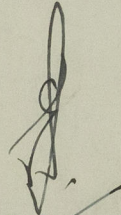


"JALAKANYA" ex "JOHN JACOB ASTOR"

This vessel is a 'Liberty' ship of the E.C.2 type and was classed by the Society in April of this year, at which time the various reinforcements which the Committee require to be carried out on 'Liberty' and 'Sam' ships had been, or were, given effect to, including hatch corner strengthening, slotting of bulwark plating at butts of bulwark and sheerstrake plating, placing in good order of welding at corners of wash ports, scuppers and sheerstrake butts, and slotting of bilge keel at the butts.

The Galveston Surveyors report that a crack arrester has now been arranged in the form of a slot, cut in the sheerstrake immediately below the Upper Deck, and fitted with a double riveted strap, the slot extending from frame 39 to frame 135. The cutting of such slots is a recommendation of the United States Coastguard, and details of this and of the above reinforcements are embodied on a plan forwarded by the Surveyors.

  
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