

T.S.M.V. "MALINE", Nakskov Skibsvaerft's Yard No. 24.

This vessel is of the complete superstructure type, there being no tonnage opening.

When the preliminary freeboard was assigned in January 1924, the Builders were advised that the figures given were subject to there being no scuppers or other openings in the ship's sides to affect the position of the load line disc. On the official report coming to hand, as the sketch forwarded by the Surveyors shewed four scuppers from the 'tweendecks on each side draining overboard, they were advised that these scuppers at present leading overboard should be closed, and new scuppers fitted leading to the bilges.

From correspondence it appears that the arrangement as fitted in the ship is the same as that fitted in two vessels built in 1918 at Hong Kong, and the Builders request that the arrangement may accordingly be approved in the present case.

It is submitted that the Surveyors should point out to the Builders that with the arrangements shewn on the sketch, namely a non-return storm valve closed at the deck below the superstructure deck by a screw plug, there will be no means of draining the 'tweendecks, and that to provide efficient drainage as required by the Rules it is considered that scuppers should be fitted leading to the bilges.

The arrangement of storm valves as described above, at present fitted in the ship, could be allowed to remain provided a permanent attachment is made between the screw plug at the main deck and the ship's structure, always accessible; or arrangements be made by which the plug could be controlled from the upper deck in the event of the 'tweendecks being full of cargo, the operating rods being efficiently enclosed.

It is preferred, however, that the storm valves casing should be removed and the apertures in the ship's sides be closed.

*Complied with*

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