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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Lake Weir Yacht Club

other names/site number 8MR1987

2. Location

street & number New York Avenue n/a  not for publication

city or town Eastlake Weir n/a  vicinity

state Florida code FL county Marion code 083 zip code 32695

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Suzanne P. Walker / Deputy SHPO 3/17/93  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
Florida Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historic Preservation  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Shelores Byers

Entered in the  
National Register

Date of Action

4/22/93

Lake Weir Yacht Club  
Name of Property

Marion Co., FL  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
0	0	sites
1	1	structures
0	0	objects
2	2	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

n/a

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Social: Clubhouse

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Social: Clubhouse

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Frame Vernacular

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood: Weatherboard

roof Metal: Steel

other Glass

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Entertainment/Recreation

Period of Significance

1913-1943

Significant Dates

1913

1930

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

Unknown/MacKay, George

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Lake Weir Yacht Club  
Name of Property

Marion Co., FL  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** Less than 1 acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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organization Bureau of Historic Preservation date March 1993

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name c/o Robert E. Oechslein, Lake Weir Yacht Club

street & number P.O. Box 436 telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Weirsdale state FL zip code 32195

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Marion Co., FL**SUMMARY**

The Lake Weir Yacht Club is a modest, one-story with clerestory, slightly irregularly shaped, balloon frame building constructed in 1913 in the community of Eastlake Weir, Marion County, Florida. It has a gable-on-hipped roof which is covered with steel, and regular fenestration consisting of 6/6 double hung sash windows, 10-light hopper windows, and 15-light French doors. Despite its waterfront setting, integrity of the yacht club is good. With the exception of the 1930 deterioration and removal of its original bathhouse which was underneath the building, the clubhouse is little altered since originally constructed. Timbers of the pier have been replaced over the years, but that structure retains its original configuration. Also included within the boundary, south of the club house, are a noncontributing shed and causeway/pier built c1970.

**SETTING**

Eastlake Weir was first settled in 1874. Located on the east bank of Lake Weir, the community, like much of the surrounding area, began to develop substantially upon the arrival of the Florida Southern Railway during the early 1880s. Originally called Eastlake, it was situated on a bluff and commanded a magnificent view of the lake. Its pristine natural setting provided residents and visitors the opportunity for numerous recreational activities, including hunting, fishing, boating, swimming, and sailing.

The land surrounding the yacht club was planted in orange groves and sparsely populated. Buildings were limited to several small hotels and boarding houses, scattered grove houses and outbuildings, a few lake-side cottages, and a packing house. The tracks of successor lines to the Florida Southern Railway, most recently the Seaboard Coastline Railroad, ran along the east side of the property close to the main entrance. They were removed in 1981. Aside from the construction of scattered single-family residences, the setting of the yacht club is relatively unchanged since it was originally constructed.

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## PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

### Exterior

The Yacht Club has a balloon frame structural system resting on approximately fifty brick and concrete block piers. The concrete piers appear to be replacements for original brick piers which deteriorated due to water damage and undermining. The exterior finish is rough-sawn board and batten siding which contributes to the rustic appearance of the building. The main roof is a gable-on-hip type, constructed of one-by-four sheathing board covered by galvanized steel roofing in a V-crimp pattern. The porch has a hipped roof, and the two wings have gabled roofs. Secondary roof structures are constructed of the same materials as the main roof.

The fenestration of the building is regular. The main (east) elevation (Photo 1), which is three bays wide, has a central entrance flanked by two 6/6 light, double-hung sash windows. At the second story level, it has three ten-light hopper windows which provide the interior with clerestory lighting.

The central block of the Lake Weir Yacht Club has one story with a clerestory. One-story wings extend from the north and south elevations, and a one-story, hip roofed porch surrounds the west side of the building and provides access to the pier.

The west (lakeside) elevation (Photo 2) of the central block is four bays wide and consists of multi-light French doors (Photo 3). Windows at the second story level are also ten-light hoppers which, because of the porch enclosure, have a monitor-like appearance. The porch on the lakeside elevation is seven bays wide, including a centrally placed entrance. It is three bays deep on the south elevation, and two bays deep on the north elevation. The porch encloses the first floor level of the west elevation of the main block.

The south elevation (Photo 4) contains the kitchen wing which is two-bays wide on all sides. Windows on the kitchen wing are 6/6 double-hung sash. Above the kitchen wing, at the second story level of the main block, are two ten-light hopper windows. The fenestration of the north wing and north elevation of the

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main block are essentially the same as the south side of the building.

Decoration is virtually nonexistent, in keeping with the rustic, vernacular character of the building. It is limited to window and door trim, and the multi-light windows which are colonial in derivation.

**INTERIOR**

The improved interior of the Yacht Club covers approximately 1,600 square feet of floor space, and the porch is approximately 1,000 square feet in size. The main room which has an open, two-story ceiling and no partitions, is spacious (Photo 5). The floor is of unpainted, one-by-four tongue and groove boards. The walls are finished with similarly dimensioned, rough grade, varnished boards. The boards extend from the floor to a height of eight feet; above that level the walls are unfinished. Hopper windows surrounding the main room near the ceiling can be opened by using a long pole.

