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Dear Dr Melder:-

I was very glad to get your letter of the 2nd and am answering at once as the DVRA is holding its mid-Winter meeting at the Hotel Biltmore Thursday Dec 10th at 11 AM. This meeting will try to decide IF we can hold our 5th Annual Assn Regatta where and when. Conditions as you know are very uncertain and I regret that this meeting is coming in Dec instead of late Jan or Feb as usual but it is always held at the end of the 3 day meeting of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletics Assn meeting, at the same place so as to save an extra trip by delegates from Rutgers Boston U and Dartmouth who are members of both.

IF we can have a regatta it will probably be at Boston or Springfield in May 1943 and I think that I could get the Stewards to extend an invite to Clark University to be an added starter in the Varsity race. I will try if you then want it and can do it.

The ~~place~~ place of Clark would be definitely in the DVRA Group rather than the NAAO Group of Rowing Clubs as the DVRA consists of Colleges, some of them informal like yourself, for instance Dartmouth is represented unofficially by the Dartmouth Rowing Club, sanctioned by the University

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but not OFFICIALLY representing it- they get no funds directly from Dartmouth but from the students and friends of the project and have been so for some years.

Rutgers Rowing the official has no definite rowing Budget although the College hires the Coach and helps financially to some extent from funds taken from other sports, notably football. Nearly all the Colleges in the DVRA Group are just going along on a shoestring from year to year but they have been getting stronger each year until the War broke out. Now of our Group of 9 originally- the following have quit - Manhattan of NY; Marietta of Ohio; Springfield College and Rollins of Fla. Marietta and Rollins will undoubtedly resume when the War is over and Tampa U (not a member) and W & L will probably join.

Clark could join the DVRA dues are \$10.00 per annum : but I would advise, taking part on an invitation basis for a few years rather than joining now with the uncertainties that exist: this is against the Assn interests for me to advise but it is sensible.

I would suggest that YOU personally Register with the NAAO for \$1.00 payable to Franklin H Bates Secty NOW this will entitle YOU to the Bulletins when issued and the 1943 Year Book soon to be published and will keep you in touch with all rowing Club and College. I can help you a lot if your boys are really in earnest and I will both with DVRA and with the NAAO . I hope that all this dope will help you in the