

"BALLENA" ex "MARTHE W. VINKE"

This ship was built by Smith's Dock Company Ltd. in 1929, and then classed BS\* "Whaling Purposes".

The Owners were advised in 11,51 that an Annual (Classification) Survey was required to be held by 12,51 in order to retain class. The ship was subsequently sold and the Cape Town Surveyors reported drydocking and Annual Survey, 8,52, and from shell drillings then taken recommendations were made for renewal of a number of plates but the Owners were not prepared to carry out the necessary repairs.

A Consultant was called in by the Owners and minimum repairs carried out for issue of a certificate to satisfy the port authorities for the vessel to proceed to Peru.

The class was then expunged from the Register Book with a red line, 9,52.

The Lloyd's Agents at Peru now advise that it is the Owners' intention to submit the vessel for examination with a view to reclassification during the next month.

The Lloyd's Agents mention that if they are requested to undertake this examination, they propose to nominate Mr. J.E. Bevan as Surveyor but desire confirmation on this, or whether the services of an Exclusive Surveyor will be necessary.

IT IS SUBMITTED the Lloyd's Agents be informed that in order to have the ship's character re-instated in the Register Book as formerly, it will be necessary for -

- (1) The requirements of Special Survey TYPE 4 to be complied with, including the drilling of the structure, if necessary, where signs of wastage are evident,
- (2) the outstanding repairs indicated in Cape Town Rpt. No.4512 with regard to renewal of shell plating are dealt with,
- (3) any structural alterations effected to the longitudinals or transverse strength of the ship to be approved and reported in detail and,
- (4) full particulars of the equipment on board to be furnished.

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In view of the age of the ship  
and the Special Survey TYPE 4 now required  
it is considered that this should be carried  
out under the supervision of an Exclusive  
Surveyor to the Society.

*JAG*  
23.4.53.

A complete special survey of the  
machinery should be held including  
the boiler survey, screw shaft-examination  
& main steam pipe test.

Noted & agreed. H.S.

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for the L.A.C.H.  
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