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CROCKETT, V. B.
December 31, 1953

Mr. Vere B. Crockett
Camden
Maine

Dear Mr. Crockett:

Your book DESIGNING SMALL BOATS FOR FUN AND PROFIT has been added to our order list, and we anticipate having a copy in the library soon. It promises to be a most helpful volume in a field of reference for which we have frequent calls, and we are delighted to know of a good new practical work.

Its Maine background -- or, rather, that of its author -- interests us especially. It would make a fine addition to the Maine Author Collection, and we hope that we may see a copy there. Do you know of this permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, or about Maine? Through the years it has grown to about two thousand volumes, most of which are inscribed presentation copies. The inscriptions are varied and original, lending distinction to a most outstanding exhibit which, of course, includes all kinds of writing -- poetry, history, novels, children’s stories, biography, cook books. It is the only place where all the writing of all Maine authors is gathered together and preserved permanently, and we are very proud of it, and of the attention it attracts.

We do not know whether you were born in Maine, but you are certainly a Maine author; and to have DESIGNING SMALL BOATS FOR FUN AND PROFIT in the collection would be a source of considerable pleasure and satisfaction. May it enjoy a warm welcome and continuing demand.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of

Maine Author Collection

clipping from Rockland Courier-Gazette November 17, 1953
given to MAW
Mrs. F.W. Jacob
Maine State Library
State House,
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

I was very pleased to receive your letter in regard to my book Small Boat Designing for Fun and Profit and will forward you a copy for the Maine Author Collection as soon as possible.

I am glad to say that I was born here in Maine and in fact have spent the most of my life here with the exception of military service in World War II.

I trust that the book will be of value to the collection and wish to thank you for the opportunity of having my book included.

Sincerely,

V. B. Crockett