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MOTOR SHIP "OSAGE" LATE "FEROL".
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The Owners are inquiring about the steering gear which has been under survey at Leith. As the vessel is less than 250 ft. long the Rules do not require a power steering gear, but they do require two efficient means of steering, one of which may be a hand steering gear, and the other a spare tiller and gear ready for use when required.

The Surveyors' report that she has a hand gear and a steam gear, which latter depends upon the donkey boiler for its steam supply. This may not be ready for use unless steam is maintained in it for this special purpose.

The steam gear appears from the report to be workable by compressed air in lieu of steam but the air compressing appliances are stated to be insufficient to maintain sufficient pressure. It is presumed that these air compressing appliances are worked by the main engines which are of the Diesel Type.

It is submitted that the Owners should be informed that the Rules require a secondary means of steering to be always available and that in order for this vessel to be classed this requirement must be complied with. For this the air compressing appliances, ~~re stated to be unable to maintain sufficient pressure, that~~ should be made satisfactory, or an undertaking given by the Owners that steam will be maintained in the donkey boiler for steering purposes when the vessel is at sea.

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