

Steamer "DONA LOURDES"

The year of grace expired in this case at the end of January and on the 23rd of that month, with the authority of the New York Office, the Balboa Surveyor issued a short term Loadline Certificate to enable the vessel to proceed to Manila where it was understood the Special Survey, which had been commenced in July, 1952, would be completed.

The vessel subsequently came under survey at Manila for partial Loadline Survey and finally, on the 11th instant the Committee agreed to the completion of the Special Survey being postponed until the vessel's arrival in Japan, provided a complete Loadline Survey was held and the Surveyor was satisfied with the general condition of the ship for a direct voyage to Japan; also provided two bower anchors and 140 fathoms of chain cable, which were placed on board as a temporary measure to replace missing equipment, were specially examined and found in good condition, the length of cable on board being not less than Rule requirements. This approval was granted on the understanding that the vessel would proceed direct to Japan about the 14th July, but a cable had now been received from the Manila Surveyor, reading as follows:-

DONALOURDES REURLET ELEVENTH VESSEL SAILED
UNEXPECTEDLY NINETHIRTY PM TWENTIETH BOUND
HONGKONG WITHOUT FREEBOARD AND SEAWORTHY
CERTIFICATES STOP FREEBOARD REQUIREMENTS
LACKING ALSO ANCHORS AND CHAINS SHORT RULE
REQUIREMENTS STOP AIRMAILING COPIES ALL
CORRESPONDENCE TO HONGKONG

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