

Quadruple Screw Turbine ship "ROMA".

Moulded dimensions :- 664.72' x 82.67' x 51.51'.

The above mentioned ship was built at Genoa by Messrs. Ansaldo Societa Anonima, completed at the end of 1926, and has since been employed between New York and Genoa.

A letter has now been received from the Newport News Surveyor stating that in March of this year the "ROMA" was in dock at the Newport News S.B. & D.D.Co., for damage repairs, etc. The Firm made the usual preparations from the information obtainable for the required length of blocking, and when the dock was pumped dry it was discovered that the actual docking length of the ship was less than anticipated.

The Dry Dock Co., measured the length of the ship from the fore side of stem to after side of stern post as 662'- 7". The Surveyor calls attention to the difference ^{between} ~~and~~ this length and the registered length given in the Register ~~is~~ Book, viz:- 705.6 feet, and suggests that on the first suitable opportunity when the ship is docked, the length of the vessel be checked.

It is submitted it might be explained to Mr. French and the Newport News Surveyor that the registered length which appears on the Italian National Certificate of Register is the length overall from the fore side of the top of stem to the aftermost part of the stern. This length is, therefore, in excess of the length obtained by the British method, viz. from the fore part of stem to the after side of sternpost.

The Italian Official registered dimensions are inserted in the Register Book, but where particulars of the registered dimensions ~~are obtainable~~ ^{in accordance with} the British regulations are obtainable, these are also inserted below the foregoing. An example of this procedure is given in No. 68318 in the current edition of the Register Book for the "CONTE GRANDE"

also an Italian Passenger ship.

In the present case the particulars of the registered dimensions obtained by the British regulations were shown on the Genoa Surveyors' First Entry report, but attention was not drawn directly to them as being the British measurements, and, in consequence, they were not posted in the Register Book, but action will be taken to have the particulars inserted in the subsequent Supplements.

It is further submitted that the Registered dimensions computed in accordance with the British regulations and given on the front page of the First Entry report be now inserted in the Register as an addition to the particulars already recorded.

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*In Mr. Whitehead's report
& Mr. Stanley's note*

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