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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

25th June, 1924.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to the correspondence which has taken place between us, respecting the yacht "FLYING CLOUD", I beg to acquaint you that the vessel has recently been under the survey of this Society's Surveyors at Southampton, who have been joined in their examination by Mr. D. Nicholas, Principal Surveyor on the Outdoor Staff here.

The Surveyors report as follows:-

"The bowsprit had been removed and upon examination of the stem head and apron piece in way of the bowsprit housing, found same badly decayed through dry rot for practically half of the sectional area.

The forward lengths of waterway and covering board on both sides of the forecastle deck, also a few short lengths of forecastle deck plank had been removed, and the beam ends and frame heads thus exposed were found to be much decayed through dry rot. The facing surfaces of the upper strakes of the outside planking and of the inside lining or ceiling in way also showed signs of decay from same cause.

Under the forecastle one plank in the first strake of ceiling above the upper deck waterway on each side, also one

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plank in the strake below the fore-castle deck shelf on starboard side had been cut out on account of decay, and the frame timbers thus exposed found badly decayed through dry rot.

One short length of the outside planking on port side abreast the fore mast, and one short length along port quarter, about five feet below the upper deck had been cut out on account of decay, and the frame timbers thus exposed found more or less badly decayed through dry rot."

The Committee desire to call the special attention of the Owner to the above report, in consequence of which it is considered that for the retention of the vessel's class in the Society's Yacht Register a very thorough examination is requisite, and extensive repairs will be necessary, involving the Owner in considerable expense.

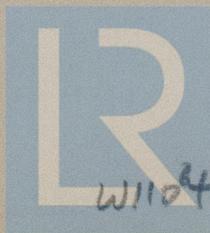
I have therefore to request that you will be so good as to bring the facts under his Lordship's notice, with a view to his coming to a decision whether, in the circumstances, he considers it desirable to undertake the work necessary for the continuance of the class.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,
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