

Steel Screw Tug "FOAM"; No. 69833 in the Register Book;
92 tons gross; Built in 1904 - 10 mo.; Port of Registry - London;
Owners: The Foam Towing Company, Limited.

Classed:

* 100A1
For Towing Purposes
5,21
s.s.No. 3-1,18
s.s.No. 1-21.

* LMC 5,21
BS 5,25
TS 8,24.

The Second Special Survey No.2 became due in January last.

The vessel went ashore at Cyprus in November, 1921, and was refloated in October, 1922. No dry dock or slipway being available, she was surveyed afloat by a Surveyor appointed by Lloyd's Agent at Limassol, Cyprus, in the early part of 1923, and temporary repairs were effected, but the Surveyor recommended that she should be taken to another port for dry docking and permanent repairs. The tug was subsequently surveyed in dry dock by the Society's Surveyor at Alexandria in August, 1924. The bottom was examined and the temporary repairs effected at Cyprus were, in the opinion of the Surveyor, efficient for a period of nine months from that date, and in the circumstances the vessel was allowed to retain her class on the understanding that permanent repairs would be carried out within the period named.

The Classing Committee have deferred action in the matter on several occasions, and in reply to enquiry, the Owners stated, in January 1926, that the vessel was continuously engaged in the neighbourhood of Cyprus, but that they would endeavour to send her to Alexandria for the necessary permanent repairs before the end of June, 1926.

This arrangement was agreed to by the Classing Committee on the understanding that it would be definitely adhered to and that the Second Special Survey No.2 would be carried out at the same time.

The tug was not submitted for Special Survey and repairs as arranged, and on the 9th July last the Owners were informed that unless the matter received attention without further delay, the vessel would lose her class.

No further arrangements were made, and on the 20th July the Classing Committee deferred action in the case for one month. Nothing was done, however, and in the circumstances the Classing Committee, who had the case again before them on Tuesday, 31st ultimo, decided to give instructions for the vessel's character to be expunged from the Register Book with a red line (8.26.), indicating non-compliance with the Society's Rules, and the Owners have been informed accordingly.

J.H.

2nd September, 1926.



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