Haff ever mindful of the fair sex, proposed three cheers for the ladies at home, which was given. Nit! “Col.” Maleady said that some of the company were laboring under a “hallucination”, but the police were called before he had time to proceed further. “Tot” Minnerly also drifted into poetry and made a decided hit. Chauncey Terwilliger had something to say, but forgot all about it when he put his hand in his coat pocket and found a substitute for this speech. Thomas Barrett spoke of the times “twenty years ago”, and Chief Engineer Jarvis, Fred A Griffin, Prof. Wm Richardson, Wm J Mahon, Walter Smith, and A G Osborne, Thomas Flanagan, William Childs, Edward J Stanton, Stuart Baker and T F Walsh also addressed the banqueters.

This ended the dinner, and then some vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed, which brought the happy affair to a happy conclusion.

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*Democratic Register*  
4.11.1896

**The Yacht Club's Great Show.** Everybody who has read the posters announcing that “the greatest aggregation of amateur stars”, composed of members of the Ossining Yacht Club and Volunteer Life Saving Corps, of this village, will give one of the best amateur minstrel and variety entertainments every seen in Sing Sing, at Olive Opera House, Tuesday night, April 14<sup>th</sup>, are convinced from the “modest” announcement that the entertainment will certainly be an enjoyable and up-to-date affair. Diligent rehearsals, combined with ardent enthusiasm on the part of the “talent”, has rendered them about perfect and they are eager to appear before the footlights.

The rush for seats when the board was opened to the public last Monday morning was one of the largest on record. At the solicitation of those who did not secure desirable reserved seats, another row has been reserved in the balcony at 75 cents, and a row of chairs

in the front of the hall at \$1 each. If you want these seats, call at Hart's and secure them.

The first part will be an innovation from the conventional half-circle, and will be so nautical in character, that the audience will certainly think the jolly tars on board the ship “Weskora” are at anchor off Paradise Island. This scene will be one of the most elaborate ever shown on the local stage, and in it will be introduced all the coming comedians and great solo artists and the merry endmen – Messrs. Ralph Baker, Fred. W Barlow, Warren Odell, “Bab” Maleady, and George Leary – ten soloists, an up-to-date medley overture, rendered by a chorus of fifty voices and a grand finale. Commodore J M Terwilliger, of the V L S C will act as Captain of the “Weskora” and help along the jollity.

Superintendent Swain of the Electric Light Company will introduce a number of novel electrical effects, which will be a novelty never before used on our stage.

Among the specialties introduced in the second part will be Hunt and Gensler, the great “Dutch Team”, in their fun-provoking sketch, “From You I Can No Part”. This is entirely original, and will alone be worth the price of admission.

The two kings of fun-makers – Barlow and Baker – will also appear in one of most comical Irish sketches every seen here, introducing specialties, parodies, local songs, gags, and up-to-date jollity.

Messrs. Griffin, Kromer, and Baker, who will introduce a musical sketch, in which 15 instruments are employed, have one of the funniest specialties on the programme.

The eight premier song and dance artists – Messrs. Adams, Barrett, Leary, E I Maleady, Minnerly, H Rice, W V Stray and Walsh – of whom so much is expected, will certainly make a decided hit; in fact, their fame has extended so far by their rehearsals that metropolitan vaudeville managers are already negotiating for their services. They will introduce “My Darling Emeline”.

The evenings festivities will conclude with the laughable skit, “Return of the Lost One”, by the entire company, in which some novel features will be introduced, also singing and genuine buck and jig dancing. Prof. Rall is in charge of the music and will be assisted by ten musicians. Ralph Baker, as chairman of the committee of arrangements, is general manager of the entertainment.

The performance POSITIVELY begins at EIGHT o'clock. Be there with your girl when the curtain rises. If you miss this show, you will always regret it.

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*Democratic Register*  
4.25.1896

**Yachting News.** W V Stray's “Flossie” went into commission this week.

--The fleet of catboats in this vicinity will soon be augmented by the arrival of a 24 footer, which it is claimed, will be one of the speediest on the river.

--S Olin Washburne was in Nyack, on Tuesday, looking after the Daimler<sup>1</sup> motor launch “Juanita”, owned by himself and J E Crow, which will go into commission about May 12<sup>th</sup>.

--The annual regatta of the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club is announced for Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>; that of the Tower Ridge Club, at Hastings, a week later, Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>.

