

FREEBOARDS ASSIGNED TO CERTAIN SHIPS BY THE LATVIAN  
AUTHORITIES.

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It is submitted the Riga Surveyor be informed with reference to his letter of the 28th ultimo, that the freeboards reported to be assigned by the Latvian Marine Department appear to be in order for the majority of the ships and particulars of the freeboard and draught will therefore be amended in the Register Book accordingly.

The Surveyor's attention, however, should be directed to the Summer freeboards assigned to the "KANDAVA" and the "KULDIGA", viz:- 153 mm. (6 inches) and 160mm (6 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches) respectively, which reduces the extreme summer draught corresponding to the freeboards assigned by this Society under the 1906 Board of Trade Regulations by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 1" respectively. Under the Convention Regulations the Owner is entitled to retain the existing freeboards if they are more favourable than those computed under the Convention.

*For reply  
see Latvian file*

In the case of the "EVERLINE", the survey for freeboard assignment was held by the Society's Surveyors at Ghent and assignment letters issued to the Owners. The freeboards computed under the Convention were less favourable than the existing freeboards and the latter were therefore reassigned. The summer freeboard now assigned by the Latvian Authorities is 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " less than those computed by this Society.

Freeboard is a condition of class in each of the three cases above referred to, and the Surveyor should therefore confer with the Authorities and report to this Office.

For the Surveyor's guidance a photostat of the Convention freeboard computation of the "EVERLINE" and a copy of the original computations of the "KANDAVA" and "KULDIGA" should be forwarded for his guidance when dealing with the Latvian Marine Department in regard to these cases.

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