

It is submitted the Southampton Surveyors should be informed that it is noted they have recommended the hull of this vessel to be classed subject to sounding pipes being fitted to peaks, tanks and hold under crew's quarters, and the valves to the suction pipes to be controlled from the deck.

It should be pointed out that on Tugs it is not necessary to fit sounding pipes in the compartments under the crew's quarters, as by lifting a hatch these compartments can always be inspected.

In this case the only sounding pipes required are to the trimming tanks, to which air pipes should be fitted of not less sectional area than their filling pipes.

The Surveyors should be asked to explain which valves to the suction pipes they recommend to be controlled from the deck, as the Rules only require oil fuel suctions to be so controlled.

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