--The members of the Ossining Yacht Club are striving to bring their membership past the century mark. The new members elected on Tuesday evening last, brought the number up to ninety-six.

--The Pauline B, the sailing crack-a-jack of this vicinity, and the pride of the Ossining Yacht Club, was launched during the past week. The owners hope to have a more successful racing season this summer than they had last, and will have many novelties in the racing apparatus of the slick little craft. Capt. Irving S Haff will be at the helm again this season and is eager for the fray. “Hank” knows how to sail a boat and his friends expect great things from this year.

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<sup>1</sup> Washburne belongs to the Sing Sing Yacht Club.

*Democratic Register*  
5.02.1896

**Yacht News.** Capt. "Hank" Haff has launched his cat-boat, "Lulu".

--Builder John Smith has been awarded the contract for building the new scow float for the Ossining Yacht Club.

--Commodore Rohr, Pilot Jacob Peterson, and Engineer A R Osborne, of Mr. Rohr's new Daimler launch "Adeline", were in New York Tuesday, to be measured for their regulation yachting uniforms to be worn by them on the launch this summer. The uniforms will be strictly up-to-date, and are being made by Howard Place, the South street yachting goods furnisher. The "Adeline" will arrive in Sing Sing June 2d, and be anchored off the Ossining Yacht Club house.

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*Democratic Register*  
5.09.1896

**For the Benefit of the GAR.** The Ossining Yacht Club and Volunteer Life Saving Corps of this village will repeat their great minstrel and variety entertainment in Olive Opera House, this village, next Tuesday evening, May 12<sup>th</sup> for the benefit of Morell Post, No. 144, GAR<sup>2</sup> of this village.

This entertainment gave great satisfaction to the very large audience assembled to enjoy it when it was given here on April 14<sup>th</sup> last, and its repetition for such a cause as the benefit of such a worth organization as Morell Post will undoubtedly draw a large audience again to Olive Opera House. It is certainly the "greatest aggregation of amateur stars" that has ever given an entertainment here.

The members of the company who presented the show so successfully then have gone into it again with the same enthusiasm they displayed in the original performance, and with the introduction of some new novelties and jokes, they hope to eclipse their former effort, which will be a hard task for them to accomplish,

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<sup>2</sup> The Grand Army of the Republic had disbanded only 30 years before, and the Civil War was still a living memory.

This will afford an opportunity for all who missed the first performance to witness the show, as well as those who enjoyed the treat so well then to attend again, have a good laugh, and incidentally help the treasury of that most worthy organization, Morell Post, G.A.R.

As the sale of seats thus far has not met the expectation of the Morell Post, they have decided to reduce the price of seats from one dollar, 75 cents and 50 cents, to 75, 50 and 25 cents. Persons holding one-dollar tickets will be refunded twenty-five cents on presenting tickets at Hart's drug store.

Remember the Ossining's show is great, and the cause for which it is repeated is a worthy one, and, at the reduced price of seats, the opera house should be crowded next Tuesday evening.

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*Democratic Register*  
5.23.1896

**Yachting News.** The Pauline B of the Ossining Yacht Club is going into the races of the Audubon Yacht Club on the 30<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day. She has abandoned her hollow spar, and now has a solid one, which is going to bring home the first prize in her class.

--The Ossining Yacht Club Regatta will take place on June 27, and preparations are being made to render it a notable aquatic event.

--Dr Sheehan was elected a member of the Ossining Yacht Club on Tuesday night, and he "blew off" the Commodore and some of the boys at Hotel Keenan.

--Commodore Rohr's 33-foot Daimler motor yacht will be brought up from Steinway, L I to-day with flying colors, by the Commodore and a party of friends. She is a beauty and a flyer, and will be a notable addition to the Ossining's fleet.

--Commodore Andrew Rohr's enlarged photograph to almost life-size and the opening scene in the Ossining Yacht Club and Volunteer Life Saving Corps Minstrel performance, both handsomely framed, have been presented to the club

by Photographer Stanton, and they now adorn the walls of the club house.

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*Democratic Register*  
5.30.1896

**Yachting News.** The catboat Rockaway, Jack Miller skipper, went into commission this week.

--Winfield S Smith's steam launch went into commission during the past week.

--The Pauline B will take part in the regatta of the Audubon Yacht Club, at 152d street and North river, New York, to day. A number of Sing Singers will witness the race.

