

s.s. "ALACRITY".

It is submitted the Owners be informed that from information received from the Society's Surveyors at Newcastle the following will require to be done in order to comply with the requirements of the International Loadline Convention:-

(1) Gangways, lifelines or other satisfactory means to be provided in the wells for the protection of the crew.

(2) The ventilator 8'6" in height on the freeboard deck aft to be efficiently supported, if this is not already the case.

(3) The air pipes on the superstructures to be increased in height to 18 inches, or fitted with non-detachable screw plugs at the outer ends, and those in the wells on the freeboard deck to be fitted with a snifting hole in the upper bend of the pipe, and all air pipes to be fitted with efficient means of closing.

The freeboards computed under the Convention regulations show an increase of 1 inch in the Summer and $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in the Winter freeboards as at present assigned, but as this vessel is an existing ship the present freeboards may be retained if the owners so desire. The requirements of the Convention must, however, be complied with when the Convention is ratified.

The Newcastle Surveyors should be advised, and requested to state, for record purposes, whether the deadlights fitted to the side scuttles in the poop are permanently attached or are portable.

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