

"E. W. SINCLAIR"
Gal. Rpt. #7477

This vessel was under survey at Tampa, Florida from 5th to 21st September, 1962, and the Jacksonville Surveyor attended. His report number 2600 was received and presented to the Committee on 23rd January, 1963. This report recommended a notation of S.S. 9.62, but as there was an outstanding machinery item this record was not assigned until February 13th when Jacksonville report number 2610, completing the machinery survey, was received.

Repairs costing about \$150,000. were carried out at Tampa and there was nothing in the Surveyors report to indicate that the Special Survey had not been completed. However, subsequent developments led us to doubt this and inquiries from Mr. Moller elicited the fact that he intended the Special Survey notation to be assigned when the Hull Survey had been completed. As the report had gone to London we cabled them immediately to withhold publication of the record.

A report from the Galveston Surveyor has now been received and in it a great deal of work has been recommended for completion of the Special Survey which has led the Owners to decide to place the vessel in laid-up status pending a decision regarding completion of the survey.

The whole matter has been discussed with Mr. Moller at length and he now considers that a better recommendation as a result of the Tampa survey last year would have been GE 9.62.

HJ Roberts
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