

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 57.)—CHINA SEA.

(1.) *Banka Island—Sunken Danger off North-East Coast.*

THE Netherlands Government has given notice of the existence of a sunken danger situated to the north-east of Banka Island, in the northern approach to Gaspar Strait:—

This danger (Soembing Shoal) reported by H.N.M. surveying-vessel "Soembing," is about 220 yards in extent and steep-to, with a least depth over it of $1\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms, and 18 to 20 fathoms around.

Position, lat. $1^{\circ} 53' 0''$ S., long. $106^{\circ} 56' 12''$ E.

CHINA—EAST COAST.—YANGTSE-KIANG—WUSUNG RIVER ENTRANCE.

(2.) *"Lismore" Wreck Light-vessel Replaced in Position.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 22 (3), of 28th January, 1880, on the position of "Lismore" wreck light-vessel being shifted to near the wreck of the brig "Condor":—

The Chinese Government has given further notice, dated 14th February, 1880, that the wreck of the "Condor" having been blown up, "Lismore" wreck light-vessel has been replaced in her former position.

JAPAN.—NIPON ISLAND.—STRAIT OF TSUGAR.

(3.) *Siriya Saki Fog Signal—Alteration in Character.*

The Japanese Government has given notice, that the following alteration has been made in the character of the fog signal at Siriya Saki Light-house, south side of eastern entrance to Strait of Tsugar:—

The signal is a steam syren, which during thick or foggy weather will give a blast of six seconds' duration at intervals of one minute.

NOTE.—Should the machinery of the syren be out of order, or the steam not ready, the fog bell will sound fifteen strokes per minute, as previously.

By command of their Lordships,

Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
13th April, 1880.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—

(1.) Indian Ocean, No. 748*b*; Eastern Archipelago, No. 941*a*; Gaspar and Banka Straits, No. 2149. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1878, page 298.

(2.) Yangtse-Kiang Entrance, No. 1602; Wusung River, No. 1601. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, China, &c., 1880, No. 175*a*; and China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1874, p. 360.

(3.) Kuril Islands, No. 2405; Nipon Islands, No. 2347; Strait of Tsugar, No. 2441. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, Japan, 1880, No. 217*b*; and China Sea Directory, Vol. IV, 1873, page 199.

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(No. 58.)—IRELAND—SOUTH-EAST COAST—CARNMORE POINT.

Intended Light-vessel off Barrels Rock.

THE Commissioners of Irish Lights have given notice, that as soon as circumstances will admit after 1st September, 1880, it is intended to place a light-vessel two miles south of the Barrels Rock, situated to the south-west of Carnmore Point:—

The light will be a red light, showing two flashes in quick succession every thirty seconds, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of 10 miles.

The light-vessel will be painted black with

narrow white streak, and the words Barrels Rock on her sides.

NOTE.—Mariners are cautioned that passing inside Barrels Rock Light-vessel will be attended with danger.

Further notice with particulars concerning this light-vessel will be given.

[The bearing is magnetic. Variation $21^{\circ} 40'$ Westerly in 1880.]

By command of their Lordships,

Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
13th April, 1880.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Atlantic, Nos. 2059 and 2060*a*; British Islands to Mediterranean, No. 1; British Islands, No. 2; English Channel, No. 2675*b*; Ireland, General, No. 1824*a*; Irish Channel, No. 1825*b*; Brattin Head to Wexford, No. 2049. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in the British Islands, 1880, page 58; and Sailing Directions for the Coast of Ireland, Part I, 1877, page 68.

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(No. 59.)—ENGLAND—EAST COAST.

THAMES RIVER ENTRANCE.

(1.) *North Foreland Light—Intended Alteration in Character.*

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 188 (1), of 8th December, 1879, on the intended alteration in the character of the North Foreland Light, Thames River Entrance:—

The Trinity House, London, has given further notice, that in June, 1880, the following alteration will be made:—

The light will be made occulting. That is to say, it will once in every half-minute suddenly disappear for five seconds, and then, as suddenly, re-appear at full power.

Further notice will be given when the alteration has been effected.

(2.) *Intended Light-Vessel in the Would.*

Also, that it is intended in September, 1880, with a view of facilitating the navigation through the Would, to place a light-vessel off the south end of Hasborough (Haisbro') Sand; and that, at the same time, Newarp Light-vessel will be moved a short distance southward of her present position.

The light will be a quick revolving, showing a flash every five seconds.

NOTE.—The attention of Mariners is particularly directed to the difference in character between the Would and that of Newarp and the Leman and Ower Light-vessels. The Would will be as described above, viz., a quick revolving light, showing a flash every five seconds; but the Newarp and Leman and Ower are group-flashing lights, the Newarp showing three flashes in quick succession, followed by an interval of thirty-six seconds of darkness (the whole revolution occupying one minute); and the Leman and Ower giving two quick flashes, followed by twenty seconds of darkness, and repeated every half-minute.

Further notice will be given when the Would Light-vessel has been placed at her station.

HUMBER RIVER.

(3.) *Fixed Light for Ancholme Channel.*

The Trinity House, Hull, has given notice, that on 23rd February, 1880, in order to facilitate the navigation of Ancholme Channel, a light would be exhibited from a beacon-post erected on a groin or stone heap, situated about one mile westward of Ferriby Sluice Haven, on the southern shore of Humber River.

The light is an amber coloured light.