

"EMPIRE TARPON"

No. In R.B: 88032.

ex "Harpoon", ex "Hopatcong"

The First Entry Report on this vessel, which was built in 1920, was submitted to the American Committee in January 1921, when the class #100A1 "Shelter deck with freeboard" etc. was assigned.

The vessel was reported to have 2 steel decks.

The freeboard, which was a condition of the vessel's class, had not been correctly marked, and it was pointed out to Mr. French that the class with freeboard, as above, could not be entered in the Register Book or the certificate issued until this had been done.

From the records in the Register Book at that time, it would appear that the class assigned by the American Committee was not confirmed or that it was almost immediately withdrawn.

The vessel is now proposed to be reclassified, and the greater part of a Reclassification Survey S.S. No. 3 has been carried out.

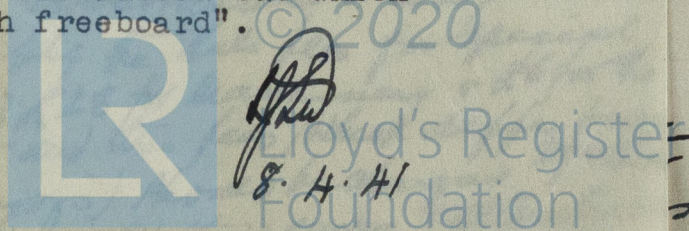
A plan of midship section and of general arrangement have ~~now~~ been obtained.

In a letter dated 13th January last, the Newcastle Surveyors raise a question as to whether, in the class to be assigned, all references to shelter deck should not be omitted.

The freeboard assigned is the minimum permitted on the geometric dimensions.

It is submitted the C.S.S. Department, Glasgow Office, be informed as above, a copy of the Surveyors' letter above referred to, together with the plans, be forwarded, for consideration as to whether the class #100A1, without the notation "Shelter deck with freeboard", can be assigned when the Reclassification Survey is completed.

It may be pointed out that the vessel is a sister vessel to the "FRESNO", now disclassed but which was classed #100A1 "Shelter deck with freeboard".



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