

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 262 to 268 of the year 1891.)

[The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

No. 262.—CHANNEL AND WESTERN-AND NORTH AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

WEST INDIES—ORUBA ISLAND.

Point del Cerrito Colorado Light—Arc of Visibility.

THE Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 30th May, 1891, that the light (fixed white) on Point del Cerrito Colorado, east extreme of Oruba (Aruba) Island, is visible from the bearing of S.S.E., through west, to E. by S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., being obscured in other directions by the land.

Approximate position, lat. $12^{\circ} 24' N.$, long. $69^{\circ} 56' W.$

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1891.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—West India Islands and Caribbean Sea, No. 762; Los Roques to Cabo la Vela, No. 395. Also, Admiralty List of Lights on the Eastern Coasts of North America, &c., 1891, No. 1143; and West India Pilot, Vol. I, 1883, page 167.

No. 263.—ALL STATIONS.

NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN.

Floating Wreck.

INFORMATION has been received from the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, London, that the Commander of that Company's steam-vessel "Don" reports having passed, on 27th May, 1891, when in lat. $27^{\circ} 58' N.$, long. $46^{\circ} 59' W.$, a water-logged vessel, with only deck house and frame showing above water.

This wreck presents a danger to shipping.

In this locality the current usually sets in a westerly direction about seven miles a day.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Atlantic Ocean, Nos. 2059, 2060a, b.

No. 264.

NORWAY—NORTH-WEST COAST.

LOFOTEN ISLANDS—OST VAAGÖ.

Alterations in Orsvaag Light.

THE Norwegian Government has given notice, dated May, 1891, that the following alterations have been made in Orsvaag Light, south coast of Ost Vaagö:—

Orsvaag Light is now visible from the bearing of N. 63° E. (leading eastward of Hennings Vær), through north, to N. 71° W. (leading southward of Skotaalbörne), and shows fixed white in the channel between Hennings Vær and Fløesene; fixed red over Fløesene and Stor Følfoden; fixed white in the channel between Stor and Lille Følfoden to westward of Bikjebøen (Bikja) and Moholmene; flashing white over Bikjebøen, Moholmene, and Lille Følfoden; fixed white between Moholmene and Skioldene (the safest channel in bad weather); fixed red over Skioldene; fixed white in the channel between Skioldene and Andersboen; flashing white over Andersboen; fixed white in the channel between Andersboen and Skrov-Flæsa; and fixed red over Skrov-Flæsa, towards Skraaven, and to the northern limit of its visibility (leading southward of Skotaalbörne).

Approximate position, lat. $68^{\circ} 11\frac{1}{2}' N.$, long. $14^{\circ} 27' E.$

NOTE.—Orsvaag Light and the other lights in Lofoten Islands and Vesteraalen, the period of exhibition of which has hitherto been from 1st

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September to 14th April, will in future be exhibited annually from 15th August to 30th April.

[Variation 10° Westerly in 1891.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Fleina to Vest Fiord and Lofoten Islands, No. 2311; Lofoten Islands to Andö, No. 2312. Also, Admiralty List of Lights on the Eastern Shores of the North Sea, &c., 1891, No. 1118, Nos. 1106–1130; and Norway Pilot, Part II, 1880, page 334, pages 320–336.

No. 265.—CHINA STATION.

CHINA SEA.—BORNEO—NORTH COAST.

Banguay South Channel—Shoal in Fairway.

INFORMATION has been received from the British North Borneo Company at Sandakan, dated 1st March, 1891, that the Commander of the steam-vessel "Petrel" has reported having passed over a shoal lying in the fairway of Banguay South Channel, with the peak (663 feet in height) on the south coast of Banguay Island, west of Pagassan Island, bearing approximately N. 3° W., distant $4\frac{1}{10}$ miles. The shoal appeared to be a pinnacle, small in extent and white, with about three fathoms water on it.

Approximate position as given, lat. $7^{\circ} 4' 30'' N.$, long. $117^{\circ} 6' 20'' E.$

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1891.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—China Sea, No. 2660b; Paláwan Island, No. 967; Gaya Bay to Sandakan Harbour, No. 287; Balábac Strait, No. 948. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1889, page 197.

No. 266.—CHINA, AUSTRALIA, AND PACIFIC STATIONS.

EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.—BALI STRAIT.

Amended Particulars of Shoal Southward of Pabuan Point.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 217 of 1891, on the existence of a shoal, with four fathoms water on it, lying southward of Pabuan Point, eastern shore of Bali Strait, in approximately lat. $8^{\circ} 17' S.$, long. $114^{\circ} 29' E.$:—

The Government of Batavia has given further notice, dated 25th April, 1891, that recent examination of the locality, made in the Government steam-vessel "Reiger," shows a depth of 11 feet on the shoal, lying with the south-western summit of Mount Bakungan bearing N. $\frac{3}{4}$ W., distant $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and the near south-west extreme of Bali Island S.E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E.

Approximate position, lat. $8^{\circ} 17\frac{1}{2}' S.$, long. $114^{\circ} 29' E.$

NOTE.—A pyramid of white stones has been built near the shore, on a small hill, 43 feet high, in an E.N.E. direction from the abovementioned shoal.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1891.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Eastern Archipelago, Western portion, No. 941b; Bali Strait, on Sheet of Plans, No. 934.

No. 267.—CHINA, AUSTRALIA, AND PACIFIC STATIONS.

PACIFIC OCEAN.

Amended Position of Palmas Island.

THE Spanish Government has given notice, that the Commander of the Spanish steam-vessel "Manila" reports having ascertained the position of Palmas Island to be lat. $5^{\circ} 35' N.$, long. $126^{\circ} 35' 55'' E.$, or nine miles N.E. by E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E., from the position heretofore assigned it.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1891.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty