

S.S. "CILURNUM"  
Owner : A. Menchaca

This vessel was classed 100A1 in the Register Book. The 2nd S.S.No.1 became due in March 1933, but no part was held, the vessel having been laid up and the undertaking furnished. In August 1934 the Bilbao Surveyors stated that the vessel was to be transferred to the classification of the British Corporation, and the Committee expunged the class with a Red Line.

In December 1934 Messrs. Harris & Dixon wrote stating that additional premium had been charged for cargo insurance on account of the class having been expunged, and that the underwriters were prepared to refund this additional charge to the Owner provided the Society were prepared to issue a letter stating that the reason for the expunging was lapse of class and not any question of defect or condition of the vessel itself. In reply Messrs. Harris & Dixon were informed of the circumstances in which the class was expunged and that upon consideration of the circumstances they would appreciate that the Society was unable to state the vessel's condition at the time the class was expunged.

In October 1935 Messrs. Harris & Dixon wrote stating that the Red Line record in the Register Book was prejudicial to the ship, and that the Owner desired that it be deleted.

In reply they were informed that every consideration had been given to the Owner's point of view, but that the Committee had had no option but to expunge the class with a Red Line under the Society's Rules, and that there was no reason why they should alter their decision.

A letter has now been received from Messrs. Harris & Dixon referring to the difficulty in obtaining insurance, and requesting that the Red Line record be altered to Three Dots indicating withdrawal of class at Owner's request.

The case is submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

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