

S.S. "NAUSICAA".

French freeboards.

A freeboard report has been received from the Rouen Surveyor, together with two letters and a plan embodying the Owners' proposals with regard to the alterations necessary to enable the vessel to take advantage of the deeper loading for tankers under the provisions of the Loadline Convention.

It is submitted the Surveyor be informed that the Owners' proposals as to the freeing arrangements could be approved, provided the extension of the existing freeing ports in the forward well be increased so that their area <sup>shall</sup> will be not less than 25% of the area of the bulwarks, and provided, in addition, that owing to the height of the sheerstrake above the deck an efficient arrangement of overboard scuppers be provided.

The Owners propose that in view of the protection afforded to the forward cargo hatchway by the forecastle deck, the w.T. Steel covers might be dispensed with, but in view of the deeper loading and as the after end of the forecastle is open, it is submitted Rule XCVIII of the

Convention, which requires efficient watertight steel covers on all hatchways, on the freeboard deck, should be complied with.

With regard to the fore and aft gangway, it is observed from the Surveyor's report that there are no stringer angles running fore and aft at the top of the supports. The Surveyor should see that these are fitted, that the supports are efficiently braced, <sup>that</sup> the guard rails on the top of the gangway be fitted with at least two rails, and that their <sup>stanchions</sup> supports be secured to the steel structure and not merely spiked to the wood platform.



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On completion of the required alterations, the freeboards which could be assigned are as follows:-

Tropical Fresh Water freeboard from top of upper deck stringer plate	.....1024mm.
Fresh Water	.....1182 "
Tropical	.....1182 "
Summer (Centre of disc)	.....1340 "
Winter	.....1498 "
Winter North Atlantic	.....1595 "

The surveyor should report when all the above alterations have been carried out, and he should also state the thickness of the coamings of the ventilators to the engine and boiler spaces and of the ventilators on the freeboard and superstructure decks.

A fee of £16 <sup>if</sup> should be charged in this case, *would be in accordance with previous practice.*

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