Access to a kitchen and two restrooms is on the south wall of the main room. The kitchen walls are unfinished on three sides and have one by four paneling on the west side. The ceiling has four inch wide tongue and groove paneling. The floor is covered with linoleum. The restrooms are also unfinished. Three sets of French doors on the west wall provide access to the porch which has an exposed ceiling and four inch wide tongue and groove decking. On the north wall of the main room, two sets of multi-light French doors provide access to a smoking room. The smoking room, which is finished with walnut paneling, has a drop ceiling of twelve inch by twelve inch acoustical tile, and a floor covered with twelve inch by twelve inch vinyl tile.

**ALTERATIONS**

The most significant alteration is an historic one. The area beneath the porch originally contained a bath house and changing rooms. These were removed circa 1930 when the lake level rose and caused serious water damage to these spaces.

The overall appearance of the exterior of the Yacht Club, however, is largely unchanged. The porch has been screened and the rear entrance has been slightly altered. The original railing on the porch remains intact. During the 1950s the

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smoking room was modified with the installation of wall paneling, vinyl flooring, and acoustical drop ceiling tiles. In 1952 a covered foyer was added to shelter the entrance during inclement weather.

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**SUMMARY**

The Lake Weir Yacht Club at Eastlake Weir, Marion County, Florida, is significant at the local level under **Criterion A** in the area of **Entertainment/Recreation** as a recreational boating center which has served the community since 1913, and played a role in the area's early development as a destination for Northern tourists and wealthy winter residents.

**HISTORIC CONTEXT**

Eastlake was first settled in 1874. Located on the east bank of Lake Weir, Eastlake was situated on a bluff and commanded a magnificent view of the lake. It, like much of the surrounding area, began to develop substantially with the arrival of the Florida Southern Railway during the early 1880s.

Many of the early settlers of Marion County were from the North. They settled places such as Lake Weir, and became involved in commercial agriculture, particularly citrus cultivation. After the completion of the railroad, others from throughout the United States began arriving for short visits or on a seasonal basis. They were attracted by warm weather and recreational activities, such as hunting, fishing, boating, swimming, and sailing, at pristine natural settings such as Silver Springs and Lake Weir. In response to the growing number of visitors, several lodging facilities were constructed at or near Eastlake, including the Eastlake House, also known as the Lee House.

During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, many wealthy individuals wintered around Lake Weir. Among them were W. R. Goodwin, editor of the Chicago Gazette; William H. Bickley, an amusement park operator at Asbury Park, New Jersey; Earnest Schnitzler, owner of the world's largest Ferris wheel also at Asbury Park; J. M. Wiley, the United States Ambassador to France; F. E. Haskell, a major importer; and J. H. Bradford, owner of a large furniture store at Nashville, Tennessee.

As a result of the popularity of Lake Weir as a winter resort, many recreational buildings and structures, particularly those relating to water sport, were constructed. These included facilities such as piers, boat houses, dance halls, recreation centers, and bowling alleys. Most of these properties were of simple, utilitarian design. The most important of these

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properties which still stands in Marion County is the Lake Weir Yacht Club at Eastlake.

**HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE**

The origins of the Lake Weir Yacht Club date to a party for winter residents held at the Lakeside Hotel during the 1908-1909 season. Due to the large numbers of participants and the popularity of boating, it was the consensus of those in attendance that an organization representing boaters and a special use facility were needed. As a consequence, on March 31, 1909, a constitution establishing the Lake Weir Yacht Club was written. The purpose of the club was to unite the boaters of Lake Weir and to sponsor recreational activities. Sanctioned activities included boat parades, water carnivals, races, and picnics. Conservation was another purpose of the club. Members sought to promote and protect fishing at Lake Weir, which at that time had an abundance of wildlife.

Charter members of the club included many wealthy individuals who wintered around Lake Weir. Stock was sold to the Lake Weir Club Association to finance the acquisition of a site for the club and the construction of a facility. In 1911, E. F. Newport deeded the association land for the site. The association purchased materials from McKeever-MacKay Hardware, Ocala, and contracted with George MacKay to construct the building. The building was completed and placed in service in February, 1913.

The nature of the club began to change during the 1920s. With the extension of rail transportation to South Florida and the growing popularity of the automobile, Lake Weir increasingly became a recreational area for the local population, as the seasonal residents, particularly those from out of state, began to winter in the warmer areas of the state to the south. Lake residents, most of whom owned cars, traveled far less by boat.

The onset of the Great Depression caused further problems as the membership had less disposable income for recreational activities. In 1930, a dam constructed on the Ocklawaha River caused the level of the lake to rise, and the resulting flooding seriously damaged the dock and bathhouse at the club. Because of the depressed economy, and in order to make needed repairs to the facility, the majority of the Lake Weir Club Association shareholders transferred their interest in the property to the

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Lake Weir Yacht Club. The membership of the club still retains ownership of the property.

The Lake Weir Yacht Club is one of the few remaining, substantial and well-preserved recreational properties associated with the development of tourism and seasonal residency at Lake Weir. Many properties of this type have been lost to development or deterioration. This is particularly true with regard to Silver Springs where commercial success and developmental pressures have eliminated many historic properties.

