

Chief Ship Surveyor

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## Whale Catcher

NAME "EMPIRE UNITAS X" REPORT Drb. No. 6065

The remarks of the Chief Ship Surveyor are desired on this case for the consideration of the Classing Committee.

The endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case, so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement."—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/92.)

134.67' B. 26' D. 14.5' Proportions 9.3.

This ship was built in 1939 to plans approved by the British Corporation and is on bare boat charter from the M.O.T. to the Union Whaling Co.Ld. of Durban.

The plans have been examined and approved for the class 100A1 "For Whaling Services" provided the scantlings be verified and a survey for the Classification of Ships Not Built Under Survey carried out.

Provisional class 100A1 "For Whaling Services" (Classification Contemplated) was assigned 12,46. The Notation Examined 10,51" expired 10,52.

The Committee intimated in a letter to the Owners (3,52) they were not prepared to authorize a further General Examination for extension of the provisional class beyond the end of October 1952 and would require a Special Survey for assignment of class.

The DURBAN Surveyors in a First Entry Report and Report 8 report (12,52) ship examined on slipway, the scantlings and arrangements verified and the Rule requirements for Ships Not Built Under Survey complied with.

The anchors on board appear to be those originally supplied and equivalent to Rule requirements, no marks however can be deciphered on the anchors and test certificates are not available. Only 90 fathoms of chain cable are on board. These are of Rule diameter, but test certificates have not been produced for them although certificate numbers have been deciphered on the cables indicating they have been tested to Germanischer Lloyd requirements. Since the Rule length is 165 fathoms, there are therefore 75 fathoms short.

In view of the equipment position above referred to IT IS SUBMITTED for consideration whether the ship is eligible to be classed 100A- "Whaler" with record of docking 11,52 and Notation of 'ss.Drb. 12,52' pending the anchors being weighed and found to be of Rule weight and 75 fathoms of additional tested chain cable being supplied when the figure '1' could be recommended for assignment. 100A- "Whaler" "Fitted for oil fuel F.P. above 150° F" 11,52 Drb. ss.Drb. 12,52. Classed 12,52.

"EMPIRE UNITAS X"

1 Dk.

Side tanks in mchy space F.W; MT O.F; APT 20t.

BK 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 5BH, Asp.

Mchy Aft

O.L. 146.5'

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IT IS FURTHER SUBMITTED the Surveyors be requested to confirm -

- (a) reported size of the steering gear chains as the Rule diameter would appear to be 15/16", ✓
- (b) alternative means of steering are provided, and ✓
- (c) 85 metres of 64 mm steel wire are on board for use with stream anchor. ✓

They should also be requested to furnish the actual weights of the anchors on board as it is noted from their report these have not been verified as being those originally supplied.

*See letter  
dated 11/5/53*



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