

WIRE

T.S.S. "AVELONA STAR", No. 14910 in the Register Book.

This vessel was built in 1927 by Messrs. John Brown & Co.Ltd., and classed 100A1 "With Freeboard", the scantlings being considered on the basis of an extreme draught of 27'-6".

A number of alterations are now to be carried out, including the filling in of the fore and after wells.

The Glasgow Surveyors, who are dealing with the plans of the alterations, state that Messrs. William Hamilton & Co. (1928) Ltd., who are carrying out the work, have informed them that the Owners desire, if possible, to obtain an increase in draught of 6 inches or less, but without any increase to the scantlings.

The case has been examined, and it is found that this increase in draught will make no practical difference in the scantlings, and it is considered that as nine watertight bulkheads are fitted, instead of eight as required by the Rules, a strong promenade deck is fitted amidships above the bridge, thus providing a deeper girder than contemplated by the Rules, and additional strengthening will be obtained forward and aft by the closing of the wells, a reduced freeboard corresponding to an ~~6 inches~~ increase ^{dr. 6"} in draught could be assigned.

It is submitted the Glasgow Surveyors be informed accordingly, and also by wire as follows:-

"Increase in draught six inches could be agreed to without "increase in scantlings".

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