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Starting at a point on the north line of the Newport property where said line intersects the centerline of the right-of-way of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad in Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 24 East thence south along said centerline 110 feet, thence west to a point of margin of Lake Weir, thence along the margin of Lake Weir northerly to a point immediately west of the Point of Beginning, thence east to the Point of Beginning. The property is identified as parcel #49239 on the accompanying map from the office of the Marion County Property Appraiser's Office.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The boundary corresponds to the parcel of land that has historically been associated with the Lake Weir Yacht Club.

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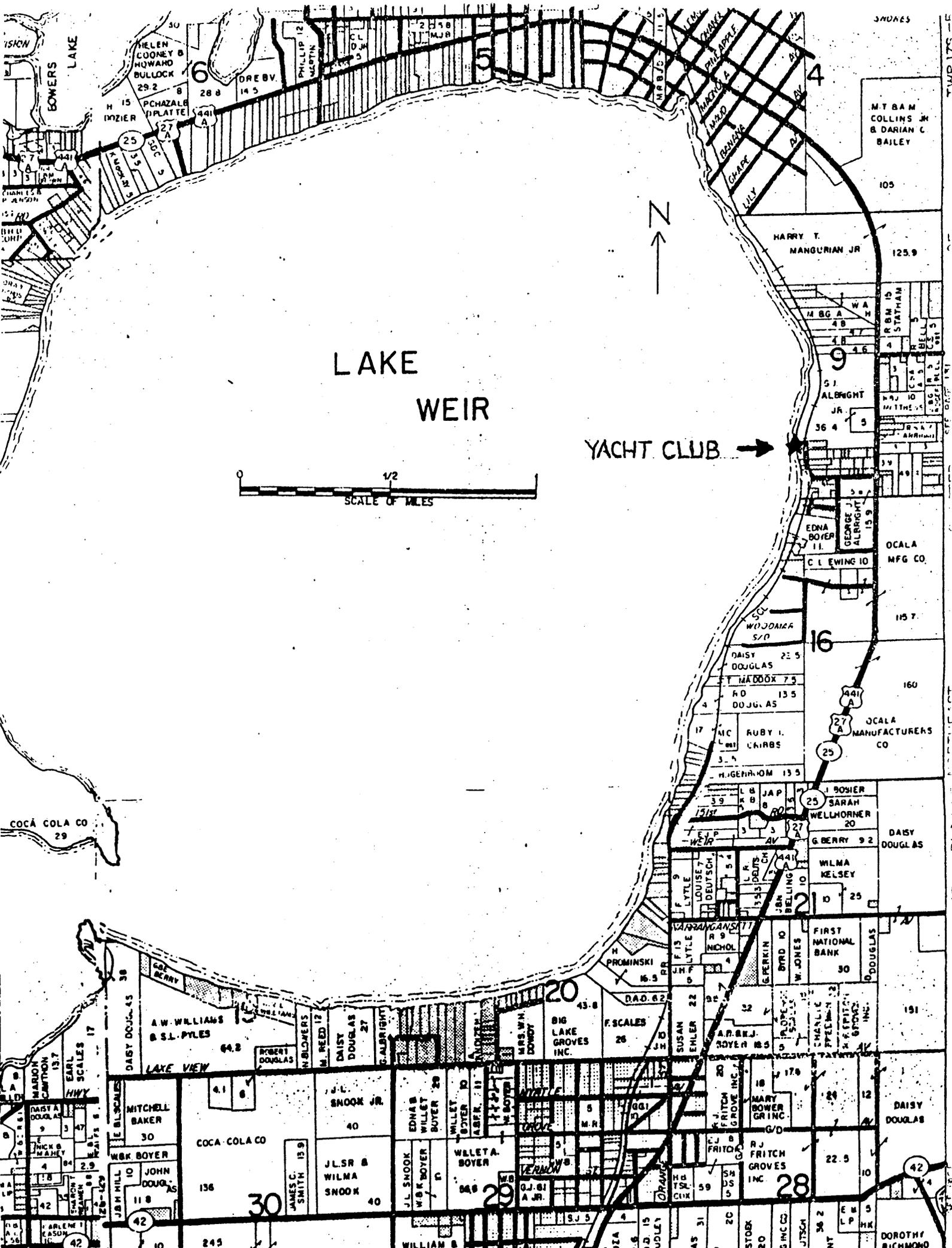
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- 1) Lake Weir Yacht Club
  - 2) Eastlake Weir, Marion County, FL
  - 3) Paul Weaver
  - 4) August 1990
  - 5) Historic Property Associates, St. Augustine, FL
  - 6) Main (east) elevation, facing W
  - 7) 1 of 6

The information for items 1-5 is the same for the remaining photographs.

- 2) 6) W (lakeside) elevation, facing E  
7) 2 of 6
- 3) 6) Lakeside porch, facing N  
7) 3 of 6
- 4) 6) S elevation, facing N  
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- 5) 6) Main room, facing S  
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- 6) 6) Interior of main entrance, facing E  
7) 6 of 6





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