

## BREAKWATER IRREGULARS

April 18, 1971

Dear Member,

Welcome to a new season of racing. Our opening race, the First Gun Regatta, will be held on Sunday, May 23. Details will be forthcoming in a later letter.

We have made arrangements to hold our post-race meetings in the Ponus Yacht Club, which is located next to and north of Marina America. A private room has been set aside for our use, and food and drinks will be for sale. There is ample parking in the lot at the Club.

Except as may be otherwise arranged in specific cases, the deadline for finishing night races will be 10 PM. Yachts finishing later will be recorded as DNF. We will attempt to shorten course when necessary, to make this practicable. You will be notified as to how shortening course will be done in the Racing Instructions.

The crew on Wavemaker, specifically Bob Rasmussen and Russ McCathron, have worked up a coded chart, and a means of exhibiting the course from the Race Committee boat. We will use this method this year. The chart will be distributed to members in advance of the first race.

In keeping with what we believe to be the desires of most of our group, there will be a membership fee of \$20.00 to start the season. Your Committee will husband this money carefully. If it runs out late in the year, we may ask for a small amount more. In fairness to those who pay, it will be mandatory that non-payers are non-racers. We can't stop freeloaders from sailing where they wish, but we will take no notice of them in the racing nor in the results. Send your \$20.00 to Dick Sockol, 48 Gleason Ave., Stamford, Conn. 06902. We will send Racing Instructions and charts upon receipt of your membership dues. Please don't wait too long, as you will need the Instructions et al for the first race.

Now, a personal note. Everett Sherwood tells me the cannon is on its way. The Breakwater Irregulars has been a labor of love for me, but it is indeed heartwarming to be appreciated. Thank you, all.

Dick Sockol