--Commodore Rohr's launch "Adeline" arrived at the Ossining Yacht Club on Saturday afternoon last, accompanied by the Commodore and a number of relatives and friends. They had a delightful sail up the river in the beautiful boat. She surpassed all expectations, both in looks and speed especially in speed, as she goes like a racehorse. The Daimler Motor Company, of Steinway, L.I. are the builders of the craft. The motive power is gasoline. She is 33 feet long, has a seven horse-power motor that is guaranteed to make at least 10 miles an hour, but she can easily surpass that and has done so during the past week. Commodore Rohr is to be congratulated upon the possession of so handsome and speedy a boat.

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*Democratic Register*  
6.06.1896

**Yachting News.** The Ossining Yacht Club is painting its clubhouse a pretty tint, and it will, when completed, be one of the tidiest on the river.

--Col. Franklin Brandreth has chartered for the season T R Hostetter's steam yacht Duquesne. It is 131 feet long and came up to the anchorage here on Monday. It is in command of Capt. Pagel and has a crew of eleven men. The colonel intends to do some cruising in this pretty vessel this season.

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*Democratic Register*  
6.26.1896

**Second Annual Regatta.** There were thirty-three entries and twenty starters in the eight classes in the second annual

regatta of the Ossining Yacht Club last Saturday afternoon. At the time of the start, about 1 o'clock, there were many of the fair sex gracing the balconies of the clubhouse, and the scene thereabout was one of great activity in getting the various craft in condition for the race.

The course for Class C was to and around a stake boat anchored off Dobbs Ferry and return, starting from an imaginary line between a stake-boat and the clubhouse and finishing, at the same place, distance about twenty miles.

The course for classes D, F, I, J and K was three times around a triangular course, starting from an imaginary line between a stake-boat anchored just below Croton Point, to a stake-boat on the west bank of the channel off Scarborough; thence back to the starting point, making a run of about eight miles.

The course for Class L and the half-raters was twice around this latter course.

The Judge was W L Onyans and the Regatta Committee Robert T Dennis, Chairman; Fred. A Griffin, Benjamin R Smith, James H Moran, Irving S Haff, Timothy F Walsh, F A Fisher and W V Stray. They occupied Commodore Andrew Rohr's fine new yacht Adeline.

In Class C, cabin sloops, 32 feet and under 40 feet, there were three starters: Minta, Bolet Brothers owners, Tappan Zee Y.C.; Ella S, B R Smith and others owners, Ossining Yacht Club, and Henry Ward Beecher, Bevers & Tompkins owners, Tower Ridge Y.C. This was a very peculiar race. The Minta got away at the start long after the other two, and while they are admitted to be fliers, the Beecher generally winning in her class, the Minta got home nearly half an hour ahead of them, went out of its way in crossing the home line, and even then her rivals were out of sight. Neither the judges nor any one else could believe she went over the whole course, her performance was so extraordinary. But the crew said they had and so did the crews of the defeated yachts. It then turned out that she went down on the west side of the river while the Beecher and Ella S were fighting against the tide, and thus stole a march

on them. She certainly won handsomely and her time was 4:07:08. Ella S defeated the Beecher beautifully, her time being 4:30:35, and that of the Beecher 4:33:28.

In Class D, open sloops, the Cleon, Charles A Preston owner, Tappan Zee Y.C., was the only starter and she withdrew after the second turn.

In Class F, cabin cats, the starters were: Gracie, O C Pinckney owner, TZYC; Ethel, E Y Nelson owner, TZYC, and D F Fox, V E Van Hagen, Troy Y C. The latter won in 3:25:28

In Class I, open cats over 23 feet, the Nan, Gabriel Reeves owner, Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club, had a walk over, there being no competitor against her.

In Class J, open cats 23 feet and over 20 feet, the Pauline B, Maleady & Ward owners, OYC, and Colleen, Jackson & Bartlett owners, TZYC were the starters. The Pauline B withdrew after the second round. The Colleen won in 2:22:24.

In Class K, open cats 20 feet and over 17 feet, the starters were Lohengrin, Van Wyck Rossiter owner, TZYC; Frank, W W Whyland owner, GYC; and Gauntlet, A X Fallon owner, TZYC. The latter won in 3:09:23.

