



Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Ocean Chambers, Lowgate,

Hull, 15th August, 1947.

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Dear Mr. Sladden,

Steam Trawler "BELLONA".

In compliance with telephone instructions regarding the above trawler (Grimsby Classing letter and reply 1.8.47 and 5.8.47 respectively) the Owners Superintendent Mr. Gidley was visited yesterday and together with Mr. Piddington the defective sheerstrake plate in question was examined.

This plate (port side) which extends above the deck and forms part of the bulwark plating is wasted in way of a deck scupper at each side.

The necessity for a repair is not questioned by the Owner's Superintendent, but the difficulty in getting it effected is that the vessel is in full employment, and he states must complete all the fishing time possible, the vessel being ready for sailing at the time of our inspection.

It should be remarked in this connection that she was under survey from 29.5.47 to 23.6.47 (Grimsby Report No.22620) when the Owner's Superintendent in attendance was asked to carry out this particular repair, but declined.

The whole question of General Examination, Special Survey and repairs was discussed with Mr. Gidley who was unable to give any date at present when they could be dealt with.

It is suggested therefore that the Owners (attention of Mr. Gidley) be communicated/direct from London, which it is /with thought he might appreciate.

This particular defect, whilst it should be satisfactorily dealt with immediately it is possible to do so, is not such as to prevent the vessel making her present fishing trip.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. Sladden, Esq.,
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