

Motorship "THEOPHILE GAUTIER".

This vessel, which is owned by Soc. des Services Contractuels des Messageries Maritimes, was built in 1926, and classed 100A1 "With freeboard".

In October last a letter was received from the Marseilles Surveyors stating that the Owners had decided to increase the area of the rudder plate, and the Surveyors were requested to forward a plan shewing these alterations.

This plan has now been received, and it appears that on the rudder, which is of the semi balanced type, additions have been made to the rudder plate, both at the forward and after ends.

The calculations, which have been made in this Office, shew that these alterations would, *i.e. in the case of a new ship* entail an increase in diameter of 1" in the rudder stock below the lowest pintle.

Since these alterations were carried out, however, the Owners have withdrawn the vessel from class, and it is submitted that, in the circumstances, no action is necessary.

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