

THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

April, 1932.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at the House of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street, New York City, **Friday, May 13, 1932**, at 8:30 P.M. This date has been fixed to avoid conflict with the annual meeting of the American Law Institute at Washington, May 5-7.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

In addition to the regular business of electing officers for the coming year, and electing new members, reports will be received from standing committees. The report of the Committee on the proposed Convention on Civil and Penal Jurisdiction of Collisions at Sea will be sent to members in advance of the meeting, and it is hoped that it will receive careful consideration. A committee on the Safety at Sea Convention will also submit a report.

The Free and Johnson bills in the House and Senate, which propose to give additional time to sue in respect of claims where the parties mistook their forum prior to the announcement by the Supreme Court of the rule that the Suits in Admiralty Act affords the exclusive remedy in all situations where it can apply, will be considered.

The opinion by Mr. Chief Justice Hughes in the *Knudsen* case (*Crowell v. Benson*) renews interest in the practicability of seeking legislation extending admiralty jurisdiction to damage to bridges, piers and other waterside structures.

Since October 1, 1931, in the Southern District of New York, the Admiralty Calendar and the Equity Calendar have been combined, all non-jury cases being placed on one calendar. This practice has not always been convenient, and it is understood that the

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Judges sitting in the Southern District have been considering whether a separate calendar should be established. A number of members have suggested the desirability of a reform, and resolutions may be offered on the subject.

Mr. Huger, of Charleston, S. C., suggests the desirability of seeking to change the rules in respect of poundage charges where no funds pass through the hands of the U. S. Marshal, provided for in the U. S. Code, Title 28, Section 574.

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ARNOLD W. KNAUTH, *Secretary*