

Iron Screw Steamer "Medusa" built at Sunderland in 1862, and classed in the Register Book 95 A.1.

This vessel has now been lengthened with a view to the 90 A class and an awning deck has been fitted, and when the case was submitted to the Committee it was determined that provided certain strengthenings were applied, and a maximum load line of 17 feet be marked on the vessel, to be also inserted in the Register Book and on the Certificate, the vessel would on completion and if favorably reported be eligible to be classed 90 A.1. Awning deck as contemplated.

The accompanying sketch has now been submitted by Mr Keen showing the load line marks placed on the vessel's side, from which it appears that instead of the Committee's mark being placed at the approved 17 feet height, a short white line only, similar to a "deck line" has been placed there, and the government disc is placed with its centre 12 inches higher.

It is respectfully submitted that before this vessel will be entitled to the contemplated class in the Register Book the Committee's Circular No 354 relating to the form of the load line mark, a copy of which is attached hereto, should be complied with.

J. N. Keen

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Remo. The accompanying letter has been received this morning stating that the vessel has sailed for Dover, the draught of water being from 1 inch to 1½ in beyond the 17 feet mark sanctioned by the Committee.

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