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Transport House,
4, High Street,
Rochester, Kent.

March 26th, 1947.

The Secretary,
Lloyd's of London.

Dear Sir,

I am about to purchase the Trawler "TOKIO II" now laying at a Ship Breakers Yard, to be broken up, I naturally expect to pay for necessary repairs, and replacements to make her seaworthy. After I have had her surveyed by an Engineer I intend to use this vessel as a Yacht, and to sail to my home in Bermuda, via Brest, Lisbon, Azores and Bermuda, with a crew of six or seven, including myself, the captain to be, is an ex Squadron Leader (air sea rescue) with many years behind him of sea life, and is a master at the London School of Navigation. The rest of the crew are willing to serve under him gratis, providing I pay their fares from Bermuda on to the West Indies, which I will do. I therefore write you to enquire what are the restrictions (if any), subject to me making her seaworthy, for me to proceed to sea to my destination and obtaining clearance from these shores, all the information you can give me on this matter and addresses of who I am to get in touch with for instructions on the question, and also the difference of taking a gratis crew as distinct from a paid crew, and the difference of registering her as a Yacht or a cargo vessel, and the changing of her name, and also is there a possibility of my purchasing her, having repairs done, and she not being passed by the "powers that be", and they can stop me from taking her on to Bermuda? If there is a book in existence giving me all this information would you tell me where I can obtain it? - And finally, would you give me the last listing of "TOKIO II" in your records, age, where built, engines, etc. and soon.

I thank you in advance for any help you may send me, I am

Yours faithfully,

(Sg) G.W. Chambers. (Prop).



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