

"CAPTAIN FARMAKIDES" (ex "James M. Goodhue").

Liberty vessel EC2-S-C1.

The Society's Rules prescribe that the entrance door to the tunnel be of efficient construction, strongly connected to the bulkhead and capable of being quickly closed from an accessible position above the bulkhead deck.

When the vessel was under survey at Baltimore in April last, the notation of S.S.-4.47 was recommended when the hinged steel watertight door to the shaft tunnel is replaced by a sliding watertight door operated from the freeboard deck.

It will be necessary for this hinged watertight door to be made operative as above or replaced by one complying with the Rules.

In a letter from the Owners, it is stated that the Surveyors recommended the notation of S.S.-4,47, subject to hinged steel watertight door to shaft tunnel being replaced by watertight door operated from the freeboard deck, but in actual fact the Surveyors recommended the notation of S.S.-4.47 when the hinged steel watertight door to the shaft tunnel has been replaced by a sliding watertight door operative from the freeboard deck.

With regard to the statement in the letter that the Society will not insist on this requirement being complied with, it might be made clear to the Owners that the Committee rely on the integrity of the Owners to make every effort for the Society's requirements regarding watertight doors to have the necessary attention as soon as possible.

IT IS SUBMITTED the Owners be informed accordingly.

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