In Class L, open cats 17 feet and under, there were three starters; Cinch, W Hubbard owner, Audubon YC; Flossie, Walter V Stray owner, OYC, and Beatrice, Eugene Cuatt owner. The latter did not finish. The Cinch won in 2:29:00.

In the special class – half raters – there were three starters: Isabel, James P McQuade owner; Nereus, O C Pinckney owner, and Florence, E Cohen owner, all of the TZYC. The Nereus won in 3:06:50.

The prizes were handsome trophies and the visitors ought to be well satisfied since they won them all.

*Democratic Register*  
3.06.1897

**Ossining Yacht Club.** The Ossining Yacht Club elected the following officers on Monday evening:

*Commodore*-William F Mezger, Jr.  
*Vice-Commodore*-Benjamin R Smith  
*Rear-Commodore*-H W Mapelsden  
*Fleet Surgeon*-Dr. E F Sheehan  
*Secretary*-James H Moran  
*Treasurer*-Edward Travis

*Measurer*-Irving S Haff  
*Regatta Committee*-R T Dennis, chairman; C S Raymond, W S Smith

*House Committee*- Eugene Cuatt, chairman; W S Smith, I S Haff, C S Raymond, W V Stray.

*Admission Committee*- T F Walsh, chairman; R Kromer, Jr., Warren Odell, Lewis Searles.

*Delegates to NYYRA*- R T Dennis, chairman; W V Stray, C D Maleady.

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*Democratic Register*  
4.10.1897

**Brief Locals.** John Hayes is the captain of the Ossining Yacht Club Base Ball Clubs.

--At the regular meeting of the Ossining Yacht Club, next Tuesday evening "Johnny" Aitchison will serve one of his famous bass chowders.

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*Democratic Register*  
4.24.1897

--The Sing Sing Steamer Company's base ball team and the Ossining Yacht Club's nine will play a match game in this village on Memorial Day.

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*Democratic Register*  
6.26.1897

--The cabin sloop yacht, "Ella S" owned by Vice-Commodore Benjamin R Smith, of the Ossining Yacht Club, was winner in her class at the Tower Ridge Yacht Club regatta, at Hastings, on Saturday last. She defeated her old rival, the Henry Ward Beecher, by over eight minutes, corrected time.

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*Democratic Register*  
2.26.1898

**It Was A Great Success.** The threatening weather of Tuesday evening, after a day of rain, snow and sleet, did not deter those who had been awaiting the time for the amateur minstrel and vaudeville entertainment of the Ossining Yacht Club and Volunteer Life Saving Corps. They flocked to the Opera House early, and long before eight o'clock every seat was occupied on main floor and in gallery, and they were beginning to form lines along the wall to see and hear all that was to be seen and heard, for rumors of great things to come had been in circulation for weeks.

The aged and decrepit condition of the plastering about the stage was to a degree hidden by National flags draped, and in the center was a portrait of George Washington, whose memory had been celebrated all day on that his natal day.

Rall's orchestra gave a concert before the curtain was lifted, performing some popular airs.

When the curtain arose the stage was discovered filled with a fine looking company of dusky-hued gentlemen neatly attired in black evening suits with immaculate white shirt fronts, collars, and neckties, with the exception of the four end-men—William H Hapgood and C D Maleady, tambos, and George S Jenkins and Harry E Scripture, bones – who appeared in the most grotesque costumes imaginable, and contributed to offset the prosiness of the main company.

James H Moran occupied the center as interlocutor and supported the responsible and important part with due dignity, keeping the business running smoothly along without a break.

It would take a page to describe the antics of the end-men and give their witty jokes and stories; suffice it to say that they kept the audience in a roar and laughter, which was what they went there for, and they were not disappointed.

The chorus for the First Part consisted of George S Edgers, Howard Safford,

Frank Valentine, Fred A Griffin I, Fred A Griffin II, Walter Haring, Daniel J Hickey, William Dooley, Elwood Stevens, George Ostendorf, Wallace Hyatt, James Merritt, Eugene Merritt, Frank Merritt, Harry Rice, George Warley, James Sands, Everett Mapelsden, Allen Mead, Guy Nichols, Joseph Robbins, William Sutton, Fred Davis, John V Hayes, George Dempsey, E I Maleady, Frank Cuatt, Ora Gould, E F Sheehan M D, and E P Travis.

