

CLASSIFIED
SECTION.

CHANT 12

141' x 27' x 11'

This trunk deck tanker, having a poop and forecastle, was built to class BS* "Bulk Oil Carrier" "Coasting Service" but this class was withdrawn in 12.49.

Prospective purchasers who desire to reclass the ship require her to trade to the Azores (780 miles from the mainland), but so far the maximum limits given for this type of ship have been:- Baltic & Mediterranean, European Coasting Service including Great Britain & Ireland, but not north of 60°N.

It has been the practice to limit as far as possible the service on which this type of ship has been engaged on the basis that (1) the engine spare gear is not in accordance with the full requirements for unrestricted service. (2) The ships as a type are not suitable for unrestricted service (although this is largely a matter of opinion) & (3) ~~that~~ due to their small freeboard the ships have a small range of stability and there have been some cases of ships capsizing. With regard to this last, it might be stated that the Society does not accept responsibility for the stability of classed ships.

To counteract the lack of stability inherent in the design, some ships have had the side shell built up to the level of the lower trunk deck, and this deck extended port and starboard to suit, whilst others have had permanent cement ballast fitted in the D.B. spaces. Chant 12 comes into the latter category.

The prospective owners have stated that they are willing to carry out any alterations to enable this ship to trade to the Azores.

IT IS SUBMITTED the Society's Representative in Paris be informed, in reply to his letter of October 24, that, in the event of the ship being submitted for reclassification, the Society is prepared to recommend modification of the class to allow the ship to trade to the Azores, but it should be pointed out that the responsibility for ensuring sufficient stability does not rest upon the Society.

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26th October, 1951.

Also for
Mr. Shepheard
Mr. Bryden
Engineers re spare gear for this service.

Adhere to original decision. J.J.



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