

"L'étoile d'Orient."

3rd Nov 1875.

translation

The Secretary.

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6 Nov. 1845
Sir, Mr. Darlan, owner of
Brig "L'Étoile d'Orient (Star of the East)
belonging to port Bordeaux, writes to me
stating his wish to have his vessel classed
H.M.S. in Lloyd's Register.

Being still a novice at Lloyds' I beg Sir, to give you an account of this vessel, herewith, also my views on cargo I held, & to ask if Lloyds' are willing to class her.

Ship "L'Etoile d'Orient" - Brig 160 tons
(French) built at St Denis (Dordogne) 1855.
Length of Keel 25^m 60 (84 ft. 2 in)
Exterior Breadth 7^m 32 cm (24 ft)
Hold 3^m 90 cm (12 ft. 9 in)

The Deck and Poop are planked with Riga pine and iron bolted; there is in the keel an invisible turning. The masts are of red wood (norfolk). The rigging nearly new, sails, chains & anchors in good condition.

This vessel was built under the survey of a surveyor belonging to the Veritas; she was fifteen months in the frame, & was finished in nine months.

In its new state she was classed $\frac{3}{3}$ 1. 1.
 & this class was extended to 1869, at this
 epoch she underwent large repairs & was
 classed at the Veritas $\frac{7}{6}$ 1. 1 A with star.

She retained this class until 1873, at which time she underwent very large repairs, arising from different causes -

The last voyage this ship made, she encountered very severe weather off Newfoundland, she sprung a leak, and the Insured of

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of the vessel ordered me to survey & report
on her.

I then ordered her to be opened
inside & out, & found the whole of the
frame in very good condition.

The planking, fastenings & (gouernables)
were equally so - only the caulking was
bruised at the of ship's bottom, it was
4th Rd.

This ship has therefore had a new
bottom, & another zinc Doubling (the
other was copper.)

At the present time she is in very
good condition; this is why Mr Darlan
wishes to class her in Lloyd's Register,
and after having consulted Lloyd's
Rules, I found she perhaps would
obtain the FF character.

I therefore beg of you sir, to
answer me soon, as the owner
Mr Darlan, is anxious to know
how to proceed

Accept my very sincere compliments

Guibert
Elder Son