

28th July 1948.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th instant relative to the equipment of anchors and chain cable for the above vessels.

In reply thereto, and in confirmation of my telephone conversation with Mr. Rogers this morning, I may say the equipment required in these cases should be in accordance with, or equivalent to letter 's', Table 19. of the Trawler Rules, i.e.:-

1st bower	9 cwt 1 qr
2nd bower	8 cwt 3 qr
Chain cable	135 fathoms of 1 3/16" dia.
Hawsers	60 fathoms 6"
Warps	60 fathoms 5 1/2".

With regard to the case of the "BIRCH", provided the hawsers and warps are in accordance with the Rules and the equipment of anchors and chain cables now on board are found in a satisfactory condition, the vessel will be eligible for the figure '1'.

As regards the "BLACKTHORN", the second bower anchor referred to by you can be accepted as part of the equipment, and the figure '1' recommended for assignment provided the hawsers and warps are in accordance with the Rules. It is considered that the undecipherable chain cable might in this instance be reasonably assumed to be that originally supplied and, if in good condition, can be accepted as part of the equipment.

I shall be glad if you will inform Messrs. Vosper  
accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,  
SOUTHAMPTON.

Clerk to the  
Classification Committee.

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