

This canopied conveyance of 1914 may not have been as sophisticated as boat trailers of today, but it did the job for John W. G. Dunn of Marine after a July weekend on the St. Croix River with his son Jack and youthful George Regan. The trio rode along as a one-armed man with a team transported the boat from Franconia to Lindstrom. This picture and the river view at lower left were both taken by Dunn.

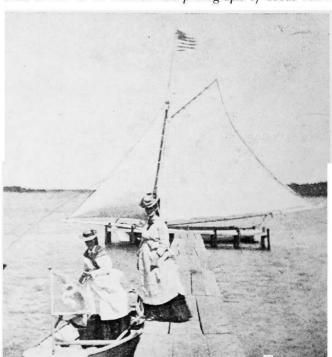
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BOATING is such a big thing in Minnesota, with all its lakes and rivers, that it now ranks fifth among the states in number of registered watercraft (259,983 as of December 31, 1968, according to the Conservation Department).

Though increasingly popular, boating is not at all new in the state, as can be seen by these photographs dating to 1880 and not so long ago. Most of them are from the picture collection of the Minnesota Historical Society.



A sailboat forms a backdrop for two gaily garbed young ladies who appear ready to go for a ride from the White Bear Lake dock in this C. A. Zimmerman photograph of about 1880.



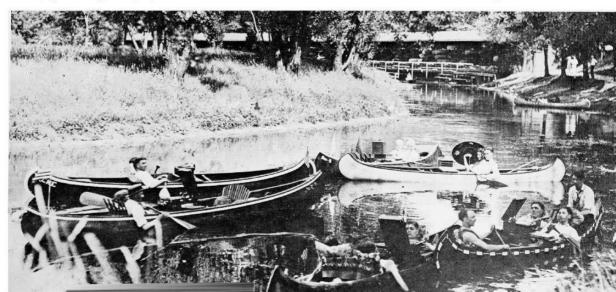


A flotilla of small steamers of yesteryear awaits passengers for a Lake Minnetonka excursion in this view by Andrew Irber of Spring Park's busy dock and waterfront.

Riders in rowboats are shielded from the sun by umbrellas as they watch swimmers somewhere in Minnesota around the turn of the century.



The solid comfort of canoeists in Phalen Park, St. Paul, some years back was enhanced by portable phonographs handily placed "amidships" for ease of operation and hearing.





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