

A letter has been received from the Newcastle Surveyors stating they have received a request from Messrs. Thomas Pinkney & Sons, acting by authority of the National Provincial Bank who are the Mortgagees in possession of the steamers "ARTIFICER", "ENGINEER", "QUAYSIDER", "SOJOURNER" and "TRADER", on whose account they are to offer them for sale, for particulars of the respective positions of these vessels in regard to classification. The Owners, Messrs. Robinson, Brown & Co. have confirmed that the vessels are in the possession of the Mortgagees and that it will be in order for the Society to furnish Messrs. Pinkney with the information they desire.

It is submitted Messrs. Thomas Pinkney & Sons, Baltic Chambers, Sunderland, be informed as follows :-

"ARTIFICER" The 3rd S.S.No.1 became due 10,34 and no part of the survey has been held.

A considerable number of centre and side keelson rivets on the flat of bottom require to be dealt with.

Five wasted shell plates require to be renewed and some repairs to floors, frames and wash plate in the fore peak tank to be carried out. Repairs are also required to after peak bulkhead, and to frames, decks and under boilers.

"ENGINEER" The 2nd S.S.No.1, due 2,33, has been partly held by the examination of the windlass. General examination required within 6 months of April 1935 (S.S. 2 years overdue).

"QUAYSIDER" The 2nd S.S.No.2 became due 2,35, and has been partly held by the internal examination of fore peak tank and Nos. 1 & 2 double bottom tanks (ceiling in way only partly lifted and no opportunity afforded for examination of tank tops). Bunkers examined and require scaling, repairs and recoating.

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"SOJOURNER" The class is subject to indented plating being dealt with.

Permanent repairs are required to the bottom (set up) on account of grounding, before the ship makes another voyage.

The 1st S.S.No.3 became due 6,32 and no part of the survey as regards the hull has been held.

A general examination is required in view of the vessel being more than three years overdue for Special Survey.

"TRADER" The class is subject to indented bottom plating being dealt with at the Owners' convenience.

The 2nd S.S.No.2 became due 7,32 and no part of the survey has been held.

A general examination is required in view of the vessel being more than three years overdue for Special Survey.

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