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Received by Chief Ship Surveyor

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VESSEL'S NAME T.S.M. 'DORABELLA'  
ex L.C.I. (L) 284

REPORT

No.

The remarks of the Chief Ship Surveyor are desired on this case for the consideration of the Classing Committee.

("The endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case, so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement."—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/92.)

This L.C.I. (L), originally built by the New Jersey Shipbuilding Corporation in 1942 as a landing craft for the U.S. Navy, has been purchased by British Owners, who desire classification with the British Corporation while converting to a cargo vessel.

The scantlings and arrangements, including alterations for conversion as above, have been examined and found, with modifications, to be suitable for class BS (Cross Channel & Coasting Service) with descriptive notation "Converted Naval Craft", in association with a summer moulded draught of 8'-6".

The non exclusive surveyor to the B.C. at Southampton, in a report dated June 29th, 1949, states that the vessel was placed on a slipway and the full requirements of a Special Survey for Classification complied with.

In accordance with normal British Corporation practice, a confirmatory survey by an exclusive surveyor will be required, and B.C. Glasgow letters of July 22nd and August 16th instruct the Southampton Surveyors regarding the survey.

IT IS SUBMITTED the vessel is eligible to be classed BS (Cross Channel & Coasting Service) with descriptive notation "Converted Naval Craft" and to have record of docking 5.49 and notations of ss.5,49 and Annual Survey 5,49 WHEN

- (1) A report on a satisfactory confirmatory survey has been received;
- (2) A reply has been received to the questions contained in B.C. Glasgow letter of August 16th, 1949 addressed to the Surveyors Southampton;
- (3) The present anchor cable equipment of wire rope is replaced by 165 fathoms of 14/16 stud chain cable, handled by a suitable windlass and stowed in a chain locker (See B.C. Glasgow letter July 7th, 1949 to Surveyors Southampton).

BS ((Cross Channel & Coasting Service)) "Converted Naval Craft"

5.49 Sou.  
ss. Sou.- 5.49  
Annual Survey 5.49

Classed 5.49

1 Dk. "Elec. welded"  
Cell DB, DBa 15' 22t, DBf 90' 112t, FPT 2t  
FK, 7 EH  
O.L. 158.  
CT 315  
C 14  
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See end<sup>no</sup> 18/9/50  
Not new for B.C. ships  
Cargo Batten not fitted  
See endorsement dated 22.8.51



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It is further submitted the Surveyors at Southampton  
be requested to inform this office whether or not sparring is  
fitted to the side framing in the holds in order that the  
Register Book particulars may be completed.

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