

T.S.S. "AVELONA STAR" No. 14910 in the Register Book.
Class 100A1 "With Freeboard". Built in 1927.

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A telegram has been received from Messrs. Workman Clark (1928) Ltd., stating that they are considering a proposal to convert the above ship into a cargo vessel. It is proposed to fill in the wells, take away the deck erections above the promenade deck, and extend the bulkheads up to the present bridge deck. The Builders desire to be informed if the existing scantlings are suitable, and also if the double bottom in way of Nos. 1, 2 & 7 tanks is suitable for the carriage of oil fuel, and, further, what would be the maximum draught.

It is submitted the Writers be informed as follows:-

- (1) The scantlings of this vessel were specially dealt with on the basis of a maximum extreme draught of 27'-6", and in approving the plans of midship section and profile the Builders were requested to make the Owners aware of this, and that if at any future time a reduction in the freeboard was desired it would be necessary correspondingly to increase the scantlings. No reduction in freeboard can therefore be permitted on account of the filling in of the wells.
- (2) If the whole of the erections above the promenade deck are removed and the wells filled in, the equipment will not be affected.
- (3) Provided the insulation remains in Nos. 1, 2 & 7 holds, and the holes in the centre girder in No. 2 tank be covered up, no exception would be taken to the carriage of oil, flash point above 150° F., in Nos. 1, 2 & 7 double bottom tanks. If the insulation is to be removed from the holds in way of these tanks, it will be necessary for the tank top to be completely covered by ceiling in accordance with the requirements of the Rules.
- (4) If the bulkheads are extended to the bridge deck, the scantlings from the tank top to the upper deck will require to be made equivalent to the Rules for the increased height.

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If the proposal is to be proceeded with, plans should be submitted, when the ^{can} ~~proposal~~ will be considered in detail.

It is further submitted the Builders be informed by wire as follows:-

"Avelona Star writing fully today".

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