

Motorships "SEAGULL C", "DUNLIN C", "REDSHANK C"
"BLACKCAP C" and "BLACKMARTIN C"

Owners:- James W. Cook & Co. Ltd.

These ships are built, or to be built by James W. Cook & Co. Ltd. The First Entry report on the "REDSHANK C" was placed before the Committee on the 21st October last with the proposal that she be classed subject to a propeller of approved material being fitted by the end of January next. The case was fully discussed at that time and, as a result, the Committee were not prepared to assign a class until an acceptable propeller had been fitted. Subsequently the Owners informed the Builders that they were not greatly concerned about classification and would fit the approved propeller when occasion arose and as it appeared that completion of classification might be indefinitely delayed, it was decided to delete from the Register Book the "Class Contemplated" notation.

This decision was conveyed to Mr. Orde by letter and on receipt he telephoned and stated that he felt the Owners' letter had been misinterpreted. He, therefore, asked permission to contact the Builders on his next visit to Ipswich with a view to clarification of the position.

Mr. Orde telephoned again this morning and the opportunity was taken to read to him the Hull Surveyors' letter of the 2nd December. Mr. Orde agrees that this letter tends to confuse the issue more than ever, but he is certain that the Builders, having had the ships built under survey and having paid the fees will expect full classification, although the Owners do not intend to maintain class.

In the case of the "REDSHANK C", the Builders are insisting on the Danish Contractors providing six approved nylon propeller blades and when these are fitted, or in lieu a bronze propeller, the Builders expect full class to be assigned. Mr. Orde, therefore, asks that the "Class contemplated" be retained in the Register Book for the time being.



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