

S.S. "WEST CARUTH", No. 76998 in R.B.

This vessel has been acquired by Messrs. F.C. Strick & Co., and the new Owners desire classification with this Society.

The vessel, which was built in 1919 by the Southwestern Shipbuilding Co., San Pedro, Cal., and classed with the American Bureau, is of the same dimensions as one of the types of American Standard Vessels, but several reductions have been made in the scantlings as compared with those approved by this Society for the same type.

Mr. Walker, of the Owners' Firm, has handed in to this Office plans (4) of midship section, shell expansion, bulkhead and tank top.

Mr. Walker stated that whilst he believes the plans are in agreement with the ship as constructed, he will be greatly obliged if the scantlings and arrangements shewn thereon could be verified from the vessel, as it is possible that strengthening additional to that indicated on the plans has been provided.

IT IS SUBMITTED the Rotterdam Surveyors be advised of the case, and as desired by the Owners be requested to verify from the vessel the scantlings and arrangements indicated on the plans.

It is desirable that a report upon the verification of the scantlings of the topsides and upper deck in the wells within the half length be forwarded at the earliest possible moment, as from an examination of the plans it would appear necessary, if no additional strengthening beyond that indicated ^{on the plans} is fitted in the vessel, to double the upper deck stringer plate or alternatively the strake below the sheerstrake from within the bridge to the half length position at each end.

An alternative proposal has been discussed to submit the ship for the class 100A "With Freeboard", but before making a decision the Owners desire to have the scantlings verified as stated above.

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4 plans

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