

Do. above Crown of }
 Engine Room ... }
 Gross Tonnage 3618.43
 Net Tonnage 70.58
 Length 346.16
 Girth of Half Midship Frame (as per Rule) 41.25
 1st Number 85.72
 Owners British Maritime Trust Ltd.
 Managers

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by Chief Ship Surveyor 31.5.02

Received from Chief Ship Surveyor

NAME *SS. S.S. "Potomac"*

Report *Proc.* No. *43425*

Remarks of the Chief Ship Surveyor are desired on this case for the consideration of the Classing Committee.

("The endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case, so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement."—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report 24/5/02.)

CLASSIFICATION.

Items.	Additions (if any) required by Rules, or as approved.	On account of:—
Main Sheerstrake . .	✓	✓
Spar Sheerstrake . .	<i>2/20"</i>	<i>Proportions</i>
Description of Framing:— <i>deep framing, increased to obtain (viz., ordinary, deep, zed, channel or bulb-angle). reduced freeboard.</i>		

Ceiling has only been laid under the hatchways and over the timbers in this vessel.

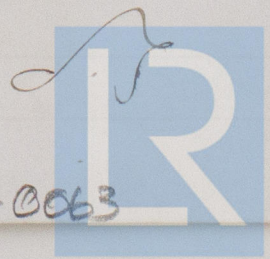
The vessel appears to have been built as a speculation, and the Builders contemplated running her on their own account, but she was sold about the end of April to The British Maritime Trust Ltd.

The Builders have been informed that it was necessary for them to obtain a letter from the purchasers of the vessel, consenting to the omission of ceiling from the hold, and to forward the letter to this Office, before the vessel could be recommended to the Committee for classification in the Society's Register.

The Builders state in reply that the omission of the ceiling is in accordance with the specifications on which the vessel was purchased, and was therefore approved by the present Owners. The Builders do not therefore think that they should now write to the Owners after the transaction is closed, and ask them for a letter expressing approval of the arrangement. The Builders have requested that their reply may be submitted to the Committee.

In other respects the vessel appears to have been built in accordance with the Rules and the approved plans.

It is submitted the Newcastle Surveyors be requested to inform the Builders that approval for the omission of ceiling from the inner bottoms of classed vessels has hitherto been given by the Committee, only when the Owners' consent has been previously obtained to this departure from the Rules. And in the case of the "POTOMAC" it will be necessary that the purchasers' written consent to the omission of the ceiling should be produced, before the certificate of classification can be issued.



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