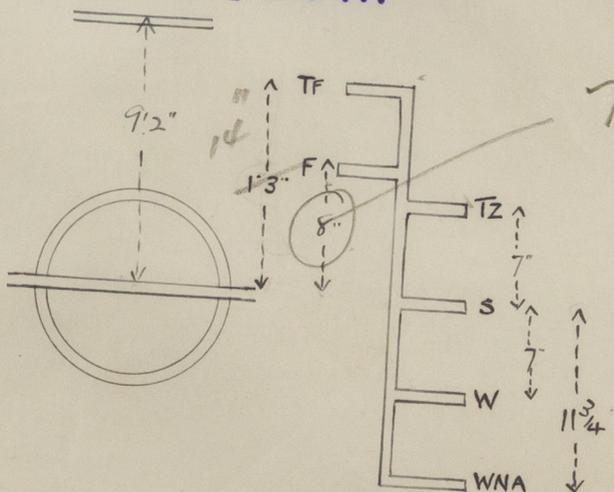


S.S. "GULFWAX".

A report has been received from New York in which it is stated that freeboards have been assigned to this vessel by the American Bureau under the American Freeboard Regulations for Tankers.

The following is extracted from New York Report No. 32150, dated 10.10.30:-

"U.S.A. Loadline Regulations - Freeboard assigned by American Bureau of Shipping. A new steel lid fitted to dry cargo hold hatch. Port and starboard coal bunker hatches now closed with bolted plates, hose tested and found tight. Six additional channel stiffeners fitted on forward bulkhead of fidley casing. Two 4 inch and two 5 inch gate valves fitted to soil pipes, vent pipes from after fuel tank and abreast after house extended about 7 feet. Two vents from forward fuel tanks removed and plates welded in way of openings. Two 5 inch pressure relief valves fitted to tank covers. New freeboards assigned to this vessel as hereunder. The top of statutory deck line is now level with the top of stringer plate"...



It will be observed that in order to comply with the Regulations steel covers have been fitted to the forward hatchway, and to the coaling hatchways, but no structural additions have been made on account of the increased draught permitted.

This vessel is classed 100A1, Shelter Deck, With Freeboard, "Carrying petroleum in bulk", and the freeboards assigned by the Committee were the minimum permitted by the British Freeboard Regulations.

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An estimate has been made in this Office, and it would appear that the freeboard now assigned by the American Bureau is the minimum permitted by the Convention Regulations for Tankers.

Freeboard is a condition of the class of the vessel.

The Summer freeboard now assigned under the American Regulations is $14\frac{1}{2}$ inches less than the minimum permitted by the British Board of Trade Regulations. As this freeboard assigned by the American Bureau complies with the recommendations of the International Loadline Convention it is submitted no further action is necessary, and the records in the Register Book should be amended accordingly.

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