These gentlemen seemed very relaxed when this picture was taken in 1905 at the Southern Yacht Club. J. A. Cronvich, 4230 Elba, the contributor, is the gentleman standing. Seated, from left, are J. F. Elliot, John A. Maylie and William P. Dillon.

Recalls Cronvich, these fellows were co-workers at a railroad and had just left their office for a Saturday afternoon ride to the Lakefront.

On weekends, the Yacht Club provided activity and excitement, as skippers and their crews participated in sailing regattas.

Louis J. Hennessy states in his booklet, "Centennial Jubilee," which was printed in 1949: "The second oldest organization of its kind in the United States, Southern Yacht Club points with justifiable pride to a history comparable to that of any similar organization in the world. Riding out storm after storm, it has successfully weathered a succession of wars, plagues, panics, depressions and hurricanes."

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Each of these gentlemen, when this photograph was taken in 1898, had at one time served as president of the old Young Men's Gymnastic Club. Pictured from left are James J. Woulf, George C. Bohne, Edward J. Gueringer, Edward Fredericks, Val Mertz and W. A. Briant.

Says Dan Fleming of 400 Florida blvd., the contributor of this photo, the YMGC originated in 1872. The club was formed by 14 young men at 3741 Burgundy, which was originally a stable. Two years later it had 50 members.

In 1890, Fleming continues, an old home on N. Rampart Street was purchased and remodeled for the club. In 1891, a gym which extended to Burgundy Street, was built behind the club. The cornerstone was laid by Chief Justice Edward Douglass White of the U.S. Supreme Court.

A well, drilled in 1898, produces salt water for the club's swimming pool.

The building was completed in 1929 and its name changed to New Orleans Athletic Club. The NOAC members claim theirs is third-oldest athletic club in the country. It is still located in the 200 block of N. Rampart Street.

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