The singing by the entire company and the Kindergarten Soubrettes, impersonated by "Chance" Terwilliger and "Tim" Walsh, were the first hits of the entertainment. The soubrettes were attired in gaudy costumes and convulsed the audience with their actions, which were graceful in the extreme, and delighted all with their fine singing and dancing. They perspired freely and worked hard for the laurels they won.

The soloists in the first part – Mr. H Vance Swope, Mr. John Kenney and Master Ralph Wescott, all rendered their selections in fine voice and action and received merited encores.

Mr. Hapgood's encore song "Fairy Tales" in which he was assisted by Messrs. Scripture and Jenkins, made a great hit.

C D Maleady's "Macbeth's soliloquy" was irresistible and nearly drove the end men from their respective corners.

The "Olio" brought out some shining stars, among the brightest in the constellation being Robert T Dennis and Henry H Reynolds, who gave their laughable sketch: "Words Without Song". "Bob" was armed with a big gong, on which he registered all the applause he heard and he rang them up as fast as possible. He had an off-hand humor about his remarks, which took with the audience.

George S Jenkins then had a "lonesome", as the programme called it, in which he told many secrets out of school and sang, as a concluding piece, "I'll Make That Black Girl Mine", with telling effect, having a chorus of a novel nature in the shape of a large drop

curtain giving the words and music, the black notes being impersonated by a black face thrust through openings in the curtain, and all sang the chorus. This was a novelty to Sing Sing audiences, and they had to respond three times to encores.

Harry E Scripture, who possesses a fine baritone voice, sang "You, Just You", and the popular: "On the Banks of the Wabash". The latter was effectively illustrated with dissolving views by mean of a stereopticon. It had a beautiful effect. Harry scored a great hit and received much merited applause, His acting and singing were all that the most fastidious could desire.

This part of the programme was concluded with a laughable German sketch, enacted by William H Hapgood and C D Maleady. How they got that live horse on the stage was a conundrum, which has not been solved to this day by the audience.

The Grand Finale showed the entire strength of the company, introducing an octette of artists in the "The High School Girls", the girls being Messrs. Terwilliger, Walsh, Kenney and E I Maleady and the sporty boys Messrs. J V Hayes, H G Rice, James Sands and Ora Gould

Edward P Travis sang "When Miss Maria Johnson Marries Me" in good voice and gave great satisfaction.

John Doyle, the inimitable, gave some fine specimens of his Lancashire slog dancing, which secured for him hearty encores, and Frank Valentine, as an old Negro, sang very finely "Mammy's Little Pumpkin Colored Coons" in which all joined in the chorus.

Edward F Sheehan, MD concluded the entertainment with the singing of his catchy song and chorus "Lulu", with the assistance of the entire company. The doctor deserved all the applause he received as he rendered his part excellently.

A very large measure of the credit for the success of the entertainment was due to William Henry Rowe, who instructed

the soloists and chorus in their respective parts, and, as is usual when Mr. Row takes charge, the musical part of the show was absolutely correct.

The minstrel committee was composed of George S Jenkins, chairman; William H Hapgood, Timothy F Walsh, James H Moran, E P Travis, and C D Maleady.

George H Barlow was the stage manager, and although invisible, his master hand was evident in the perfection with which his part was carried out, and he had a great deal of work to do.

The ushers, in charge of W C Mead, were Albert Kamp, W S Smith, E J Brenner, John Dooley, John O'Neill and Wm L Hull.

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*The Republican*  
3.11.1899

**Ossining Yacht Club.** The annual meeting of the Ossining Yacht Club was held on Monday evening last in the Corporation Rooms, and was largely attended.

The report of the committee on revision of constitution and by-laws, which was a lengthy one, was received.

The following officers were then elected: Commodore, George S Jenkins; vice-commodore, James H Moran; rear-commodore, Robert T Dennis; secretary T F Walsh; treasurer, E P Travis; measurer, Irving S Haff.

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*The Republican*  
5.20.1899

--There will be a fine bass chowder and other refreshments served at the "smoker" at the Ossining Yacht Club on next Monday evening, May 22. Two professional entertainers, Frank Manning, a very clever monologist and humorist, and Prof. De Biere a skilled prestidigateur, both fresh from an engagement at Keith's Union Square Theater, will help to entertain the assemblage. The tickets are only fifty cents and can be obtained from members or at the door.

