

"PETROLEUM NO.4" and "PETROLEUM NO.6"

The Galveston Surveyor has held what he calls a General Examination on these two non-propelled oil barges but recommends the validity of the "Examined" date for two years. He has seen all the tanks internally and tested them afterwards in each case.

Circular No.1772 specifically limits any period of validity to not more than 12 months and up to the present the Committee have never agreed to any extension beyond that time except in the recent case of the "CHESAPEAKE" where repairs were carried out to this tanker to ensure her efficient for two years, the Committee, by agreement with the Owners, assigned a special record of "Modified Survey".

The American Committee have presumably agreed to the Galveston Surveyor's suggestion and accordingly two alternatives present themselves (a) to concur in the Minute and thus create a precedent for a General Examination validity beyond 12 months, or (b) to suggest to the American Committee that having regard to the nature of the opening up and of the Surveyor's recommendation, that the Minute might be amended to "Modified Survey" as in the case of the "CHESAPEAKE".

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