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Dear Sirs,

Whaler "STORA"

The case of the above named ship has now been reviewed by the Committee in connection with a memorandum received from the Society's Surveyors at Leith, stating they have recently been in touch with you on the question of the ship's equipment, but although there is still no information available in this respect, the matter is receiving attention.

As this subject has been under discussion now for a long period, the Committee have requested me to restate the position as seen in this Office.

The Special Survey which became due in October 1954 was carried out on hull and machinery, but assignment of a notation of the inspection was withheld pending the equipment being placed in order.

The Society's Rules require 180 fathoms of 1-3/16" diameter chain cable, whereas in October, 1954, it was reported that only 120 fathoms of 1" diameter chain cable were on board, and in reply to enquiry your Office in South Georgia stated on 25th May, 1955, that 60 fathoms of chain cable, no diameter of which was given, were on order. A later report from South Georgia dated October/November, 1955, again stated that 120 fathoms of 1" diameter cable were on board.

The Society's Surveyors at Leith were informed in April, 1956 that there was a possibility of an error having occurred in the Surveyor's report, but that in view of the considerable time involved in making enquiry and receiving a reply from Leith Harbour, the Surveyors should take the matter up with you, to see if early clarification could be obtained regarding the actual length and diameter of cable on board.

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You doubtless appreciate that the Committee regard the ship's ground tackle as a vital item affecting her classification, and as this matter has been outstanding so long a time, they will be obliged if you will endeavour to furnish some more definite information as to what is being done, if necessary. In the meantime of the ship's last Special Survey record in the Book, 1950 appears out of date in the extreme, and it is that every effort should be made to supply the want of equipment so that the later date of 1954 may be inserted in the Supplement.

Yours faithfully,

c.c. Lth.

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