



Motor Tug "SWIFTSTONE"

This vessel has recently been constructed by Messrs. R. Duston Ltd., Thorne, and when it was nearing completion the Owners applied for classification with this Society.

Hull report No. 59390 has since been received, and the Hull Surveyors on the 10th June issued a Certificate recommending assignment of class A1 "For Towing Service on the River Thames", subject to the vessel being examined in drydock.

The Tug has now arrived in the Thames and a Representative of the Owners has telephoned this afternoon requesting Certificates of class as they desire to put the Tug into service.

They trust that the Committee will not require drydocking so soon after the ship is built, and suggest that it may be sufficient if one of our Surveyors attends at their Erith Yard tomorrow and examines the ship on a chalk berth.

In any event the Owners would appreciate the Committee's decision as to whether full drydocking will be necessary before class is assigned.

The first entry reports have not yet been received from Hull, but in response to a telephonic enquiry, Mr. Dowden is hopeful that the reports will be despatched from Hull either today or tomorrow.

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25th June, 1953.

As this Tug was not surveyed during construction, and has not been seen in drydock by the Society's Surveyors, it is submitted the class be withheld pending, or made subject to, examination in drydock at the first opportunity, an examination on the hard not being considered adequate for class.

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