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T.S.S. "BAHIA BLANCA" No.09373 in Reg.Bk.

Rule Dimensions: 491.77 X 59 X 38.5 to Upper Deck.

This ex-German steamer was built by Messrs.Reihersteig Schiffswerft in 1912, and classed with the Germanischer Lloyd. She is now owned by the Argentine Government who desire that she should be classed in the Society's Register Book.

From the General Arrangement plan and from the notation in the Germanischer Lloyd Register Book it is seen that seven watertight Bulkheads only are provided instead of eight as required by the Rules for a vessel of this length. These bulkheads all extend to the Upper deck.

The main frames are about one inch deficient in depth, but it is proposed to assign an increased freeboard on account of this and other deficiencies in the scantlings. As the engine and boiler space is the longest compartment in the vessel it is considered that, if the additional bulkhead had been fitted, it would have been in this space, and if that were the case, efficient structural compensation for the omission of the Bulkhead is provided by means of web frames about five frame spaces apart.

It is submitted that provided the number of bulkheads actually fitted in the vessel be verified by the Buenos Aires Surveyors, and on completion of the survey, and on a favourable report being received from the Surveyors, a notation should be made in the Register Book in regard to the omission of the bulkhead in question, as follows, viz:-

"1 BH dispensed with: 7 BH only".

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