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Deny Golden Bear Report

Reports of engine trouble on the Golden Bear, training ship of the California Maritime Academy, were deprecated yesterday by the Academy superintendent, Capt. H. E. Richter, USN, (Ret.).

The vessel, commanded by Capt. G. C. Bowman, USN, (Ret.), now is on its annual training cruise with 219 midshipmen and 18 officers. The ship recently put in at Papeete, Tahiti, where the report was made that the cruise had been plagued by engine trouble.

"I have been informed by Captain Bowman there was some slagging in the boilers, making it necessary to clean them out, but this probably was due to poor quality oil," Captain Richter said last night.

He said the ship was four days late at Papeete because its hull was fouled by barnacles, thus reducing its speed underway.

"We decided in advance of the cruise not to drydock the Golden Bear because we could save \$50,000 that way," the superintendent said. "Speed is not important on a training cruise."