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Mr. Samuel Clark
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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Clark:

Mr. George Swift suggested that I write to you with regard to plans being made by the Bar Harbor Yacht Club at Bar Harbor, Maine to hold a Regatta some time in August for representatives of all of the L-16 Classes. George did not give me your address and I am hoping that this letter may reach you.

As you may know, we at Mount Desert Island have the largest group of L-16's of any one place, and we are anxious to have representatives of the other Classes come up there for a weekend of racing. Our L-16's are divided into two groups, one of twenty-eight boats at Northeast, and the other of eight or ten boats at Bar Harbor. We at Bar Harbor hope that Chicago, Detroit, Stamford and Northeast will be represented.

I can well understand that it would be out of the question for you to send a crew all the way from Chicago to Maine for such an event, but I suspect that it might very well be possible that some one of your group might be on the East Coast in August and able to represent your Class.

We are putting up a trophy for what will probably be two days of racing, morning and afternoon. We will be able to provide accommodations for visiting crews and will supply the boats, but it would probably be best for the visitors to bring their own sails. The boats would naturally be rotated after each race. Further details could be worked out once a date is arranged.

Last summer we organized a very successful two-day series of team races for representatives of the International Class from Long Island Sound, Marblehead, and Northeast Harbor. I'm sure a similar Regatta for the L-16's would prove just as successful, provide good competition and keen sport.

I'd appreciate it if you would discuss this idea with the other members of your Class and let me know how you may feel about visiting Bar Harbor.

Very truly yours,



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