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VESSEL'S NAME S.S. "Clam"

Report Apr. No. 11039

The remarks of the Chief 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.)

Nature of Survey Damage repairs, Reinstatement of class. S.S. No. 3 4.

This vessel stranded near Algiers in May last. She was refloated and towed to Algiers.

The case was before the Committee on 26th. May, and the class 100A1 was expunged from the Register Book, and a record of "Stranded & Refloated 5.99" inserted against the vessel's name.

The Hartlepool Surveyors now report that the following repairs have been done ;— Lower part of stem renewed, and upper part faired and refitted; rudder rebushed; 78 plates renewed; 13 taken off, faired and replaced and 38 faired in place; 96 frames and 80 reverse frames partly renewed; 18 frames and reverse frames faired in place; 70 floors renewed; 11 partly renewed; 14 removed faired and replaced, and 4 faired in place; 4 beams renewed, and 2 removed faired and replaced; 7 deck plates renewed, and 5 removed, faired and replaced; 4 centre girder plates renewed; middle line and fore peak bulkheads repaired; bilge keelson and lower side tank top plating at fore end renewed; stringers in fore peak renewed; cement made good; ceiling in fore hold renewed; windlass and steering gear overhauled; a new steel wire hawser, and 3 boats supplied, and various minor repairs.

One bower anchor is stated to have been broken at Port Said and the Owners' Superintendent states that a new anchor is at that port waiting to be placed on board the vessel when she calls there after leaving Batoum.

The S.S. No. 3 has been partly held and the following repairs

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done, due to wear and tear ; - The floors in double bottom under boilers repaired; intercostals renewed; the water-tight floor at after end of tank renewed, and cement made good; bunker casings repaired, and minor repairs.

To complete the survey the following remains to be done ; -

The two hand pumps forward to be tested, and a new bower anchor supplied.

Oil fuel. The fore and after peak tanks, both cofferdams and the three tanks of double bottom in the machinery space have now been fitted for carrying oil fuel. A supply tank for main boilers has also been constructed on each side of the ship in the lower tween deck bunkers abreast the boilers in accordance with the approved plan, and the various fittings connected with the above arrangements carried out in accordance with the Committee's instructions.

Oil fuel is not to be used at present, coal being used for the outward voyage. The Owners have been asked to state when they propose to use oil fuel.

The accompanying photographs have been forwarded by Mr. Burke at Algiers for the information of the Committee, shewing the extent of damage sustained and nature of the temporary repairs effected at that port.

It is submitted the vessel appears worthy of the favourable consideration of the Committee to have her class 100A1 "Carrying petroleum in bulk" reinstated in the Register Book, with record of survey 10.99 and notation of S.S. Hpl. No. 3-10.99, subject to the equipment being made complete and the hand pumps tested at the earliest convenient opportunity; and when the oil installation is used the notation of "Burning Astatki oil fuel - Experimental" should be made in the Register Book.

The Owners should be informed that the Society has no Surveyor stationed at Port Said, and they should therefore be asked to state when and at what port it will be convenient for the hand pumps to be tested, and the new bower anchor examined and compared with its certificate of test by one of the Society's Surveyors.

Reinstate 100A1 "Carrying Petroleum in bulk" }
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A letter has since been received from the Owners stating that they have given their Captain instructions to attend to the completion of the survey at first port where the Society has a Surveyor, and they fully expect this may be done at Singapore.

It is submitted the Singapore Surveyor be advised.

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It is submitted that a letter has now been received from the Owners stating that Oil fuel apparatus will be put in use at Suva & for some considerable time ^{they} will continue to burn this fuel, although, until arrangements are completed both in the far East & here it may be occasionally necessary to burn Coal. ~~The Suva Surveyor should therefore be advised.~~ As the Society has a Surveyor at Suva the Owner should be requested to inform this office when the liquid fuel is actually being used.

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