

"Maloja" "Cable copy requested" 13 AUG 1931
Twin Screw Motorship "DANWOOD".

The First Entry Report on this vessel was received at this Office on the 11th September last and the case was before the Classing Committee on the 26th September when the vessel was classed 100A1, and following the usual procedure the date of build has been recorded as the last date of survey, viz:- August, 1930.

The Oslo Surveyors have now forwarded a translation of a letter which they have received from the Owners, reading as follows, viz:-

"As you may be aware this vessel was delivered from the yard in the Summer 1930 but has since been laid up.
"She will now be placed in commission and probably leaves Fredriksstad on Sunday the 19th instant for Gothenburg, where she will be drydocked and we now respectfully request to have her examined with a view to have your statement that no damage has been sustained during the time she has been laid up so as to have the date of build entered in the Register Book as "April, 1931."

The Surveyors add that the vessel has been laid up at Fredriksstad in fresh water, without water in the double bottom tanks, and that the Owners state that ever since she was laid up she has been under effective inspection by the Master and Engineer.

With reference to this application it may be mentioned that there have been one or two cases recently in which postponement of the last date of survey has been under consideration.

"JO TAYLOR".

In September last the Newcastle Surveyors stated that this vessel was launched on the 18th November, 1929 and that the Builders did not wish the certificate to be forwarded in the meantime and would like the record of survey to be considered at a later date when the vessel had been sold or chartered.

The case received very careful consideration and the Newcastle Surveyors were informed that the Committee much regretted that they were unable to depart from the very clear

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terms of the Society's Rules governing the date of build, which must be the date of the completion of the Special Survey of the vessel, and that in the circumstances there was no alternative but to enter the date of build in accordance with the last date of survey indicated on the First Entry Report, viz:- 25th September, 1930.

"BOEKELLO".

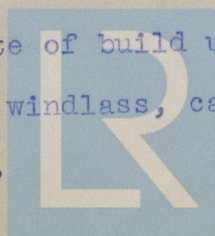
This vessel was launched on the 9th July, 1930 and the last date of survey was the 6th October, 1930. The vessel was laid up and the Builders desired that the date of build might be the date on which the ship would be placed in commission. This was not agreed to and they were informed that the date of build would be the last date of survey as recorded on the First Entry Report.

"QUEENSBURY".

This vessel was launched on the 25th August, 1930 and the First Entry Report was received from the Leith Surveyors on the 4th October, the last date of survey being the 1st October. The classification certificates were issued with the date of build given as October and the Owners, Messrs. Alexander Shipping Co., after receiving the certificates from the Builders wrote to say they were surprised at having the certificates forwarded to them as they had not taken delivery of the ship and would not do so until the steam trials had been satisfactorily completed.

It appeared that the windlass, cables and anchors had to be tried, and also as the rudder and steering gear were of a special type these would not be accepted until a trial trip had been run and everything found satisfactory.

In view of this it was decided that the Committee would defer recording the date of build until the trial trip had been carried out and the windlass, cables and anchors tried and found satisfactory.



"HELMSPEY".

In April, 1930 the Sunderland Surveyors forwarded a letter from the Owners of this vessel in which application was made for a later date of build.

The items which still required to be dealt with in order to complete the survey for First Entry classification were the examination and testing of the steering arrangements and the windlass under working conditions. The Surveyors pointed out that these items could not be dealt with until steam was available on the vessel.

In these circumstances they were informed that the First Entry Reports should be held over until the survey had been finished.

Later, in December, 1930, the Owners again wrote pointing out that the vessel had been laid up since the engines had been placed on board and that she had not carried out her trial trip, and asked whether the vessel could be registered as a 1931 and not a 1930 boat.

The matter was referred to the Sunderland Surveyors who pointed out that their First Entry Report had been held over pending the completion of the survey in accordance with the instructions received by them in April, 1930.

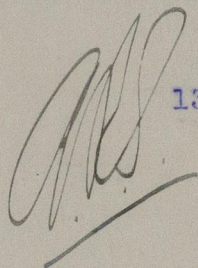
In reply the Owners were informed that as the steering arrangements and windlass still required to be tried under working conditions to completed the survey, the Committee would be prepared to defer the date of build for the present, but it was pointed out that it was concluded that arrangements would be made for all outstanding matters to be attended to in the early part of the New Year.

Up to the present the survey does not appear to have been completed as the First Entry Report has not yet been received.



With reference to the application which has been received in the case of the "DANWOOD", and in view of the decisions in the above quoted cases, IT IS SUBMITTED for consideration whether, provided the vessel be dry docked and a satisfactory examination made, the Owners' application might be acceded to in this instance.

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