

## FREEBOARD REPORT on the s.s. " EBCHESSTER "

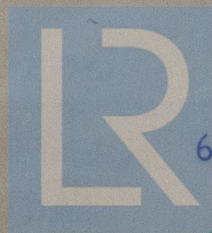
It is submitted the Freeboards given on the accompanying form, being those required by the Tables, merit approval.  
subject to:-

1. The openings in the bridge front being closed by Class "A" appliances (storm boards in riveted channels extending to the full height of the opening).
2. One tarpaulin being provided for the bunker and trimming hatchways on the freeboard deck in the bridge space, the trimming hatchways being also provided with cleats and battening arrangements.
3. The fidley covers, funnel apron and machinery space ventilator coamings being made good to the Surveyor's satisfaction.
4. Efficient means of closing being provided for the openings of all air pipes.
5. Suitable provision being made for rigging lifelines which should be available for use in any part of the ship which might have to be used by the crew in the regular working of the ship.
6. The freeing port area in the raised quarter deck bulwarks on each side of the ship being increased to  $15\frac{1}{4}$  sq. ft.
7. The hinged steel doors to the boiler casing on the superstructure deck having efficient means of securing from both sides.

It is further submitted the Owners be informed that when the present freeboards were assigned in 1923, the openings in the bridge front were stated to be closed by storm boards in riveted channels to the full height. From the freeboard report now received from the Society's Surveyors at Newcastle it would appear that these openings are now closed by portable plates secured by hook bolts not passing through the bulkhead plating. These closing appliances come under the category of Class B. and therefore the freeboards at present marked upon the ship's sides are no longer valid unless the original closing appliances are restored, and the freeboards have been computed on the assumption that this will be done.

The freeboards as computed under the Convention being greater than the existing freeboards, the latter have been re-assigned

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