

Do. of excess of Hatchways
Do. above Crown of
stern post
Longitudinal Number
2970
S.S. "SORKA".

This vessel is a whaler, built at Tonsberg in 1917 and classed 100A1. Owing to delay with the machinery she was not completed until December 1919, but the date of build given in the Register Book is 1917-8mo.

A letter has been received from Messrs. Salvesen & Co. stating that they have just bought this boat from Mr. Henriksen, the original Owner, and while the date of build given in the Register Book is no doubt in accordance with the letter of Rule 7 of the General Regulations of the Society, there are exceptional circumstances in the case which they are of opinion would justify the Committee in amending the date of build to 1919.

Messrs. Salvesen state that although the vessel was built in 1917 at Tonsberg, the engines and boilers intended to be placed on board and which were made at Bergen were totally lost on the passage to Tonsberg on the 21st December 1917, with the result that the vessel was not completed and did not go on trial until December 1919. They point out that ^{if} the present date of build is maintained the vessel will become due next year for the Special Survey No. 1.

It is submitted the Owners' proposal, that the date of build in this case be reconsidered, appears to be worthy of the favourable consideration of the Committee, but as no mention is made in the Surveyors' reports as to where the vessel has been laid up while waiting for new engines and boilers, or if she has been placed in dry dock for examination at any time since she was launched in 1917, the Christiania Surveyors might be requested to furnish information on these points, and that pending the receipt of this information no action be taken.

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