

No. 16.—STRAIT OF MAKASSAR.

Shoals near Siri or Lima Islands.

THE Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 28th December, 1895, of the under-mentioned particulars of shoals near Siri or Lima Islands, recently examined by the Netherlands surveying-vessel "Banda":—

1. A coral shoal, about $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles in length east and west, and more than a mile in breadth, with a least depth of $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms on it, and general depths of 7 to 10 fathoms, lies with its centre in approximately lat. $4^{\circ} 47\frac{1}{2}'$ S., long. $117^{\circ} 1\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

The 4 fathoms reported by "Peveril 1895," though not found, has been retained upon the Admiralty charts.

2. A coral shoal, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length east and west, and half a mile in breadth, with a least depth of 4 fathoms on it, lies about 5 miles southward of the above shoal (1), or in approximately lat. $4^{\circ} 53\frac{1}{2}'$ S., long. $116^{\circ} 59\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

The channel between these shoals (1 and 2) has been partially examined, and so far found free from dangers, with depths of $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 40 fathoms over a sandy bottom.

3. A depth of $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms has been found on the shoal marked $4\frac{1}{2}$, in approximately latitude $4^{\circ} 55'$ S., long. $117^{\circ} 3'$ E., and depths of not less than $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms on the shoals near that locality.

4. A coral shoal, with a least depth of $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms on it, and 30 fathoms close around, lies in approximately lat. $5^{\circ} 13\frac{1}{2}'$ S., long. $116^{\circ} 59'$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Eastern Archipelago, No. 9416; Strait of Makassar, No. 2637. Also, Sailing Directions for Eastern Archipelago, Part II, 1893, pages 319, 320.

No. 17.—SUMATRA—WEST COAST.

Koninginne Bay—Intended Temporary Discontinuance of Sungei Bramei Light.

THE Netherlands Government has given notice that the light (flashing white) shown from Sungei Bramei (Batu Mandi), southern approach to Padang, will be discontinued for a week from the 4th February, 1896, for the purpose of repairs.

Approximate position, lat. $1^{\circ} 2' 30''$ S., long. $100^{\circ} 22' 15''$ E.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Acheh Head to Tyingkok Bay, No. 2760; Priman to Ujong Indrapura, No. 709; Koninginne Bay, &c., No. 212. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1895, No. 273*; and China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1886, pages 193, 194.

No. 18.—ITALY—WEST COAST.

Leghorn Approach—Alteration in Meloria Shoal South Light.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 438 (1) of 1895:—

The Italian Government has given further notice that, on 1st January, 1896, Meloria Shoal South Light was altered from a fixed red light to an occulting red light every ten seconds, thus:—light, seven seconds; eclipse, three seconds; visible in clear weather from a distance of 10 miles.

Approximate position, lat. $43^{\circ} 32' 45''$ N., long. $10^{\circ} 13' 5''$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Mediterranean Sea, No. 2158a; Gulfs of Lyons and Genoa, No. 1780; San Remo to Cape Cavallo, No. 157; Leghorn Roadstead, No. 2554. Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1895, No. 296; and Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. II, 1895, page 150.

No. 19.—BALTIC ENTRANCE.

Great Belt—Alteration in Reef Ness (Revsuæs) Light.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 439 (2) of 1895:—

The Danish Government has given further notice, that on 31st December, 1895, the alteration in Reef Ness Light would be carried out, and on the same date the provisional light (fixed white) would be discontinued:—

Reef Ness (Revsuæs) Light has been altered to a fourth order, dioptric, flashing white light every five seconds, thus:—flash, a tenth of a second; eclipse, four and nine-tenths seconds; visible in clear weather from a distance of 14 miles.

In other respects this light is unchanged.

Approximate position, lat. $55^{\circ} 44' 35''$ N., long. $10^{\circ} 52' 30''$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Baltic Sea, No. 2842a; the Kattegat, No. 2114; Great and Little Belts, No. 2229; Great Belt, No. 326. Also, List of Lights, Part III, 1895, No. 163; and Baltic Pilot, Part I, 1895, page 158.

No. 20.—NEW HEBRIDES.

Aurora (Maewo)—Shoal North-West of Laka Rere.

INFORMATION has been received from Captain J. E. Meryon, Her Majesty's ship "Katoomba," dated 22nd November, 1895, that the Master of the "Southern Cross" reports the existence of a shoal, with a depth of 3 feet on it, lying about two miles N.W. of Laka Rere, west coast of Aurora (Maewo), and about the same distance offshore, but its exact position could not be determined.

Approximate position, lat. $14^{\circ} 59\frac{1}{2}'$ S., long. $168^{\circ} 4\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

A + and P.D. have been placed on the Admiralty Chart in the above position.

[Variation 9° Easterly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—New Caledonia, New Hebrides, &c., No. 1380. Also, Sailing Directions for the Pacific Islands, Vol. I, 1890, page 312.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
6th to 8th January, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies has, pursuant to 38 and 39 Vic., c. 60, s. 12, by writing under his hand, dated the 7th day of January, 1896, suspended for three months the Registry of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Chesterfield District of the I.O.O.F. M.U. Friendly Society (Register No. 553), held at 24 Queen-street Chesterfield, in the county of Derby, on the ground that the Society has wilfully, and after notice from a Registrar, violated the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, in respect of the valuation of its assets and liabilities. The Society ceases to enjoy during such suspension the privileges of a registered Society, but without prejudice to any liability incurred by the Society, which may be enforced against it as if such suspension had not taken place.

E. W. Brabrook, Chief Registrar.

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