

Trawlers "PARGO" and "GORAZ"

MR. van der Weel's letter of the 16th February states that "The Arrasto's case was rejected and the Builders' case for dissolution of part of the contract was granted, - costs for Arrasto".

We interpreted this to mean that under this ruling Arrasto's were left as Owners of the "PARGO" and that the part of the contract which was dissolved by the Court related to the "GORAZ" which was thus left in the hands of the Builders, the Arrasto Company having to accept no further responsibility so far as the "GORAZ" is concerned. Mr. van der Weel today confirmed this situation which, of course, is now the subject of an Appeal by Arrasto.

Since Arrasto some time ago stated that they did not wish to continue with the classification of the "PARGO", Mr. van der Weel is strongly of the opinion that we should on receipt of this information have expunged the class and assigned three dots without delay. The appeal is likely to drag on for some time before conclusion. The "PARGO" Special Survey becomes due at the end of the present month.

We have recently asked Mr. Guthrie of Lisbon to make a discreet approach to Arrasto to find out whether the change of heart in our favour might also mean a change of mind about relinquishing classification.

On the 27th March Mr. Guthrie of Lisbon wrote submitting that no representation to Arrasto should be made until after the period of expiry for Appeal - at that time we did not know whether Arrasto would appeal.

It is now a matter for consideration whether to submit the case to the Classification Committee for the assignment of three dots or whether to wait for some time for the result of the Appeal which, if Arrasto were successful, would mean that the Builders would be left in possession of both ships. There would seem to be good reasons for taking out the class without further delay.

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