

S.S. "BALLENA"

It is submitted the Writers be informed that re-classification of this Whaler can only be contemplated if the survey is carried out by, or under the supervision of, an exclusive Surveyor to the Society.

It is noted that the Owners do not consider it to be practicable to request the attendance of an exclusive Surveyor from Panama or Valparaiso; in view of the distance involved this is appreciated. The only alternative would appear to be that the Owners might submit the ship for survey at a port where an exclusive Surveyor is stationed and it is noted that this course is not considered by the Owners to be an economic proposition.

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