

Iron B³ Eclipse built in

The Floors of this vessel are very deficient in form and size as may be seen from the accompanying sketch, and were only $\frac{4}{16}$ thick originally, by the present rules they should be $\frac{5}{16}$ thick. The Sheerstrake is $\frac{5}{16}$ thick and the plating from the bilge to sheerstrake is $\frac{5}{16}$ thick. The Requirements for the G.O.A. class are Sheerstrake $\frac{5}{16}$ thick; plating from the bilge to the sheerstrake $\frac{5}{16}$ & $\frac{5}{16}$ in alternate strakes. There is likewise no stringer in the hold, and ^{there is} no keelson, as required by the Rules, and shown in red on the sketch submitted. Under these circumstances it is not considered this vessel merits a higher class than S.O.A. 1., as previously recommended.

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