

UNDER NO 8961

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T.S.S. "RODNEY STAR", No. 32662 in the Register Book.  
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The Glasgow Surveyors report that a proposal has been submitted to them by Messrs. Wm. Hamilton & Co.Ltd., to fill in the fore and after wells of the above vessel, and to fit a bow of "Maier" form, a plan of which they enclose.

The effect of fitting the new bow is to increase the length of the vessel on the load water line by about 30 feet, and the Glasgow Surveyors desire to be informed whether any addition to the main scantlings or equipment will be required on this account.

It is submitted the Surveyors be informed that this proposal is made in respect of an existing ship and must be considered from this point of view. In the present case the form of the new bow is such that there will be no sensible increase in the displacement of the vessel, and in these circumstances it is considered that no addition to the existing scantlings need be made.

With regard to the equipment, the Surveyors should be informed that, using the increased length on the load water line and taking into account the filling in of the wells, the equipment number exceeds grade g† Table 53 of the Rules. It is considered, however, that in this instance some allowance could be made for the fact that the displacement remains practically unaltered, and an equivalent equipment to that required for grade g† accepted. The existing equipment should be amended accordingly.

It is observed that the plans of the alterations will be dealt with in the Glasgow Office, and in reply to the enquiry contained in the final paragraph of their letter, the Surveyors should be informed that it has not been the practice to require any special additions at the forward end on account of the fitting of a bow of the "Maier" form.

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