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Dear Sirs,

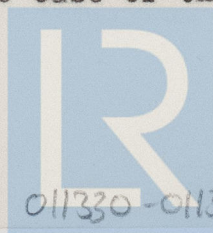
Tugs "HART" "SEATON" "STRANTON"

I duly received your letter of the 4th instant enclosing a copy of one of the 31st December addressed to you by the Owners of the above tugs. It is noted that the Society is required to continue carrying out Load Line Surveys on the vessels as unclassified ships and this is, of course, quite in order. The classes of the "HART" and "SEATON" were withdrawn in November last, and similar action will now be taken in the case of the "STRANTON".

As regards the proposed drydocking dates given in the Owners' letter, a Load Line Renewal Survey, which involves drydocking, will be required some time before the expiry of the present Load Line Certificate on the 1st January, 1964. It is therefore suggested that, instead of carrying out the Annual Load Line Survey which became due on the 2nd instant, the Owners might consider carrying out a Load Line Renewal Survey at the forthcoming drydocking, on completion of which a fresh Load Line Certificate valid for 4 years would be issued.

So far as the "HART" is concerned, the Annual Load Line Survey which became due on the 2nd instant would normally require to be held before the 2nd April, on which date the period of grace allowed by the Ministry Regulations would expire. If desired by the Owners, however, the case could be submitted to the Committee with a view to the Annual Survey being postponed until the vessel is drydocked on the 17th April.

The Load Line Certificate in this case will expire on the 1st January, 1964, but it might suit the Owners' convenience to carry out a Renewal Survey at the forthcoming drydocking with a view to the issue of a new Certificate as in the case of the "SEATON".



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The Load Line Certificate for the "STRANTON" is valid until the 10th November, 1964 and, in due course, a notice will be sent to the Owners concerning the Annual Load Line Survey which will become due on the 11th November, 1963. The three months period of grace for this inspection will permit the postponement until the 11th February, 1964, and if the vessel is to be drydocked about that time, the Owners may well wish to anticipate the Renewal Survey for the issue of another Load Line Certificate.

Kindly let me know the Owners' intentions in due course.

Yours faithfully,

pro Secretary

The Surveyors,
HARTLEPOOL



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