

✓ Wood Aux. Yacht "FLYING CLOUD" ex "ELIZABETH RUTH".

This vessel was built in June 1918 at Biloxi by the Mississippi Shipbuilding Corporation for the Lever Transportation Co., of Cambridge, U.S.A., and in the Spring of 1922 was converted at Plymouth into a motor yacht, at the same time passing the Half Time Survey.

The Owners were informed in January of this year that it was considered desirable that vessels should be placed in dry dock annually for examination and painting, and as it would appear that in this case the vessel had not been examined in dry dock since 1922 it was recommended that she be so examined at the Owners' earliest convenience.

The Southampton Surveyors now report that on examining the vessel it is found that the stem is decayed, the forecastle margin planks and also several timbers in way of same are decayed, the timbers found decayed at 6'-0" below the top, the outside planking on the forecastle decayed, and on clearing away the decayed planking amidships on port side they found the timbers decayed there also. They submit for consideration that in the circumstances a Special Survey should be held on the vessel at this time, and desire to receive instructions regarding the same.

It is submitted that in the circumstances Mr. Nicholas should be instructed to visit Southampton and to report fully on the case.

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