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Mr. A. E. Luders, Jr.
Luders Marine Construction Company
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Bill:

With your last letter was enclosed a letter addressed to Mr. Goodwin of Hartford, Connecticut, evidently by mistake, and I have forwarded it direct to him although it was unsigned.

In re cove stripe for my boat, make it gold leaf.

We definitely would be interested in Genoas for our boats if they are available, but I believe you told me previously that you doubted their availability for this year and that is why I left them off the list.

Enclosed is signed contract with check for \$500.00 of E. W. Broeckl.

I had assumed that we could have successive number starting with 16 to 21 for the six we have reserved, and I have been giving the boys a choice of these numbers if they have any. If this cannot be arranged, I guess it doesn't matter, although we want the class listed in the Lake Michigan Yachting Association Year Book, with the owners and the racing numbers, and this information must be in by March 15th.

The following is a list of seven that seem sure, and there are a couple of additional ones if they hurry up.

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| Clare Udell | Russell F. Moon |
| E. W. Broeckl | Major Collins |
| Samuel M. Clarke | J. Baldwin |
| Herbert Ellis | |

Of course, until they are on the dotted line, nothing is absolutely sure. If at all possible, I would like to up our reservation to 8 at least for the next 10 days and have Nos. 16 to 23.

I am agreeably surprised at the low rating under the Universal Rule and feel that if we had Genoas, we could win an occasional open race.

I feel that a 3" compass is a little small, but is better than nothing, so include it in all cases where it is specified.

Since you seem none too sure of the spinnakers, I have taken the liberty of writing to Joys Brothers of Milwaukee to see what they can do.

I have also been informed by Mr. Broeckl that McClelland of Fall River, Mass. was in a position to make spinnakers and Genoas for small boats last fall. You might check with them.

Yours very truly,