

September 17, 1942. Department of National Defence, H. M. C. Dockyard, ESQUIMALT, B. C. Att'n: Cdr. McCulloch Dear Sir: Re: Japanese Fish boats. We regret very much that we have to write you regarding payment for these vessels. We have, in round figures, \$22,000.00 still outstanding. This does not include repairs to the H.M.C.S. "Departure Bay". We are finding it very difficult to finance ourselves at the present time as we have so much work on hand that it takes every dollard we can get to meet payroll and pay our accounts. We would appreciate it very greatly if you could expedite payment of these accounts. Yours truly, STAR SHIPYARD (MERCER'S) LTD. Managing Director. AM/KG

Star Shipyards (Mercer's) Ltd. 61 Duncan Street, NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C. The Jap boats delivered to your firm for overhaul are to be handled on a T & M or E. R. A. basis. The timekeeping to be supervised by Lt. Brown, R.C.N.R. on the staff of the Naval Overseer. Generally the work to be taken in hand will be: (1) Complete overhauls of machinery. (2) Make boat hulls watertight. (3) Make repairs that have obviously been the result of damage boats have sustained since they have been in the hands of the Naval Authorities. In this respect the Naval Surveyor's decision should be obtained or the decision of O.I./C. N.W. Should neither of the above be able to decide refer to Com. McCullock at Esquimalt. (4) All boats that have been underwater are to have a priming coat of paint. (5) Parts of machinery defective are to be replaced and charged on invoices covering repairs to boat. Yours very truly, James holder Commander McCullock, R.C.N. KG/M February 19, 1942.

April 30, 1942. Eng. Cdr. Evans, Naden 2, ESQUIMALT, B. C. Re: "Departure Bay" Dear Sir: On March 4, 1942, we submitted an estimate to repairing the above vessel as outlined in the specifications prepared jointly by ourselves and Lloyd's Registry of Shipping. Our estimate for the work is approximately \$7000.00. Upon the engine being dismantled, we have found that due to the fire, the cylinders have warped as much as ten one thousandths. This will necessitate re-boring and making new pistons for the engine. The crank shaft is badly worn and will need re-grinding and the bearings re-bored and re-fitted. It is our understanding that this boat is to go into the Naval Service now and therefore should be placed in first class condition. In our estimate mentionabove we did not include these repairs therefore they will have to be treated as an extra to our estimate. We would like to know if it is the intention of your Department to treat this job as a firm contract or allow us to proceed under the Emergency Repair Agreement under

> We are enclosing a copy of our letter of March 4th, 1942.

which the Japanese fleet has been repaired.

have to be treated as an extra.

Your early decision in this matter would be appreciated.

the Emergency Repair Agreement, things of this nature

could be taken up, but under a firm contract bid, any

alterations or deviations from the original job would

Yours truly, STAR SHIPYARD (MERCER'S) LTD.

Enc.

Managing Director.

March 4, 1942. Cdr. McCulloch, R.C.N., 355 Burrard Street, VANCOUVER, B. C. Re: "Departure Bay" Dear Sirs: In company with Mr. Chalcroft of Lloyd's we made an examination of the above vessel and found that a complete new foredeck would be required as well as in the forecastle, new cabin floors, approximately 22 oak frames, new mast beams and one after beam; part of the well deck will need repairing and a complete new cabin with stearing apparatus, wiring etc. would be required. The engine has been completely dismantled and we have found it to be in very good condition, but some repairs to the head will be necessary. A new Delco light plant would be required as well as some new gasoline tanks and all fuel tanks will have to be removed and tested. We would estimate repairs as outlined above to cost approximately \$7000.00 plus a little work which we have done in cleaning out the debris. This little work may amount to another \$150.00. For your information, we have checked the replacement value of this vessel and find that to replace this vessel would cost today approximately \$22000.00. Trusting this is the information you require and hoping to be favoured with instructions to proceed with the repair of this vessel, we are, Yours truly, STAR SHIPYARD (MERCER'S) LTD. Managing Director.

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TELEPHONE PA CIFIC 9331

JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Committee:

THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE SIDNEY SMITH

COMMANDER B. L. JOHNSON, D.S.O., R.C.N.R.
KISHIZO KIMURA

A. E. MCMASTER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

VANCOUVER, B.C.

March 2,1942.

MAR 2 Recd

Mr. Arthur Mercer, Star Shipyard (Mercer's)Ltd., 61 Duncan, NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

In response to your enquiry we beg to advise that whilst the jurisdiction of the care and repair to Japanese fishing vessels rests with the Naval Service, the repair work of the damaged boats is of the utmost concern to this Committee and to the Department of Fisheries of the Dominion Government.

The principal duties of this Committee is to facilitate the transfers of these vessels to approved fishermen as soon as possible so that the volume of product of the fishing industry be not impaired through the immobilization of this fleet. In this respect, therefore, it is imperative that the repairs to the vessels sent to your yards for re-conditioning, should be continued without interruption.

Our records show that 160 of these vessels have already been assigned to you, and there will probably be more before the entire fleet is reconditioned.

Yours very truly,

A. E. McMaster, Executive Assistant.

AEM/PH.

March 4, 1942. Cdr. McCulloch, R.C.N., 355 Burrard Street, VANCOUVER, B. C. Dear Sir: We are sorry to say that we misunderstood the procedure required on this vessel. Mr. Chalcroft prepared a specification and we gave him the estimate of repairs to the boat and he prepared a specifications that we thought would meet the needs of the Department. We trust the enclosed letter is the information which you require. Yours truly, STAR SHIPYARD (MERCER'S) LID. Managing Director. AM/KG Enc.



