



# In Our Mail

## Points To Better Way

Oct. 31, 1961

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Now, it looks as if this very idea may become a reality. We may be able to have a marina befitting the size and importance of our magnificent harbor, not a small catch basin with strings attached and never-ending frustrations such as we have experienced in connection with the town pier.

The Emergency Committee for the Preservation of the Province Lands has always favored the most adequate harbor of refuge possible placed in the most advantageous position for the entire town. If the National Park Service undertakes to build this kind of a marina on recommendations made by an impartial survey of engineers, the town has not waited in vain for a dream to come true. Let us all work toward this end, expecting the most, not the least from the natural assets of our harbor.

Josephine Del Deo

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Provincetown Advocate  
Letters to the Editor

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