"WATERMAN"

87618 in Register Book

This hydrofoil launch is at present classed in the Register Book "A1 hydrofoil craft. For service on the Dutch and Belgian coasts north of Ostend." (Machinery not classed).

We have now been informed by the previous owners, Messrs. Aquavion Holland N.V., that the launch has been purchased by Ben Line Steamers Ltd., and, according to the technical press, it has been placed on board "Benarty", the new Ben Line cargo vessel, as a Captain's launch.

It is considered highly desirable that this hydrofoil craft should remain in class and it is submitted the Ben Line be approached with this in view. The due date of S.S. of the launch is 3.64 and that of the ship 2.67. No doubt the Owners will want these brought into line, so that a survey of the launch about the due date would be satisfactory.

There remains the question of geographical limits of service and it is suggested that the class be amended to:-

"A1 Hydrofoil craft. For service as a launch ~~in coastal waters~~." on Restricted Coasting Service.

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Mr Turner 28/3/63 Noted.
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