

s.s. "SEA VENTURE".

It is submitted the Owners be advised that the Convention ordinary and timber deck cargo freeboards given on the attached memoranda could be assigned subject to:-

1. Efficient means of closing being supplied for all ventilators.

2. Efficient means of closing being supplied for all airpipes where this is not already the case.

3. Gangways, lifelines or other efficient means being provided in the wells for the protection of the crew.

4. The shifting boards in the after end bulkheads of the bridge and forecastle being fitted for the full height of the openings, if this is not already the case.

5. The bolts securing the plates which close the openings in the bridge front being made to pass through both the plate and the bulkhead if this is not already the case.

FOR TIMBER DECK=CARGO FREEBOARDS:-

6. The double bottom tanks within the midship half length of the vessel having adequate longitudinal subdivision (This degree of subdivision could be achieved by fitting bolted plate washers or wood plugs in the holes in the centre girder leaving only those holes in way of the strums clear for the purpose of permitting access of water to the strums.)

7. The steering chains and rods being efficiently protected from damage, and efficient provision being made for steering in the event of a breakdown in the main steering arrangements.

8. Strong angles or metal sockets efficiently secured to the stringer plate being provided for securing the uprights not more than 10'-0" apart.

9. Eyeplates for lashings being riveted to the sheerstrake at intervals of not more than 10'-0", the distance from the end bulkhead of a superstructure to the first eyeplate being not more than 6'-6".

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The Owners should be informed that the freeboards for ordinary cargoes as computed under the Convention are $\frac{1}{4}$ inch less for Summer and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches greater for Winter than the freeboards at present marked upon the ship's sides, but as this is an existing ship, the Owners are entitled to retain the existing freeboards. They should therefore be requested to state which freeboards they desire to be assigned.

The Cardiff Surveyors should be advised as above.

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The above letter to the Owners should be sent to their Superintendants - Messrs. Wilson & Burleston of Exchange Buildings, Quayside, Newcastle-on-Tyne.



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