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M.S. "ORCA"      M.S. "DOLFIJN"

AND M.S. "WIEBE"

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"      A letter dated 13th September has been received from the Principal Surveyor for Holland regarding the three above ships.

It appears that the Dutch Shipping Inspection Authorities are objecting to the "ORCA" having a certificate for unrestricted coasting service, and that they are prepared to give her no more than a restricted class which covers a limited service. In the winter this limited service is to be further restricted. The reason given is that the ship is excessively shallow.

In the light of the comments in the Rotterdam letter, the scantling plans have been re-examined, and it is considered on technical grounds that it would be advisable not to grant unlimited coasting service. It is submitted therefore, that the Principal Surveyor, Rotterdam, be asked to get in touch with the Owners in order to arrange, if possible, for an amicable agreement on service which would be considered satisfactory to the Society and the Dutch Authorities. This step has been taken in spite of possible political repercussions.

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