

Original correspondence with Clip S.A.H. - C O P Y .

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"Bretehighway"

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Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter of the 24th instant, in further reference to the fleet of 10 Reinforced Concrete Tugs and 35 Reinforced Concrete Barges purchased by you from the Ministry of Shipping, I have to inform you that the matter was brought before the General Committee of this Society at their Meeting yesterday, and again received very careful consideration.

It is observed that you are desirous of including within the limits of trading the whole of the Baltic ports for the summer months only, that is to say, the craft would not be licensed to proceed anywhere in the vicinity of ice during the winter months, but that you object to the limitation that the vessels shall proceed to the Baltic only through the Kiel Canal.

In reply I am directed to state that in the circumstances the Committee are prepared to meet your wishes in this matter, and to extend the present classification of the vessels to include the whole of the Baltic ports, on condition that they are not employed in Baltic trade except between the 1st April and the 31st October. The classification as amended will therefore read:

"All, Coasting U.K. (except West Coast - Cork to
"Pentland Firth) and Continent - Brest to Hamburg,
"also Baltic Ports, April to October."

As intimated in my letter of the 23rd instant, this extension of classification is subject to the vessels being submitted to Special Survey, and favourably reported upon by the Society's Surveyors.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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