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 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:
 Buildings & Structures

SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437
 June-December 1981

IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** 61 Chimney Corner Circle
 (map 1, lot 28)
2. **NAME**
(historic) Sachem's Head Yacht Club
NAME
(common) Sachem's Head Yacht Club
3. **USE**
(historic) Yacht Club
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(present) Yacht Club
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT** 1898 **BUILDER**
6. **DATE** 1898 **STYLE** Shingle Style
7. **ALTERATIONS**
 Major alterations have changed the form of the building--see below.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
 Superbly sited on bare rock; shingles weathered a sea-grey with plain white trim in the classic seaside tradition; high narrow bridge leap-frogging from rock to rock.
9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**
 It began as one of the characteristically pure and romantic buildings of the great period of seaside architecture in the '80s and '90s--built on a rock out in the water, surrounded by waves and reached only by a footbridge. A deep shadowy verandah ran all around under a long sloping roof that floated above it and gave the grey shingled mass a profile that seemed part of the coastline. A large three-story addition was made in 1901, unbalancing the serene composition, destroying the romantic image of the seascape. In the 1938 hurricane this was partly demolished, and the building was rebuilt in its present form. Architect's drawings for the 1901 addition are in the possession of H. Milton Bullard, Sachem's Head. No architect is named, but the initials "R.W.B." appear.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**
 Joel E. Helander, Oxpasture to Summer Colony. Photographs showing the building at successive stages are in the Guilford Library.

In all categories below, check more than one box if applicable.

If you have not actually made certain of the answer to a given question, either leave it blank or write "inferred" after the checked box; or, if drawn from a previous investigator, give source.

11. MATERIALS

- Clapboard
- Wood Shingle
- Board & Batten
- Brick
- Fieldstone
- Cut Stone
- Stucco
- Concrete
- Cobblestone
- Asbestos Shingle
- Asphalt Siding
- Aluminum/Vinyl
- Other:

12. STRUCTURE

- Wood Frame:
- Post & Beam
- Balloon
- Masonry
- Iron or Steel
- Concrete
- Other:

13. ROOF

- a. Pitched
- Saltbox
- Gambrel
- Gable-front
- Cross-gable
- Mansard
- Hip
- Flat Hip
- Flat
- Shed
- False Dormer
- Sawtooth
- Other:
- b. Tower(s)
- Monitor
- Cupola
- Dormered Gable
- Dome
- c. Wood Shingle
- Asphalt Shingle
- Slate
- Metal
- Other:

14. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: LOT SIZE: 1.66 ACRES

15. CONDITION: Exterior

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

16. CONDITION: Structure

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

17. OUTBUILDINGS (visible from public road)

- Barn(s)
- Carriage House
- Garage
- Shed(s)
- Shop(s)
- Other (well, stand, greenhouse, gazebo, privy, etc.):

18. LANDSCAPING (visible from public road)

- Planted Grounds
- Garden
- Terracing
- Plaza
- Court
- Stone Wall(s)
- Pickett Fence
- Iron Fence
- Post & Rail
- Other:

19. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

- a. Town Street
- Rural
- Semi-rural
- Clustered Growth
- Development
- b. Commercial
- Industrial
- Agricultural
- Residential
- Vacation, now or originally
- c. Open
- Wooded
- Lakefront
- Coastal
- Salt marsh
- d. Of outstanding scenic/architectural value
- Of scenic/architectural value
- Of supportive value to contiguous scenic/architectural area
- Neutral
- Other:

20. ROLE OF BUILDING IN ENHANCING QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT

- Vital
- Important
- Supportive
- Neutral
- Other:

21. OWNERSHIP

- Public
- Private
- Interior accessible

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22. Name P. Odiseo D. Penar

Date 7/27/81

Photographer D. Penar

Date 7/28/81

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- None Known
- Renewal
- Highways
- Private Owner
- Vandalism
- Deterioration
- Developers
- Other:
- Zoning

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

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