

Steel Drifter "CHIMERA". No.54540 in R.B.

This vessel, an 86ft. steel drifter, is at present classed LOCAL "For Fishing purposes", and was completed in July of this year, to the order of the Admiralty.

From the remarks of the Aberdeen Surveyors it would appear that the "Chimera" has undergone certain structural alterations at Peterhead without their knowledge at the time. The alterations are not of an extensive character, comprising as they do, the removal of bunker ends as originally built, and the introduction of a non-watertight bulkhead to form a cross-bunker.

With this arrangement there is not now a W.T. Bulkhead separating the forward end of the machinery space from the fish hold (Vide Sketch herewith).

The Surveyors report that at the time of the alterations the vessel was urgently required for fishing, and the Owner, together with the Fishery Board's representative, have since promised to do whatever may be required by the Surveyors at the earliest possible date after the Yarmouth fishing. As the vessel has been fishing now for some little time it is not thought expedient at this stage to delete the class of the vessel from the Register Book, but it is considered that a strong representation should be made to the Owners of the vessel in order that the necessary amendments may be made to the cross bunker bulkhead, etc., on the earliest possible occasion, and the Owners should be requested to state in writing when this is likely to be.

The plan forwarded by the Surveyors should be retained in this Office.



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