

SCREW TUG "M.MORAN".

It is submitted the Southampton Surveyors should be informed that it is noted that it is the suction valves to the trimming tanks and chain locker which they have recommended to be controlled from the deck, as these valves are immediately on top of the ordinary floors.

On the plan forwarded the valve chest in question is shewn to be 6 feet above the upper part of the keel.

The Rules require (Section 9, paragraph 5) that cocks and valves connecting all suction pipes be fixed above the stokehold and engine room platforms, and if the valves in question meet the requirements of the Rules no necessity is seen for asking for the valves to be controlled from deck.

If there was 2 feet of bilge water in the Engine and Boiler space it would appear to be the first duty of the Engineers to pump out this water, irrespective of the trimming tanks and chain locker.

Should the leakage into the Engine and Boiler room be greater than could be dealt with by the pumps, the water would soon put out the Boiler fires, when none of the steam pumps could be used.

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