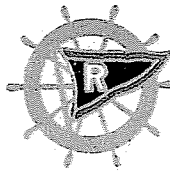


ROCHESTER YACHT CLUB

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August 26, 1925

Dear Member:

As you know, our Club has challenged the Royal Canadian Yacht Club for the Fisher Cup and a series of races have been arranged to be held in Toronto on September 7, 8 and 9. Our preparations for this event have been going ahead steadily during the summer and we are rapidly nearing the point where we feel that we will be prepared to race for and win the Cup. We have fitted out the two Class P yachts of our fleet -- ALLOEDE and OLYMPIAN -- and they have been sailing against each other since the beginning of the season. One or the other of these boats will be selected as our challenger, the decision to be made by our Regatta Committee after the race scheduled for next Saturday afternoon. You have been sent a notice of this race and we hope that you will come down to the Club, as suggested in the notice, to witness it.

Of course it costs a good deal of money to prepare for and sail a big match race of this character and a liberal amount of it is going to be required to pay the expenses of this event. Our only means of meeting this expense is by subscription among our members. This, then, is our appeal to you for such financial assistance as you feel that you can afford. The cause is a laudable one as, win or lose, we will have done something substantial in the way of advancing yachting to the high degree of popularity that it deserves.

I believe that this is enough to say on the subject and trust that you will see fit to back up our boys' hard efforts to win with a substantial subscription. Please make your checks payable to W. P. Farley, Treasurer, and mail to him at 59 Halstead Street, Rochester, N. Y.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos Parsons".

Commodore.