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Mr. Gerald F. McMullen,
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Dear Jerry:

The story about the "Star of India" is great. It hits the thing at just the right angle. The more I think about this old barge the greater pity I think it is that she can not, by some hook or crook, be entered in the 1928 Honolulu Race. I'll bet a full crew of square rigger men could be signed on without pay and that enough other amateurs could be signed on with money enough to pay the expenses between them. If the ship is in sufficiently good condition to make the voyage, why wouldn't it be feasible. I believe the Chamber of Commerce and San Diego California Club would see the advertising value of it to the city, so that they would throw all their weight back of it to induce whatever city organization controls the boat to enter her.

Probably it is a foolish idea. Still, let it simmer in your head for a while, and if it addles your brains to the point where you like it, broach it to some of the other yachtsmen and see if you can find enough crazy ones to back it up and possibly make it a reality in 1928. Of course, the first thing is to have somebody capable of judging go over the ship with a fine tooth comb to see if she is seaworthy; for if not, all bets would be off. To drown the whole crew would be publicity all right, and a wonderful story, but not just the ~~XIXX~~ most desirable kind.

Anyway, many thanks for the story and photos. They will appear in our January number, which will be out some time if we can ever get this damned December one out of the way first.

Sincerely yours,

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