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*The Democratic Register*  
02.10.1900

**Consolidation of Clubs.** The Ossining Yacht Club is about to consolidate with the remaining members of the Ossining Wheelmen, of Central avenue, who were on the verge of disbanding. The new club will have a membership of about 100, and with the fine clubhouse and floats of the yacht club for a summer home and resort, and the recently refitted, handsome rooms of the defunct Wheelmen, and their fine pool and billiard tables, for a winter and cold weather home, and [sic] will have advantages not surpassed by any other organization in town.

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*Democratic Register*  
03.03.1900

**Ossining Yacht Club Notes.** An interesting pool tournament has been going on in the rooms on Central avenue this week, and it will be continued through next week. All of the crack players of the club are in it and some close games have been the result. A handsome cue with silver name plate will be the winner's prize. A billiard tournament, handicap, is also under way. The annual meeting and election of officers will take place next Monday evening, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The club now has just 100 members.

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*Democratic Register*  
3.10.1900

**Ossining Yacht Club.** At the annual meeting of the Ossining Yacht Club held in its village rooms, on Central avenue, 54 members being present, Monday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: George S Jenkins, Commodore; James H Moran, Vice-Commodore; Robert T Dennis, Rear-Commodore; William L Onyans Secretary; Fred. A Griffin, Treasurer; Irving S Haff, Measurer; George H Barlow and B Frank Kipp, Members Executive Committee; Charles S Raymond, George H Eldridge, D J Hickey, Lansing Terwilliger, Robert Smith, C D Maleady, and Lewis Searles, Trustees. John Vanderbilt was appointed Collector.

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*Democratic Register*  
03.24.1900

**Billiard and Pool Tournaments.** A billiard tournament is now underway in the village rooms of the Ossining Yacht Club, on Central avenue, and some interesting games are being played there nightly. It is a handicap tournament and Messrs. John M Terwilliger, Lansing Terwilliger, William L Onyans, and Eugene Cuatt are the scratch men.

The pool tournament, begun some weeks ago, has not been finished yet. But W A T Clark is enough games ahead to be called a sure winner.

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*Democratic Register*  
7.21.1900

--There will be a tub race for members only, at the Ossining Yacht Club on Tuesday evening, next July 24<sup>th</sup>, for a prize of a fine brier pipe. Start to be made from float at 7.45 o'clock.

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*Democratic Register*  
7.28.1900

**Aquatic Sports.** There were some aquatic sports at the Ossining Yacht Club on Tuesday evening last, which were witnessed by a large number of spectators. First came a tub race, which was won by Zeamon Seymour Seamon, and afforded considerable amusement to those who witnessed it. Harold Mitchell was a close second. Zeamon Seymour Seamon is certainly an athlete, and was awarded the prize, a handsome briar pipe. A swimming race followed, in which the best swimmers in the club – Messrs. F Valentine, L Terwilliger, D Mitchell, S Lyon, D J Hickey, and J V Hayes – competed

The race was won by Daniel J Hickey with Frank Valentine a close second. The winner is said to be the ex-champion of Steuben County.

A rowing race is being arranged also for the near future, and a handicap race for the motor boats of the Tappan Zee will be held in August.

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*Democratic Register*  
8.25.1900

**Ossining Yacht Club Notes.** First Mate Knapp is giving his shell a new coat of paint and varnish this week.

--James Bedell and party started Thursday for a week's cruise down and about the Bay. "Jim" has a good, comfortable boat for cruising.

--A special committee has been appointed by Commodore Jenkins to act with Regatta Committee, to bring all the power launches together, as there is great rivalry as to which boat is the best, &c.

-Ex-Commodore Andrew Rohr, Capt. "Jack" Aitchison, and Measurer Irving Haff are cruising down the Bay in the Adaline. They intend hunting snipe before returning.

-The beautiful launch, "Cormerais", with our genial friend, Lew. Baker, as sailing master, and George Butters and wife of Chicago, owner, aboard, called at the Ossining Yacht Club Wednesday, on their way to Staten Island. Lew, said he would be back in a day or two to see all the girls.

-Capt J W Haff launched a fine 32-footer Tuesday, which he has built for Mr. Nelson, of the New York Herald, who resides here. He has another "on the ways" on which he is putting the finishing touches and will launch soon. Capt. Haff has turned out some fine boats this season, among them the No 6, the 19-foot cat boat which showed her heels to some of the larger boats at the late regatta at Piermont. He intends to put larger sail on her, then look out for No. 6.

