

S.S. "NIDARNES"

Messrs. Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson's Yard No.1229

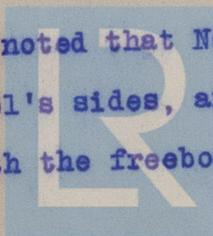
This vessel is of the complete superstructure type with tonnage opening, and has recently been completed with a view to class 100A1 With Freeboard.

Freeboards were assigned by the Committee on the 27th July last, and certificates forwarded to the Newcastle Surveyors on the 22nd September last for issue to the Builders. The summer freeboard assigned was $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches from statutory deck line $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches above steel second deck at side.

The First Entry Report has now been received from the Newcastle Surveyors from which the following is extracted:-

"The freeboard assigned in the Secretary's letter dated 26th July 1926 has been duly marked, and cut in on the vessel's sides. Newcastle freeboard report No.80540. At the last moment, however, before the vessel left this port the above markings were altered to suit a Norwegian assignment, and as no intimation was made to this Office at the time, the alteration was not discovered until after the vessel's departure. The Builders have stated that the disc was not disturbed, as the Norwegian assignment was 8" from the statutory deck line at the top of the steel second deck. This statement was verified by examining the Builders' amended displacement scale. They have also stated that they will recover the freeboard certificates from the Owners for the purpose of cancellation".

From this it will be noted that Norwegian freeboards have been marked on the vessel's sides, and that these are stated to be in agreement with the freeboards assigned by the Committee.



In view of this it is submitted the Builders' statement as to the Norwegian freeboards might be accepted as complying with the conditions of classification.

As the amended marking has not been verified by the Society's Surveyors, the Owners should be requested to state when and at what port it will be convenient for this to be done. On receipt of the Surveyor's report, the record in the Register Book can be amended.

It is noted that the Builders are taking steps to recover the freeboard certificates issued by this Society for the purpose of cancellation.

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