

"BLACKBEAR" ex Steel Yacht "XARIFA"

Rule Dimensions:- 177' x 31' x 17.83' as a Yacht.
170' x 31' x 17.83' present Ship Rules.

Scantling Nos:- Equivalent D = 15.75' for S.M.Draught of 13.75'
(B.K.14.25). 2677 and 7947.

This Yacht was built in 1930 and classed in the Yacht Register Book 100A1. A Special Survey No.2 was carried out at Southampton in 1939.

The Kingston (Jamaica) Surveyor now cables that the Owners are converting her into a Cargo and Passenger Vessel for service in the Caribbean Sea and Gulf Ports. The amount of cargo carried will not exceed 300 tons.

It is intended to fit a cargo hatchway forward and a freeboard of 4'-4" is desired corresponding to a summer moulded draught of 13.75' amidships.

The Yacht is a flush deck vessel with a sunk forecastle and a cabin deck is fitted below the upper deck clear of the machinery space. Five watertight bulkheads are fitted extending to the upper deck and a number of partial bulkheads are also fitted below the cabin deck.

The scantlings and arrangements have been examined and while not equal to the Rule requirements for the full 100A class, are such as could be recommended for approval for the class A- with freeboard on the restricted service desired.

IT IS THEREFORE SUBMITTED the Surveyor (who is Non-Exclusive) be informed that to permit of the vessel being classed in the Society's Ship Register Book, it will be necessary for him to carry out the requirements of Survey (C) Notice 1840, the plating being drilled where there is any evidence of appreciable diminution of thickness, and provided he satisfies himself that the lower deck beams are adequately supported so as to make them suitable for the carriage of cargo and if any cabin sole beams be removed the framing in way be suitably reinforced, on receipt of a satisfactory report on completion of the survey the vessel could be recommended for classification in the Society's Ship Register Book of A- with a freeboard of 4'-4" "For Service in the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico". He should explain to the Owners that the above freeboard is applicable only as a cargo vessel and the Load Line as a passenger vessel will require to be assigned by the appropriate Government Authority.

If the Figure 1 is desired particulars of the equipment on board or proposed to be supplied should be submitted, and the Surveyor should state if the equipment proposed is considered by him to be suitable for the desired restricted service.

It is further submitted the Surveyor be informed by cable as follows:-

"PROVIDED SURVEY IN ACCORDANCE C NOTICE 1840 CARRIED OUT DECKS
"CARRYING CARGO SUPPORTED YOUR SATISFACTION IF ANY CABIN SOLE BEAMS"
"BE REMOVED FRAMING IN WAY SUITABLY REINFORCED VESSEL COULD BE"
"RECOMMENDED CLASS A- WITH FREEBOARD 4 FEET FOUR INCHES FOR SERVICE"
"CARIBBEAN SEA AND MEXICAN GULF STOP IF FIGURE 1 DESIRED PROPOSED"
"EQUIPMENT ON BOARD OR TO BE SUPPLIED SHOULD BE SUBMITTED"

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Ansd. Cable & ltr. 4/9
p.c. Fbd. & R.B.

Copy to Freeboard Dept.

4th September, 1946.

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