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*Democratic Register*  
9.15.1900

**Ossining Yacht Club Clambake.** Commodore George S Jenkins and Messrs. George H Barlow and Robert T Dennis have decided that the clambake of the Ossining Yacht Club will be held on Croton Point. On Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The launches of the club will carry the participants to and fro free of charge. "Johnnie" Aitchison will be the chef, and the menu will include everything to tickle the palates of the epicures who unusually attend Ossining's annual event. Tickets can be

procured from any of the committee, and are three dollars each.

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*Democratic Register*  
9.22.1900

**The Ossining Yacht Club Bake.** Commodore George S Jenkins and Messrs. George H Barlow, and Robert T Dennis said a good many things to themselves on Tuesday, while a good many of their audible mutterings were addressed to the winds, the waves, and anything else that didn't please them for the moment.

The trio does not usually get roiled, individually, but when it is known that they were the committee in charge of the Ossining Yacht Club clam-bake, there may be those who will have a little sympathy for them on the side, even if they did deviate a little from polite language. In the first place, the blustery winds made it impossible to hold the bake on Croton Point, and in the second place a number of circumstances combined to put the uncovering of the piles of clams, chicken, lobster, fish, potatoes, and what-not off until sundown, but everything came out all right, so they got a good deal disturbed over nothing but the action of the elements.

"Jack" Aitchison, was ostensibly in charge of the bake, but he had three assistants who are something superb at the art themselves. Their names must be handed down to fame as "Cal" Wagner, "Bill" Reed, and "Jack" Howes, for that is just how they answer. The fifty or more who sat down to the long tables in the Ossining Yacht Club house will attest to the fact that they knew how to do everything to a turn, and to serve them in a sprightly, obliging way that made every ticket holder anxious for more.

When the last chunk of watermelon had been stowed away, and the cigars passed around, the guests repaired to the meeting room upstairs. Here they were entertained by a band of musicians that Commodore Jenkins picked up in strolling along the railroad tracks. The most attractive feature was Mme. De Grasso, a fine young lady of splendid

voice, a little worse from ware from singing on the sidewalks.

Hon. William Clinton Mead got off a bunch of jokes on the committees, but they forgave him on account of his venerable gray hairs, and they went out and said more things to the wind. John Powers and "Bob" Kennedy, who are new residents in town, were the only ones who were thoroughly shocked at the depravity of the committee. They have lived in righteous places for so long that it is instilled in them to be good, jovial fellows. They say that a canal man's cursing sounds like prayers to the things the clambake committee said when it looked as if "Johnny" Aitchison wasn't going to pull things off to perfection.

And Johnny was "Feeling pretty well, I thank you," rather early in the day, which was caused by the "moaning of the tide", and the whistling of the winds through his auburn locks; but then "Johnny" is the king of clam-bakers and he has licensed to do as he pleases, when he pleases, and how.

Taken all in all, the bake give great satisfaction, especially that portion of the speechmaking when Commodore Jenkins addressed his remarks and gave fatherly advice to the unmarried portion of the audience. He received enthusiastic applause and a few scores of handshakes.

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*The Democratic Register*  
0.8.24.1901

**Ossining Yacht Club Clambake** – Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, has been set as the date of the annual clambake of the Ossining Yacht Club. The event will take place at the Van Cortlandt farm, on the old Croton Dam Road, just beyond Brookside. Tickets, including transportation each way \$2.50. The bake will be made by George Hunt, and will be of the genuine Rhode Island persuasion – stone baking. The members of the committee having the affair in charge are: Commodore George S Jenkins, William F Mezger, Jr., George H Barlow, Beauregard Van Cortlandt, and Robert T Dennis.

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*Democratic Register*  
*11.08.1902*

**Ossining Yacht Club Is No More.**

This organization, which in the palmy days was well known along the Hudson River, has gone out of existence. Its membership had dwindled down to only a few and they decided to "give up the ship and rest on their laurels.

The Volunteer Life Saving Corps composed of members of the Yacht Club, also goes down with it. It had done good work in its day. Its life Boat will be placed in the hands of the Village authorities to organize a new corps.

The one-time popular and prosperous organization went down with colors flying, however, and owing to the hustling of Collector John Vanderbilt passed out of existence free and clear of debt.

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