

May 20, 1958

Mr. John C. Bratten, Chairman
Dad Vail Rowing Association
336 E. Meehan Street
Philadelphia 19, Pennsylvania

Dear Jack:

Congratulations on another successful Dad Vail Regatta. You and your committee did a great job, as usual.

In accordance with my promise, I have written a "thank you" letter to Father Castle of Monsignor Bonner High School, in appreciation of the use of the School's Poceck shell by the Clark crew. (copy enclosed). I also expressed regret over the accident to the keel fin and the hope that the coach got it replaced without undue inconvenience.

I did not mention it to Father Castle, but if I were you, I would try to get someone like Jim Manning to check the shell to see that the locking pin for the fin is replaced before the case is considered "closed" such as in setting a claim with the insurance company. I mentioned the locking pin to you and attempted to find Mr. Manning to ask him to check on it, but couldn't find him.

I should be interested in what you may learn from Mr. Manning about the possible sale of the Penn Shell after repair, which we discussed.

Thanks for all your favors.

Cordially yours,

F. Eugene Melder

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