CHAPTER 3

The Yacht Club Crowd: 1900 to 1909

In the 1900s, prominent families who were residing on prestigious Victoria Drive - the Boutons, Malones, and Skinners - formed the Yacht Club, which gave a new purpose to their beloved sailing hobby: to win the "L.H. Malone Competitive Cup" for racing.

Myrtle Scharrer became old enough to row herself across St. Joseph Sound for school each day, and C.H. Gilchrist became the new general store proprietor on Oak Street. By this time, too, the Atlantic Coast Line took over for the Orange Belt Railroad.

The Skinner Packing Co. was thriving, and L.B. Skinner was also serving as the town's first elected mayor. In 1906, he bought the first automobile to arrive in Dunedin, a chain-driven Reo, which he used to take his family to visit a hotel he owned in Tampa.

Top: Oak Street right before the street was paved over; Middle: Yacht belonging to one of the members of the Yacht Club; Bottom: Skinner Packing Co. workers (Source: DHM)