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Steel Screw Schooner "SORKA";

No. 72699 in Register Book;

208 Tons gross;

Port of Registry, Tonsberg.

Owners.

Chr. Salvesen & Co., Leith.

Classed:

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12.19.

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This vessel is a Whaler, and was built at Tonsberg in 1917, and launched in February of that year. Owing to delay in fitting the machinery she was not completed until December, 1919, and in accordance with the Rule, the date of build recorded in the Register Book is 1917-8 month.

The steamer has recently been acquired by Messrs. Salvesen & Co. of Leith, who state that although the hull was built in 1917, the engines and boilers intended to be placed on board were totally lost while on passage to Tonsberg in December, 1917, with the result that fresh ones had to be constructed, and these were not fitted until 1919, at which time the vessel was completed and went on trial in December, 1919.

The Society's Surveyors confirmed the Owners' statements and added that whilst waiting for her machinery the vessel was placed on the slipway and cleaned and painted on the 10th September, 1917, 9th August, 1918, 20th June, 1919 and 26th August, 1919.

It should be added that in the Norwegian Official List, and the Register of the Norske Veritas, the vessel is given as having been built in 1919.

In all the circumstances, the Chief Surveyors submitted that as the vessel was last in drydock in August, 1919, that date might be considered as the date of build, and this proposal came before the Classing Committee at their Meeting on Friday the 17th instant, when it was decided to refer the matter to the General Committee.

General Committee
Thursday, 23rd December, 1920
Date of build to be recorded as Aug 1919

23rd December, 1920.