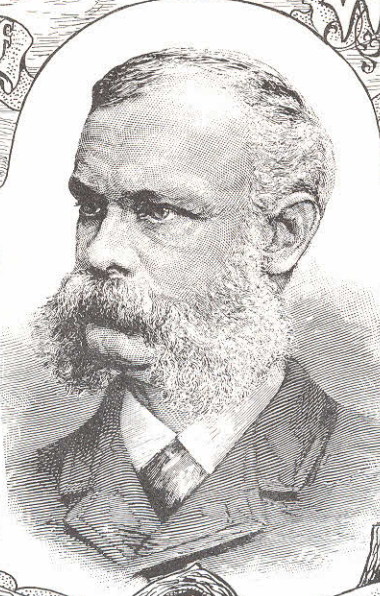


In Memory of

William Livingston ALDEN



In Canoes they sailed and paddled  
On many happy days  
Where no indolent folks traveled  
On rivers, lakes and bays.  
The waters were all clear and clean  
The shores as yet unspoiled  
With trade wastes which today  
are seen  
In waters badly oiled.

Portrait from Harpers Magazine 1880

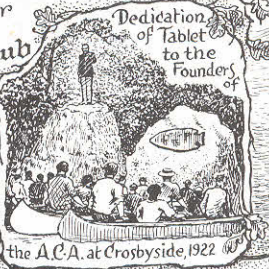
The First American Commodore of the Canoe Association

In 1870 Mr. Alden was the leading spirit in founding the New York Canoe Club first of its kind in America.

Organized in 1880 at Crosbyside Lake George

Honorary Member of the Royal Canoe Club of England

Dedication of Tablet to the Founders of the A.C.A. at Crosbyside, 1922



Mr. Alden was a writer of more than ordinary genius, a wit and literature who wielded pen and paddle with equal facility. At that time he was a member of the editorial staff of the New York Times and well known to the reading public through a series of witty editorials which were one of the noted features of that newspaper.

At the same time he was writing under the nom-de plume of Matador the dramatic criticisms of Punchinello, a humorous weekly which preceded "Puck".

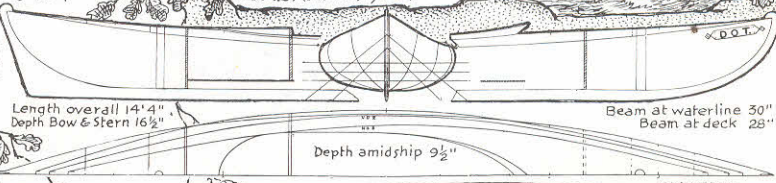
On the third of August 1880, the American Canoe Association was organized at Crosbyside, Lake George, N.Y. There were 23 charter members and the name of William Alden heads the list.

By unanimous vote he was elected Commodore holding the first meet of the Association, which was held on Lorna Island, Lake George.

In 1882 he was elected an Honorary Member of the Royal Canoe Club of England.

A few years later Mr. Alden was appointed American Counsel to Rome. Several of his articles on canoes and canoeing appeared in Harpers Magazine in the eighteen eighties.

A. F. Saunders  
A.C.A. Commodore 1916-17-18



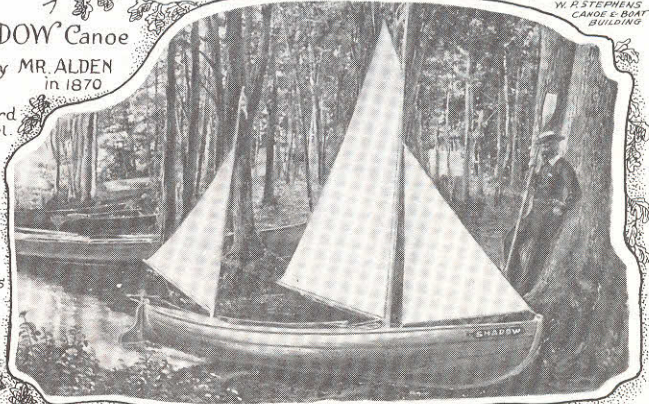
The SHADOW Canoe

Designed by MR. ALDEN in 1870

The "Dot" was the third of the model.

Built by Mr. James Everson in 1878. Was owned by Mr. Vaux.

Her best run on a cruise was 50 miles under sail and paddle in 10 hours on Long Island Sound.



PLAN FROM W. STEPHENS CANOE & BOAT BUILDING

"THE SHADOW" FIRST MODEL OWNED BY MR. ALDEN