

RECOMMENDATIONS

ESSO HARRISBURG-7-6-44

AKSEL SELVIK, First Mate

Motors: The outboard motor they had a lot of trouble with. I understand one motor worked all right, the other one didn't. We have from time to time tried them out but had a lot of trouble getting them going. I haven't had them going previous to this. We were supposed to have them overhauled at the next port we come to. Nobody on the boat knew anything about that, didn't know how to adjust them.

Motor Gasoline: The gasoline was in 5-gallon containers and there's one thing I don't approve of is these 5-gallon containers to keep gasoline in. On a long trip the gasoline leaks through the can. The outboard motors, also, were not dependable. I don't approve of outboard motors in salt water. H.W. DAVIS, 1st Asst. Engr.

General Alarm: That morning we had a fire and boat drill and the alarm had been working but this time it was just a tinkle and we thought it was the telephone.

General Alarm: The general alarm bell in the engine room is a large bell about 12 inches in diameter. When we have a fire and boat drill we know when we'll have it and we look for the bell. That night for some reason that bell only tinkled like a telephone. We have 5 or 6 bells. I'm going to suggest a red light be connected to the general alarm bell. If this thing ever happens again I can see that red light burning there and know it's the general alarm bell and not the telephone.

General Alarm: We have 5 or 6 different alarm bells, for different things in the engine room and they are all lined up together. With a red light on the general alarm bell we would know that's it. I never gave it any thought before, it never happened before.

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WILLIS M. HAYDEN, 2nd Mate.

Raft Release: Well, it was sort of. The pelican hook on the life raft was pretty long, it took me quite a while to release that. There was a hatchet handy so it was all right.

Oil On Persons: The fellows had oil in their eyes, they wanted to have some more first aid equipment to take care of their eyes and also they were covered with oil and had no way of getting rid of that.

WINTHROP ANDERSEN, Radio O

Rags: On oil tankers I would suggest that they have some clean rags and a container that would keep them from getting oil-soaked. That is about the only thing.