

D.S. 385

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The Secretary,
LONDON.

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,
HAVRE.

13th April, 1948.

Dear Sir,

I have to advise you that I eventually contacted the present Owner of the Y.127 - Y.128 Oil Barges and that it is his decision to obtain a seaworthy certificate from another Classification Society for the vessels to proceed to Port de Bouc, Marseilles, where it is stated they will operate a ship to shore ferry service.

This gentleman was not present at the time of the general survey carried out by Mr. Murray and myself and at that time there was a norwegian Captain present to whom Mr. Murray and I gave a rough idea of the repairs which would have to be done to bring the vessels into class.

As our recommendations were somewhat comprehensive due to the condition of the vessels, it was mutually decided that no further action should be taken by us at this time until I had had a discussion with the present Owner, and appointments were made on his behalf for 9.30 on Friday morning and on Saturday morning, neither of which were kept.

Last night on my return from Rouen I ran into the Norwegian Captain and learnt that the Owner was in town. I later met him, and I was advised by him that he had decided to obtain a Certificate from Bureau Veritas as stated above.

He also assured me that the fees and expenses of this Office would be met and that he would confirm that in writing on his return to Marseilles the next day.

I am advising the Antwerp Office accordingly and I am also advising the Marseilles Office.

In these circumstances I respectfully suggest that this case has been handled with all the tact possible and only last night the Owner stated his regret that he did not know what the symbol of 3 black dots meant at the time of purchase.

I therefore beg to return copies of documents and plans sent to me, viz:-

Outboard profile and main deck arrangement.
Typical O.T. bulkheads.
Longitudinal centre line bulkhead.
Shell expansion.
Main deck plating and house top, stern framing,
framing and web frames in machinery space.
Yours faithfully,

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