

s.s. "JOHN HARKER"

Plans of this vessel were approved with a view to the class 100A1 "Carrying Petroleum in Bulk", "For Service between Worcester, Swansea and Bideford", with the special notation "Middle Line Bulkhead non-oiltight".

In June last the Builders, Messrs. John Harker Ltd., stated that they desired to run the vessel from Coryton (near Tilbury) to Hull until the end of October, and wished to know if this could be approved. They were informed that this was practically equivalent to an unrestricted service, and that it would be necessary for a forecastle, efficiently constructed, to be fitted extending to the after side of the crews' companion, ^{and} the pump room deckhouse to be extended on the port side so as to form an entrance house to the engine room with a door in the casing side and a second door in an internal bulkhead, to enable permission to be given for the vessel to trade on this service. The Builders stated that this would render the ship unsuitable for the Worcester, Swansea & Bideford service, for which she was primarily intended, and stated they would not proceed further in the matter. In August, however, they stated that in order to fulfil a contract it would be necessary to employ this vessel on another service, and stated that they would be willing to accept a restricted service to cover voyages from the Thames to the Humber, and from the Thames to Poole Harbour". This proposal was approved, and the class was extended "for service between the Humber and Poole Harbour until 31st October 1930", and a First Entry Certificate issued accordingly.

As the period of this ~~extended~~ service has now expired, it is submitted that Messrs. John Harker Ltd. might be requested to return the First Entry Certificate issued to them, in order that a new certificate covering only the service between Worcester, Swansea and Bideford, might be issued.