



LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING.

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Dear Sir,

I have been in touch with the Mersey Docks & Harbour Board regarding the position generally of the ships in their fleet, and they now state that they intend keeping the following ships in full class:-

Grab Dredgers.

"MERSEY COMPASS," "MERSEY NOS. 40, 41, 14, 26 & 27."

Floating Cranes.

"MAMMOTH," "ATLAS"^{1137 TONS}, "TITAN", "SAMSON", "BIRKET" and "FENDER".

Stone Hopper.

"NO. 42".

They also intend continuing with the freeboard assignment of the "MERSEY NO. 41" and "MERSEY NO. 42", and have in fact carried out the Load Line Surveys on these two ships this year.

They have put up for sale the "LYSTER" which is now unclassified, the "MERSEY NO. 37" and the Pilot Boat No. 4, "WILLIAM M. CLARKE."

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They also state that the "MERSEY ENGINEER" "VULCAN" and the Mersey Hoppers Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 30, 31 and 34 are still laid up with no prospect of re-commissioning in the near future so far as can be seen at the moment.

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I have informed the Liverpool Committee of these arrangements and have gone through the list of surveys due on these ships. As a result I am asking the Dock Board for an undertaking that all outstanding surveys will be held on those vessels at present laid-up if it is decided to re-commission any of them.

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With regard to the other vessels, the Committee are of the opinion that there are no surveys so overdue that any special action is called for concerning classification at the moment.

I am drawing the attention of the Dock Board again to surveys which have become due and have not yet been held, and hope that now a firm decision has been made regarding the future of the fleet it will be possible to bring up to date those surveys which are overdue.

Yours faithfully,

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