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Iron sailing ship "Fifty Hunter"
(late Steel B.K. Primeau) of
1473 tons, built at Glasgow in
1857, and originally classed 12 A1

This ship was recently sub-
jected to Special Survey No 3, and
was classed 90 A.

The Owner demurs to this
class, and states that in addition
to other excesses, there are seven
bulkheads fitted of more than or-
dinary strength.

The frames are very closely
spaced - being $5 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{7}{16}$ instead of
 $5 \times 3 \times \frac{7}{16}$, - and are 16 inches apart
where 24 inches ~~is~~ admitted by the
Rules. The Floor plates are not ex-
tended up the bilges to the height re-
quired by the Rules, but the plating
in way of the same is thicker and frames
closer than required. The garboard strake
is $15\frac{1}{16}$ " thick instead of $12\frac{1}{16}$ ", and
the plating in flat of bottom is $12\frac{1}{16}$ " thick
where $10\frac{1}{16}$ & $11\frac{1}{16}$ " alternately are admitted.
Two strakes of side plating are $10\frac{1}{16}$ "
instead of $10\frac{1}{16}$ & $11\frac{1}{16}$ " alternately, and
the strake next the upper sheerstrake
is $9\frac{1}{16}$ " thick instead of $10\frac{1}{16}$ ". But the
upper sheerstrake is $12\frac{1}{16}$ " thick, double^{ed}
for $\frac{3}{4}$ the vessel's length amidships, instead
of a single plate $13\frac{1}{16}$ " thick, and the
adjoining strake ^{but one} is $\frac{1}{16}$ " thicker than
required by the rules. In addition
to which there is a clamp plate

fitted between decks $2 \times \frac{7}{16}$. The
Hold stringer plate is not attached,
and the Deck stringer plate is less
than required but there is an additional
angle iron fitted. The edges from the
Bilge to the main sheerstrake is single
riveted, but in consideration of
the close spacing of Frames and
larger size; the closer spacing of
the Beams; the heavy plating in
the flat of bottom, and the great
additional source of strength and
safety in the bulkheads $\frac{7}{16}$ thick,
it is respectfully submitted that it
is a case meriting the favorable con-
sideration of the Committee with a
view to assigning the 100 A-class, as
solicited. — (P.S. No 3-74f)

By Table 22 she should have
270 fathoms of $1\frac{1}{16}$ chain cable, to render
her eligible for the Figure 1, whereas there
are 270 fathoms of $1\frac{1}{16} \times 1\frac{1}{16}$.



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