

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 33 to 40 of the year 1896.)

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

No. 33.—WEST INDIES—CUBA.

Port Gibara—Intended Light on Cape Peregrina (Barlovento.)

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 351 of 1895:—

The Spanish Government has given notice, dated 31st December, 1895, that the light to be exhibited from the lighthouse constructing on Cape Pellegrina (Barlovento) entrance to Port of Gibara, will be a fixed white light, elevated 40 feet above the sea, 33 feet above the ground, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 7 miles.

The lighthouse and the keeper's dwelling will be painted white.

Approximate position on Plan, No. 418, lat. $21^{\circ} 7' 10''$ N., long. $76^{\circ} 7' 5''$ W.

NOTE.—By Spanish Notice the position of the lighthouse is lat. $21^{\circ} 4\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $76^{\circ} 16\frac{1}{2}'$ W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Cuba, Eastern Portion, No. 2580; Port of Gibara on Sheet No. 418. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1895, page 164; and West India Pilot, Vol. II, 1887, page 450.

No. 34.—CHINA SEA.

Singapore Strait—Exhibition of Permanent Light on Sultan Shoal.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 338 of 1895 and previous Notices:—

The Government of the Straits Settlements has given further notice that, on 1st January, 1896, the permanent light would be exhibited from the lighthouse recently erected on Sultan Shoal; and the temporary light-vessel (two white lights), previously moored near Sultan Shoal, would be withdrawn:—

Sultan Shoal Light is a catoptric, flashing white light, every thirty seconds, elevated 60 feet above high water and visible in clear weather from a distance of 13 miles.

The lighthouse is a tower, above a two-storied keeper's dwelling.

Approximate position on Plan No. 2404, lat. $1^{\circ} 14' 30''$ N., long. $103^{\circ} 39' 15''$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Malacca Straits, No. 1355; Singapore Strait, No. 2403; Singapore Main Strait, No. 2404. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1895, Nos. 255a, b; China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1886, page 101; and Supplement, 1890, relating to that work, pages 136, 137.

No. 35.—UNITED STATES—VIRGINIA.

Intended Alterations in Hog Island Light.

THE United States Government has given notice that, on or about 31st January, 1896, a light will be exhibited from the new lighthouse recently erected in a position N. $\frac{3}{4}$ W. (N. 4° W.), distant 940 yards, from Hog Island Old Light-house:—

Hog Island New Light will be a first order, flashing white light every forty-five seconds, thus:—flash, three seconds; eclipse, forty-two seconds; elevated 180 feet above high water, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 20 miles.

The lighthouse is an octagonal, pyramidal, iron framework, with a central shaft, all painted black. The keepers' dwellings are not visible from seaward.

Approximate position on Chart No. 355a, lat. $37^{\circ} 23' 45''$ N., long. $75^{\circ} 41' 35''$ W.

Also, that on the same date the fixed white
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light, now shown from Hog Island Old Light-house, will be discontinued; the lighthouse being left standing as a daymark.

[Variation 5° Westerly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—North Atlantic, western portion, No. 2060b; Great Egg Harbour to Albemarle Sound, No. 266; Chesapeake Bay, No. 355a. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1895, No. 768; and Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports on the East Coast of the United States, 1882, page 163.

No. 36.—HINDUSTAN—WEST COAST.

River Indus—Changes between Hajamro and Waree Creek Mouths.

INFORMATION has been received from Commander C. F. Oldham, R.N., in charge of Marine Survey of India, dated 10th December, 1895, that great changes have recently taken place in the spits and depths between the Hajamro and Waree Creek Mouths of the Indus, but that the changes do not extend out to the old 10-fathoms line, which has not materially altered in position.

A note has been placed on Admiralty Chart, No. 41 that:—“The shore line, banks and soundings, south of Hajamro Mouth, have totally altered, and should be approached with caution within the 10-fathoms line.”

Approximate position, Hajamro Beacon, lat. $24^{\circ} 4' 15''$ N., long. $67^{\circ} 18' 0''$ E.

A note has been placed on Admiralty Chart, No. 118 that:—“The shore line, banks and soundings, west of Waree Creek, have totally altered, and should be approached with caution within the 10-fathoms line.”

Approximate position, Waree Creek Entrance, lat. $23^{\circ} 51'$ N., long. $67^{\circ} 52'$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Tidal channels of the Indus, No. 41. Kaha River to Godia Creek, No. 118. Also, West Coast of Hindustan Pilot, 1891, pages 319, 320.

No. 37.—NORTH SEA.

Sunken Wreck Westward of Borkum Light-vessel.

INFORMATION has been received from the Union Steamship Company that the Commander of their steam-vessel “Gaul” reports that, at 1h. 15m. p.m., 7th January, 1896, he passed a wooden mast showing about 10 feet above water and apparently attached to a sunken wreck, in a position W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. (S. 84° W.), distant 27 miles, from Borkum Light-vessel, or approximately in lat. $53^{\circ} 40'$ N., long. $5^{\circ} 35'$ E.

[Variation 15° Westerly in 1896.]

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Chart:—North Sea, No. 2182a. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1892, pages 32–35.

No. 38.—KOREA—WEST COAST.

Chemulpho—Sunken Rock in Anchorage.

INFORMATION has been received from Captain W. H. Henderson, Her Majesty's ship “Edgar,” that the Russian cruiser “Kovertz” touched on a rock, with a depth of 7 feet on it at low water, lying in Chemulpho anchorage, with the centre of So Wolmi bearing S E. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. (S. 63° E.), distant $5\frac{1}{2}$ cables, and clump on Kheum Wolmi N.E. by E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E. (N. 69° E.).

Approximate position, lat. $37^{\circ} 27' 55''$ N., long. $126^{\circ} 35' 15''$ E.

[Variation 5° Westerly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Plan:—Approaches to Chemulpho Anchorages, with plan of anchorage, No. 1270. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. IV, 1894, page 64.