

Steamer "TORNAGALEONES"

Prior to the class being expunged the following matters were outstanding:-

Leaky bilge strake plating in way of frames 48 to 54 (starboard side) to be specially examined and dealt with at the next drydocking and damaged shell between frames 104/115 (starboard side) to be dealt with as necessary by April, 1961,

also centre furnaces of the port and starboard boilers to be renewed by June, 1961. The boiler pressure meanwhile not to exceed 170 lb. and all other furnaces being dealt with as necessary by June, 1961. This limit was later extended by the Buenos Aires Surveyors to August, 1961, although their report was not received until after the class had been expunged.

Main engine steam pipe expansion piece to be examined and dealt with by October, 1961.

Ballast pump sea suction valve to be renewed at the next drydocking.

A Special Survey fell due in July, 1961.

The item which most influenced the Committee in expunging class was the boiler defects which Mr. Siggers stated to be of a fairly serious nature and should be dealt with at an early date.

The centre furnace of each boiler was first found to be deformed with welding of ~~welded~~ compensating rings fractured in April, 1961. Further stiffening was then effected. The wing furnaces of each boiler were also deflected and had previously been fitted with compensating rings.

The Owners' Representatives informed the Valparaiso Surveyor in June that six new furnaces had been placed on board, that the port boiler furnaces would be changed at Buenos Aires and the starboard boiler submitted for examination and, if satisfactory, the furnaces changed at Valparaiso in July when a General Examination for the year of grace would also be held.

In August the Owners stated they had decided not to seek a year of grace and asked for a notation of "Class withdrawn at Owners' request".



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On 1st September the Committee felt they had no alternative but to record "Class expunged - Reported defects" and the attached appeal has now been received from both Valparaiso and the Owners' Insurance Brokers in London.

Re

14th December, 1961.

Should the condition of Class items referring to bilge strake plating (S.S.) be examined and found or placed in a satisfactory condition ~~then~~ and so reported then, it is submitted, the "expunged" Class notation might be amended to "Class withdrawn - Owners' request".

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Although the furnaces had been previously fitted with stiffening rings, they were found further distorted in April 1961 and it is considered this indicates general weakness of the furnaces.

Furthermore, at the time of withdrawal of class, the boiler pressure had been reduced from 210 to 170 lb/in² as a condition of class on account of the state of the furnaces.

Because of these facts "Class withdrawn at Owners' request" cannot be recommended, in my opinion.

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