Department of National Defence

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Naval Service

New-Westminster, B.C. 20th February,

1942.

FROM: 0/1/c NAVAL BARRACKS, NEW-WESTMINSTER, B.C.

TO: STAR SHIPYARD (MERCER'S) LTD. NEW-WESTMINSTER, B.C.

COPY TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY",

SUBJECT:

Vessels for repairs. :

Further to my letter of 12th February listing vessels dispatched to your shippard this letter will confirm the sending of the "Goldfinch" on February 14th, and will bring up-to-date the list previously forwarded.

A total of 116 vessels have now been sent to your shipyard; one was returned ("SEA ISLAND" II") leaving a total of 115 remaining under your custody.

Lieut.-Commander, RCNR (Temp;)

O.i/c Naval Barracks, New-Westminster, B.C.



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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Department of National Defence

Naval Service

New-Westminster, B.C. 12th February 1942.

FROM: O.i/c NAVAL BARRACKS, NEW=WESTMINSTER, B.C.

TO: STAR SHIPYARD (MERCER'S) LTD. NEW-WESTMINSTER, B.C.

COPY TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY",

SUBJECT: List of Vessels for repairs :

Enclosed please find list of vessels which have been dispatched to your Shipyard for repairs.

I shall continue to advise of further vessels sent to you for repairs.

Lieut-Commander RCNR (Temp.)

O.i/c Naval Barracks, New-Westminster, B.C. VESSELS SENT TO MERCER'S SHIPYARD NEW-WESTMINSTER B.C.

for overhauling:

Departure Eay:153296 :	NAME	:Reg'd No:Naval No:Other No:Engine	:Date :	REMARKS:
IK 730 ST 1266 ST 1267 ST 1276	Melinda HY 1279 Clovers Bonnie Lass Taka Miss Nippon Sun Burnt 2	## 153296 : Washingto	:29/1/42: 5:29/1/42: :29/1/42: :29/1/42: :29/1/42: :29/1/42:	
OH 1018 : V 031 F: 118110 : Regal : 3/2/42: Silver Queen: : NW 016M: 886 : Vivian lcyl: 3/2/42:	IK 730 ST 1266 KK 1374 KY 1367 TM 1300 KK 1341 SM 1026 Camrose II TM 1186 FY 1275 SH 1360 DS 3111 YON 66 No name Rising Sun FN SN 926 Mareno VII KN 753 OH 1018	: V 042 F : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	:30/1/42: :30/1/42: :30/1/42: :30/1/42: :30/1/42: :30/1/42: :30/1/42: :31/1/42:	

Lieut.-Commander, RCNR (Temp.)

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New-Westminster, B.C.

NAME	:Reg'd No	:Naval No	:Other No: Engine : DATE : REMARKS:
Wavie G.K. 1040 MT 1041 Lady Delight MT 1078 Swan Point Swallow Wales Island IU 1181 Kanako 789 KM 2521 Silorado TH 1234 YI 6663 SH 1049 Mayne Island SK 219 Y.I.2.9 T.M. 1103 Little Tiger S.U. 3332	:::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	: NW 038H : VE 034 A C C F H : NW 0996 F H : NW 0996 F H : NW 028 C H : NW 029 F H : NW 086 E A D E E K C C E NW 029 E H : NW 087 F H : NW 087 E H : NW 087 E H : NW 093 H	Universal :3/2/42: Bensid lcyl :3/2/42: Vivian lcyl :3/2/42: 3/

Lieut.-Commander, RCNR (Temp.)

O. I/c Naval Barracks,

New-Westminster, BQC.

Vessels sent to Mercer's Shipyard New-Westminster, B.C.	for	overhauling	
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NAME	:Reg'd	No: Naval No	:Other No: Engine :Date :
G.S.1210 E.O. 1383 T.O. 75 T.O. 1389 Sada N Angelus Kinji II SY I.I. 1330 S.K. 517 M.K. O.I. 6670 Mt. Frederic K.F. 1379 H.M. 57 T.T. 88 Sea crest Denman T.S. 1096 Y.K. 2379 Fumi Yory S Y.T. 65 K.T. 1409 R.F. 660 K.D. 39 K.N. 92 Violet S S.N. 2424 IY 2373 No name		: NW 007 H : NW 001 F : NW 039 V : NW 001 H : NW 001 F : NW 027 D : NW 027 D : NW 028 F : V 024 E : V 032 F : V 032 F : V 051 K : VE033 A : NW 095 F : 2305 N. W BC : V 013 F : PR 063 M : V 036 W : V 078 X : V 054 F : NW 027 K : : NW 080 H	1942 Feb. 10th Buick
Violet S S.N. 2424 IY 2373 No name E.K. 2403 YW 3322 Sea Bride T.M. 388		: NW 080 H : NW 048 B : N 048 B : N 021 C	: TO 2376: Vivian 25 : " : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
SY 1091 N M 3115 M.S. 669 M.N. 1200 U.M. 56 C.M. 3311 FT 697 KM 59 C N 2830 Riyo Riyo		: NW 086 B : : : N 005 C :	: Vivian : " : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :

Lieut.-Commander, RCNR (Temp.) 6. i/c Naval Barracks, New-Westminster, B.C.