

Rule C.—*Freeing Arrangements*

Ships with bulwarks are to have open rails fitted for at least half the length of the exposed portion of the weather deck or other effective freeing arrangements. The upper edge of the sheer-strake is to be kept as low as practicable, and preferably not higher than the upper edge of the gunwale bar.

Where superstructures are connected by trunks, open rails are to be fitted for the whole length of the weather portions of the freeboard deck.

Rule CI.—*Plans*

Plans showing proposed fittings and arrangements are to be submitted to the Assigning Authority for approval.

Freeboards

Rule CII.—*Computation of Freeboard*

When the Assigning Authority is satisfied that the foregoing requirements are fulfilled, the Summer freeboard may be computed from the Table for Tankers; all corrections except those for flush-deck steamers, detached superstructures, excess sheer, and winter voyages across the North Atlantic are to be made in accordance with Part III of the Rules.

Rule CIII.—*Deduction for Detached Superstructures*

When the total effective length of superstructure is less than 1.0 L, the deduction is a percentage of that for a superstructure of length 1.0 L, and is obtained from the following table:—

| — | 0 | .1 L | .2 L | .3 L | .4 L | .5 L | .6 L | .7 L | .8 L | .9 L | 1.0 L |
|------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| All types. | 0 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 31 | 41 | 52 | 63 | 75.3 | 87.7 | 100 |

Rule CIV.—*Deduction for Excess Sheer*

Where the sheer is greater than the standard, the correction for excess sheer (see Rule LVII of Part III, Load Lines for Steamers) is deducted from the freeboard for all tankers. Rule LIX of Part III does not apply except that the maximum deduction for excess sheer is $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches at 100 feet and increases at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches for each additional 100 feet in the length of the ship.