

S/T "ESSO MARACAY" now named "WAALHAVEN"

S/T "ESSO PEDERNALES" now named "KATENDRECHT"

The "ESSO MARACAY" was last seen in dry dock in August 1956, and a Main Boiler Survey became due in August 1957.

The "ESSO PEDERNALES" was last seen in dry dock in June 1956, and a Main Boiler Survey became due in June 1957.

In January 1958 our Caracas Surveyor informed us that the Owners intended to take these ships out of service, and in reply he was requested to advise the Owners that it would be in order for the outstanding surveys to remain in abeyance meantime, provided they received attention before the ships were again placed in service.

In March 1958 the Creole Petroleum Corporation suggested to the Caracas Surveyor that the notation "Laid up - Surveys overdue, Class Suspended 2,58." be assigned to each vessel, and in reply the Surveyor was asked to explain to the Owners that it was not the Committee's practice to assign such a notation until a year of grace for a Special Survey had expired. No Special Survey would fall due in either case until 1960 so the question of a year of grace did not arise. The Surveyor was also asked to repeat that the Committee had agreed to the outstanding inspections remaining in abeyance on the same understanding that they would be dealt with before the ships resumed service.

On the 6th February the Caracas Surveyor cabled as follows:-

"NOW LEARNT SHIPS SOLD TO SIMONS
STAALHANDEL ROTTERDAM STOP SAILED OWN
POWER TO CURACAO WITHOUT SURVEY HELD
BY ME"

On 13th February the Committee decided to expunge the class of each ship owing to non-compliance with the Regulations, and the Rotterdam Surveyors were asked to inform the new Owners of this decision.

The new Owners have now written to the Rotterdam Surveyors asking them to state whether in fact the Surveyors consider the vessels were in class at the time they sailed from Maracaibo to Curacao.

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