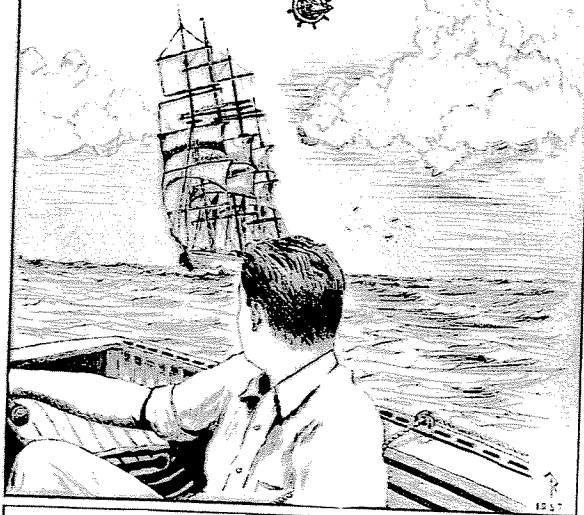


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November 12, 1954

Dear Hetty and Ritter:

Sam Steele, a beloved member of the Rochester Yacht Club Dinghy Division in its vintage years, was a great collector of books on ships, sailing, racing and the sea. Sam's family very generously is willing to donate his nautical library to the Rochester Yacht Club for the pleasure and instruction of his sailing friends and present and future generations of young sailors.

The idea has occurred to some of the older dinghy sailors that it would be a very wonderful thing for the Club to create a library in the new lounge of the Yacht Club in memory of Sam to house his collection of books. The enclosed picture is made from a drawing prepared with this thought in mind. It represents the start of the planning of the proposed memorial to Sam. The present thinking is to have it constructed with glass doors which could be properly secured so that the Library would be under the direction of the House Committee and books would be issued only by card, thus the library could be maintained intact by proper administration.

The cost of materials and ships carpentry to go into this Library has been estimated at about \$250.00. At this time the Yacht Club is not in a position to make this expenditure. However, it does seem fitting to us that Sam's sailing friends consider gathering this amount by contribution. Therefore, we are writing you and others in the Division of those days for subscriptions which we sincerely hope will be in the average range of \$10.00. As a means of creating a perpetual memorial to Sam Steele, we feel that this way is most appropriate. If this idea appeals to you would you please send us your contribution in the enclosed envelope. We know that you will feel a very fitting gift has been made in memory of a great dinghy sailor and a true friend.

P.S. Checks may be made payable to:
Rochester Yacht Club

Very truly yours,

Gil Barber
Gil Barber

Mike
Mike Maijgren

Mr. and Mrs. F. Ritter Shumway
375 Ambassador Drive
Rochester 10, New York

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