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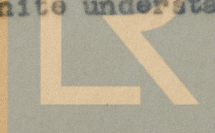
Dear Sirs,

I duly received your letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing letters you have received from the new Owners of the "GOULBURN", "ARAKOON" and "BANGALOW" asking that the method adopted by the Committee in dealing with the classes of these vessels should be altered in the Register Book to indicate that they were withdrawn from class at Owners' request.

Dealing firstly with the "GOULBURN", the year of grace for the overdue Special Survey in this case expired at the end of August. In the middle of June permission was sought for class cover until a fortnight beyond that time, and this was agreed to. The Committee's view is that when this additional concession was granted in June there was ample time for the ship to have reached a repair port in the Far East had she sailed immediately, but another month elapsed before yet another proposal was made asking for an extension until October. This was turned down by the Committee, who adhered to their previous decision that the vessel must be brought under inspection for Special Survey not later than mid-September.

Upon hearing that the new Owners did not intend to comply with this requirement the Committee gave instructions for her class to be expunged from the Register Book for non-compliance, a decision to which they adhere.

Circumstances attending the "ARAKOON" and "BANGALOW" are that in each case the class was qualified by a notation of "Laid up - surveys overdue". This qualification is always imposed upon a classed ship which is laid up with surveys badly overdue and means in effect that her class is only maintained during the laid up period, on the definite understanding that the overdue



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surveys will be held before she is again placed in commission.

Both ships became due for Boiler Survey in July, 1954. In October of that year we heard that the Owners were in liquidation, had laid the ships up and we followed the usual practice of qualifying the class by the method indicated above. The fact that Special Surveys subsequently became due did not affect the issue, and immediately it was known that the buyers were not complying with the Society's requirements to carry out the Boiler Survey before re-commissioning, the Committee took the usual course of expunging their classes from the Register Book for non-compliance.

It is noted that the vessels are now being classed with the Bureau Veritas, and when particulars of classification with that Institution are forthcoming in their Register Book, a note thereof will be inserted in the Society's Register Book.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

The Surveyors,
HONG KONG.



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