

"EMPIRE PALADIN"

Rpt.Mdb.No.17701.

Before this case receives consideration it should be pointed out to the Surveyors that it appears from their report that a rudder with a forged main piece has been fitted in this vessel, while the approved plan forwarded by them shows a built up, electrically welded rudder without a forged main piece.

They should be requested to state whether the reported particulars are correct, and if so to forward the applicable approved plan for verification.

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