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### NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 347 to 356 of the year 1896.)

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

#### No. 347.—CHINA—EAST COAST.

##### LIAU TUNG GULF.

*Liau River Approach—Temporary Alteration in Light-vessel.*

INFORMATION has been received from Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Newchwang that, on 30th March, 1896, the light-vessel "Newchwang" at the entrance to Liau River was temporarily replaced by the light-vessel "Omega":—

The "Omega" shows two fixed lights, placed vertically; the upper one red, elevated 65 feet above the sea, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 5 miles; the lower one white, elevated 41 feet above the sea, and visible 10 miles.

A riding light is hoisted to the forestay at a height of 6 feet above the rail.

Should the lights be lowered for trimming a small white light and a flare-up light will be shown.

The "Omega" is barque-rigged, painted yellow, and carries a ball at the main topmast head as a daymark. The lights are shown from the maintopsail yard. The fore and mizen topmasts are struck.

Approximate position, lat. 40° 34' N., long. 122° 0½' E.

If this light-vessel is driven from her station to a position where she is of no use as a guide to shipping, the usual lights will not be exhibited, but a red light will be shown at each end of the vessel, the ball being struck as soon as possible, and until struck will be surmounted by a red flag.

Also, the fog signal on board the "Omega" will consist of a gong, which, during thick or foggy weather, will be sounded at intervals of one minute.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulfs of Pe Chili and Liau Tung, No. 1256; Liau River, No. 2891. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1896, No. 479; and China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1894, page 651.

#### No. 348.—UNITED STATES—MAINE.

*Quoddy Road Approach—Whistle Buoy South-eastward of Sail Rock, West Quoddy Head.*

THE United States Government, has given notice, that on or about 20th June, 1896, a first-class whistle buoy, painted black, and with "W.Q.H." on it in large white letters, would be moored in a depth of about 25 fathoms, in a position with Sail Rock in line with West Quoddy Lighthouse, bearing N.N.W. ¾ W., distant 3½ cables; and Owen Head N.E. ¼ N.

Approximate position, lat. 44° 48' 25" N., long. 66° 56' 20" W.

[Variation 18° Westerly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Bay of Fundy, Sheet I, No. 352;

Quoddy Head to Cape Lepreau, No. 2013; Grand Manan Island, &c., No. 2539; Campobello Island, No. 2020. Also, Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports on the East Coast of the United States, 1882, page 7.

#### No. 349.—INDIA—WEST COAST.

##### MURMAGAO (MORMUGAO) HARBOUR.

##### *Alteration in Buoyage.*

INFORMATION has been received, dated 2nd June, 1896, that the undermentioned alterations have been made in the buoyage of Murmagao (Mormugao) Harbour:—

1. The red buoy marking Murmagao Rock has been temporarily replaced by a black conical buoy, this is a port hand buoy; during the south-west monsoon the rock will not be buoyed, but afterwards a black can buoy will be placed to mark it.

2. The black conical buoy with staff and cage hitherto marking the end of the rubble mound as a starboard hand buoy is permanently replaced by a red conical buoy.

Approximate position of Murmagao Rock Buoy, lat. 15° 25' 20" N., long. 73° 46' 30" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Achra River to Cape Ramas, No. 740; Aguada to St. George Islands, including Murmagao Roadstead, &c., No. 492. Also, West Coast of Hindustan Pilot, 1891, page 178.

#### No. 350.—SOUTH AMERICA—WEST COAST.

##### MALABRIGO ROAD.

##### *Sunken Rock in Entrance.*

INFORMATION has been received, dated 27th June, 1896, that Mr. R. Archer, commanding the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamship "Juca," reports the existence of a sunken rock in the approach to Malabrigo Road.

This rock, with 18 feet water over it, and 5 fathoms close to, lies with Malabrigo Point bearing S. ¼ W. (S. 8½° W.); Black Rocks S.S.E. ¼ E (S. 31° E.); and Ranchos S.E. by E. ¼ E. (S. 59° E.).

Approximate position, on Chart 1294, latitude 7° 41' 20" S., longitude 79° 25' 45" W.

[Variation 8½° Easterly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Chicama River to Port Paita, No. 1335; Ports on the Coast of Peru, No. 1294. Also, South America Pilot, Part II, 1895, page 519.

#### No. 351.—WEST INDIES—COLOMBIA.

##### SAVANILLA HARBOUR.

##### *Amended Particulars of Cupino Beach Light.*

INFORMATION has been received through the Board of Trade, dated 15th June, 1896, of the undermentioned amended particulars in Cupino Beach Light, Savanilla Harbour.

Cupino Beach Light is fixed and flashing. The flashes are of about three seconds duration, occurring every two minutes.

Approximate position, lat. 11° 0' 15" N., long. 74° 57' 55" W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Savanilla Harbour, No. 2259. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1896, No. 1137, West India Pilot, Vol. I, 1893, page 226.

#### No. 352.—SICILY—EAST COAST.

##### SYRACUSE HARBOUR.

##### *Leading Mark Destroyed.*

THE Italian Government, has given notice, dated 2nd April, 1896, that in consequence of the destruction of St. Joseph's Bridge over Anapus River:—