

It is submitted in view of the statements contained in Messrs C.S. Swan & Huntens letters of the 12th inst. that the British Maritime Trust, who are the owners of the S.S. "Potomac", should be informed that from a report received from the Society's Surveyors at Newcastle on Tyne, who surveyed that vessel for classification during her construction, it appears that close ceiling is laid in the holds of that vessel ^{only} under the hatchways and over timbers and not over the whole of the double bottom plating as required by the Rules.

Approval has been given for a similar arrangement of close ceiling in other classed vessels when the Owner's sanction has been given for this departure of the Rules and the Owners in this instance should be requested to state whether or not the ceiling is now fitted ^{is} in accordance with their wishes.

They should be further informed that the ~~Builders~~ ^{Builders} have been communicated with on the subject ~~and that~~ before the First Entry Report is placed before the Committee with a view to the vessel's classification and the Builders state they have no objection to the Owners being written to in order to obtain their written sanction for the arrangement.

S. J. 13/6/02

Dr. Own:- 13/6/02



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