

Approximate position, lat. 40° 28' 40" N., long. 74° 0' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Halifax to the Delaware, No. 2670; Block Island to Great Egg Harbour, No. 2480; Approaches to New York, No. 2491. Also, Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports of the United States, 1882, pages 134, 136.

No. 571.—CAPE STATION.

AFRICA—WEST COAST.

Port d'Ilheo—Sand Bank Closing Entrance.

INFORMATION has been received from Commander F. Finnis, Her Majesty's ship "Swallow," dated 22nd October, 1891, that a sand bank, with five feet water on it, has formed across the entrance of Port d'Ilheo (or Sandwich Harbour), entirely closing it to vessels, even the small coasting schooners.

Approximate position, lat. 23° 20' S., long. 14° 30½' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Walvisch Bay to Orange River, with plan of Port d'Ilheo, No. 632. Also, Africa Pilot, Part II, 1884, pages 212, 213.

No. 572.—BALTIC STATION.

BALTIC ENTRANCE—THE SOUND.

Copenhagen Approach—Occulting Light on Middlegrund Fort, and Withdrawal of Beacon-vessel.

THE Danish Government has given notice, dated 11th November, 1891, that a light is exhibited from Middlegrund Fort, Eastern side of Konge Deep, Approach to Copenhagen:—

Middlegrund Fort Light is an occulting white light, with a period of seven and a half seconds, thus:—light five seconds, eclipse two and a half seconds. The light is elevated 61 feet above the sea, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of seven miles. It is shown from a structure, which during the winter will be moved to different parts of the fort as necessary.

Approximate position, lat. 55° 43' 15" N., long. 12° 40' 15" E.

Also that the beacon-vessel previously moored on the north-eastern edge of Middlegrund has been withdrawn.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—The Kattegat, No. 2114; the Sound, No. 2115; approaches to Copenhagen, No. 790. Also, Admiralty List of Lights on the Eastern Shores of the North Sea, 1891, page 118; Danish Pilot, 1885, page 147; and Supplement, 1890, to Danish Pilot, page 21.

No. 573.—MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

MEDITERRANEAN.—RHODES ISLAND.

Amendment to Plan of Ports of Rhodes on Admiralty Chart, No. 1667.

NOTICE is given, that the following amendment should be made to the Plan of Town and Ports of Rhodes, on Admiralty Chart, Rhodes Island, No. 1667:—

The sounding (in feet) marked 18, in a position N.E. by N. 1½ cables from the centre of tower of St. Elmo, should be erased, and the number 78 substituted for it.

[Variation 5° Westerly in 1891.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Plan:—Plan of Town and Ports of Rhodes on Admiralty Chart, No. 1667.

No. 574.—CAPE, EAST INDIES, CHINA, AND AUSTRALIA STATIONS.

ARABIAN SEA.

Minikoi Island—Alteration in Colour of Lighthouse.

INFORMATION has been received from the Board of Trade, that the following alteration has been made in the colour of Minikoi Lighthouse, Minikoi Island:—

Minikoi Lighthouse is painted white.

Approximate position, lat. 8° 15' N., long. 73° 1' E.

This Notice affects:—Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, &c., 1891, No. 144. Also, West Coast of Hindustan Pilot, 1891, page 365.

No. 575.—MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

MEDITERRANEAN.—ADRIATIC—EASTERN SHORE. DURAZZO BAY.

Buoys Marking Durazzo and Selada Banks.

INFORMATION has been received, dated 11th November, 1891, that two conical buoys, painted red, have been placed to mark the outer edges of Durazzo and Selada Banks, Durazzo Bay:—

1. The northern buoy is moored in 6 fathoms water, about 2 cables south-west of the outer edge of Talbot (Sta. Lucia) Shoal, the southern patch of Durazzo Bank, with Durazzo Light bearing N.N.E. ¼ E., distant 1¼ miles.

Approximate position, lat. 41° 16' 50" N., long. 19° 26' 25" E.

2. The southern buoy is moored in about 6 fathoms water, nearly 2 cables westward of the outer edge of Selada Banks, with Calaja Church on Cape Laghi bearing S. ¼ E., distant 3⅙ miles.

Approximate position, lat. 41° 12' 5" N., long. 19° 25' 45" E.

[Variation 8° Westerly in 1891.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Cape St. Maria di Leuca to Brindisi, No. 2701; Durazzo Bay, No. 1590. Also, Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. III, 1890, pages 325-327.

No. 576.—NORTH SEA, AND BALTIC STATIONS.

ENGLAND—EAST COAST.

Blyth Harbour Lights—Alteration in period of Exhibition.

THE Trinity House, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has given notice, that on 1st December, 1891, consequent on harbour improvements at Blyth, the harbour lights at that place, heretofore shown during tide time (or when there is 12 feet water on the bar), will be exhibited throughout the night.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Plan:—Blyth, No. 1626. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in the British Islands, 1891, Nos 241-242a; and North Sea Pilot, Part III, 1889, page 63.

No. 577.—ALL STATIONS.

ENGLAND—SOUTH COAST.

Dungeness Steam Pilot Vessel—Temporary Red Light Shown.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 376 of 1891:—

The Trinity House, London, has given further notice, that on 23rd November, 1891, and for a certain time after, experimentally and as a temporary measure, in order to distinguish the steam pilot vessel cruising off Dungeness as the London Pilot Vessel.—A red light would be carried 6 feet below the white masthead light, both being of