

March 12, 1947

Mr. James G. Ducey
134 Brattle Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Ducey,

I have delayed answering your letter of February 23 so that your very kind invitation could be discussed at a meeting of our L-16 Class Association. This has now been done.

Several of the owners expressed a decided interest in making the trip to Bar Harbor for your proposed inter-fleet races in August. It is rather early to make a definite promise, but I can assure you that we would make every effort to send a crew.

At present we are negotiating with the Indian Harbor Yacht Club for a return match for the Ocean-Great Lakes Challenge Cup, for which we were badly beaten last year. It has not been decided whether the match is to be in Chicago or at Greenwich, and no date has been set. Except for the above, we know of nothing that would interfere with any date you might set.

We are not quite sure from your letter whether you intend to limit the crews to one from each fleet, but assume that this is the case.

I am instructed to convey the thanks of the Chicago fleet for your invitation, and am sure that such a series of races at Bar Harbor would be a great success.

Yours very truly,

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Samuel H. Clarke, Secretary