

30th October, 1933.

Dear Mr. French,

I have received your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing one from Mr. Millar, and also one from the Owners regarding the classification of the vessels owned by the Portland California Steamship Co.

I may say that the terms of the undertaking by which these vessels retain their class while being laid up do not require an owner to assume responsibility for a prospective purchaser having the undertaking a survey when he buys the ship.

The undertaking merely binds an Owner to carry out the survey himself in the event of the vessel being put into commission, or alternatively to inform prospective purchasers that the class is only being maintained subject to this being done.

In the circumstances the Committee, after consideration, suggest the following terms as likely to meet the convenience of the Owners and also to suit classification requirements, viz:-

1. The Owner to give an undertaking to submit the steamer for survey if and when she goes to sea.
2. The Owner to inform Lloyd's Register promptly of the impending sale of the vessel.
3. If the vessel is sold the class will be expunged unless the new Owners submit the vessel for survey.

I shall be glad if you will take an early opportunity of seeing if these modified conditions will suit the wishes of the Owners and make arrangements accordingly.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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