

Chart:—Conchalí Bay and Port Vilos, No. 435. Also, South America Pilot, Part II, 1891, page 406.

No. 340.—MEDITERRANEAN.

Port of Algier Lights—Amended Sectors.

THE French Government has given notice, dated 21st May, 1899, that the sectors of the lights at the Port of Algier are as follows:—

1. Admiralty Peninsula (Marine Islet) Light (occulting) shows red from the bearing of north to east, and white from east, through south and west, to north.

Approximate position, latitude $36^{\circ} 47' 15''$ N., longitude $3^{\circ} 4' 15''$ E.

2. North Mole Light (fixed) shows white from the bearing of $S. 1^{\circ} E.$, through west, to $N. 61^{\circ} W.$; green from $N. 61^{\circ} W.$, through north, to $N. 53^{\circ} E.$; white from $N. 53^{\circ} E.$, through east, to $S. 47^{\circ} E.$, and obscured from $S. 47^{\circ} E.$ to $S. 1^{\circ} E.$

3. South Mole Light (red fixed) is visible from the bearing of $S. 87^{\circ} W.$, through west, to $N. 3^{\circ} W.$, and obscured in other directions.

[Variation 13° Westerly in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Port of Algier, No. 2555. Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1899, Nos. 1458, 1459, 1460; Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. I, 1894, page 257.

No. 341.—MEDITERRANEAN—FRANCE.

Planier Island—Fog Siren Established.

THE French Government has given notice, dated 27th May, 1899, that a fog siren, worked by compressed air, has been established in the gallery of the lighthouse on Planier Islet; this siren, during thick or foggy weather, will give one blast of three seconds duration every minute.

Approximate position, lat. $43^{\circ} 12' N.$, long. $5^{\circ} 14' E.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulfs of Lyons and Genoa, No. 1780; Marseille to Agay Road, No. 2607; Cette to Marseille, No. 1805. Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1899, No. 198; Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. II, 1895, page 55.

No. 342.—FRANCE—GIRONDE RIVER.

Terre Nègre Light—Intended Alteration.

THE French Government has given notice, dated 29th May, 1899, that it is intended during the present year to alter Terre Nègre Light, Gironde River, from white fixed to group occulting.

Terre Nègre Light (dioptric) will exhibit groups of three eclipses every eighteen seconds, and show the following sectors:—

Red from the bearing of $S. 47^{\circ} E.$ to $S. 57^{\circ} E.$, white from $S. 57^{\circ} E.$ to $S. 71^{\circ} E.$, green from $S. 71^{\circ} E.$, through east, to $N. 19^{\circ} E.$, white from $N. 19^{\circ} E.$, through north, to $N. 41^{\circ} W.$, and obscured in other directions. The white light will be visible in clear weather from a distance of 13 miles, the red 9 miles, and the green 7 miles, the candle power being 59, 12, and 7 becs Carcel respectively.

In other respects the light will remain unaltered.

During the alteration the new light will be exhibited experimentally, and further notice will be given when it is permanently established.

Approximate position, lat. $45^{\circ} 38' 45'' N.$, long. $1^{\circ} 6' 25'' W.$

[Variation 15° Westerly in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Pointe D'Arcachon to Pointe de la Coubre, No. 2664; Entrance to Gironde River, No. 2910. Also, List of Lights, Part IV, 1899,

No. 407; Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, Spain, and Portugal, 1891, page 122; and Hydrographic Notice No. 2 of 1894 relating to that work, page 12.

No. 343.—COCHIN CHINA—SAIGON RIVER ENTRANCE.

Cape St. James—Shoal Westward of, Buoy.

THE French Government has given notice, dated 27th May, 1899, of the existence of a shoal, on which the steamship "Ranza" struck, at the entrance to Saigon River.

This shoal has a depth of $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms over it, and is situated with Cape St. James Lighthouse bearing $N. 62^{\circ} E.$, distant $9\frac{1}{2}$ cables, and Kangio Pile Lighthouse $N. 37^{\circ} W.$

A red buoy will be placed to mark this danger.

Approximate position, lat. $10^{\circ} 19' 20'' N.$, long. $107^{\circ} 4' 0'' E.$

[Variation 3° Easterly in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Saigon River to Kam Ranh Bay, No. 1261; Saigon or Donnai River, No. 1269. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1889, pages 423, 424, and Supplement, 1893, relating to that work, page 32.

No. 344.—AFRICA—TAJURA GULF.

Jibuti Front Leading Light—Colour Altered.

THE French Government has given notice that, in order to better distinguish it from the surrounding lights, on and after 15th June, 1899, the colour of the front leading light (Ambuli) at Jibuti would be altered from white to red, and that it will be visible in clear weather from a distance of 9 miles.

Approximate position, lat. $11^{\circ} 34' N.$, long. $43^{\circ} 8' E.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Jebel Tan to Shab Kulangarit, No. 253. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1899, No. 137; Red Sea Pilot, 1892, page 397.

No. 345.—FRANCE—WEST COAST.

Anse de Benodet Western Approach—Rock.

THE French Government has given notice, dated 31st May, 1899, of the existence of a dangerous rock in the Western Approach to Anse de Benodet.

This rock has a depth over it of $1\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms at low water, and is situated with Men Holo (three feet high) bearing $N. 10^{\circ} W.$, distant about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and Ile aux Moutons Lighthouse $S. 75^{\circ} E.$

Approximate position, lat. $47^{\circ} 46' 15'' N.$, long. $4^{\circ} 10' 0'' W.$

[Variation 17° Westerly in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Ile de Groix to Raz de Sein, No. 2645; Anse de Benodet to Chaussée de Sein, No. 2351; Presqu'île de Quiberon to Anse de Benodet, No. 2352. Also, Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, Spain, and Portugal, 1891, page 59.

No. 346.—NORTH SEA—GERMAN COAST.

Norderney Gat Eastern Fairway—Buoys Withdrawn.

THE German Government has given notice, dated 3rd June, 1899, that in consequence of the silting of the eastern fairway, Norderney Gat, the buoys marking that channel, including the leading buoy (black), have been withdrawn; they have therefore been erased from the Chart.

Approximate position of leading buoy, lat. $53^{\circ} 44' 40'' N.$, long. $7^{\circ} 12' 50'' E.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Ameland to Jade River, No. 2593. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1892, page 176.