

s.s. "ATHELCREST"

Boiler Survey due 4,32 - partly held 7,33.  
Screwshaft Survey due 12,32  
2nd Special Survey No.1 due 4,33.

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This vessel has been laid up since May 1932 and the usual undertaking has been furnished.

A letter has been received from the Greenock Surveyors stating that the Owners' Superintendent Engineer, Mr. J. Kennaugh, has informed them that this vessel is probably being sold to Dutch Interests and towed to Rotterdam, there to have the machinery removed and to be used as a store ship, in which case the class will probably not be continued in Rotterdam. The Surveyors have advised Mr. Kennaugh that to entitle the vessel to retain her class until arrival in Rotterdam it would be necessary for a general examination to be held, and the outstanding parts of the boiler survey completed, so far as the auxiliary boiler is concerned, in view of this boiler being used during the voyage in tow for auxiliary purposes. Alternatively it was suggested that one of the main boilers be employed for this purpose, as this would only necessitate its safety valves being adjusted under steam.

The question of the new Owners allowing the class to lapse upon their taking the vessel over at the place where she is laid up (Lamlash Bay) was also referred to and it was agreed that in this case the outstanding items of survey would automatically also terminate.

Mr. Kennaugh stated that the prospective purchasers had been informed of the position as regards the class, and it was hoped that a representative would call at this Office on 2nd instant.

It is submitted the Greenock Surveyors' proposals are in order, and that, as no visit has been received from the Firm's representative, a further communication be awaited.

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