

No. 654.—CEYLON—SOUTH-WEST COAST.

Colombo—Light-Boat Changed in Position.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 702 of 1899 :—

The Harbour Authorities at Colombo have given notice that, on 15th October, the light-boat, showing a red occulting light every fifteen seconds, and marking the south-west end of the rubble mound of the north-west breakwater would be moved 200 feet south-westward.

From the new position of the light-boat the lighthouse of the south-west breakwater will bear S. W. by S., distant 485 yards.

Approximate position, lat. 6° 58' N., long. 79° 51' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Ceylon, South Coast, No. 813; Colombo Harbour, No. 914. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1900, No. 291a; Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1892, page 45; West Coast of Hindustan Pilot, 1898, pages 94, 95.

No. 655.—GULF OF BOTHNIA.—ÅLAND ISLANDS.

Bogskär Light—Altered in Character.

THE Russian Government has given notice, dated 3rd September, 1900, that Bogskär Light, in Stura Skiftet, has been changed from an alternating to a flashing light, showing the following sectors :—

It shows white between the bearings of S. 82° W., through west, and N. 78° W., red between N. 78° W., through north, and N. 85° E., and white between N. 85° E., through east, and S. 88° E., visible 10 miles; elsewhere it is obscured.

Approximate position, lat. 60° 4' 55" N., long. 20° 55' 15" E.

[Variation 5° Westerly in 1900.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart :—Hangö Head to South Quarcken, No. 2297. Also, List of Lights, Part III, 1890, No. 741; Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896, page 162; Supplement, 1900, page 68.

No. 656.—BALTIC—POMERANIAN COAST.

Jershöft Light—Alteration in Character.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 394 of 1900 :—

The German Government has given further notice that, in September, 1900, Jershöft temporary light would be replaced by a white group flashing light, showing groups of two flashes about every ten seconds, thus :—flash, about half a second; eclipse, about two and a half seconds; flash, about half a second; eclipse, six seconds. The light will be visible in clear weather from a distance of 18 miles.

Approximate position, lat. 54° 33' N., long. 16° 33' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Baltic Sea, No. 2842b; Dievenow River to Jershöft Light, No. 2367; Jershöft to Rixhöft, No. 2368. Also, List of Lights, Part III, 1900, No. 510; and Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896, page 196.

No. 657.—BALTIC.—SWEDEN—SOUTH COAST.

Kullagrunden—Whistle Buoy Established.

THE Swedish Government has given notice, dated 19th September, 1900, that an automatic whistle buoy has been placed to mark the Kullagrunden, situated about 5 miles S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. from Trelleborg.

The red spar buoy marking the shoals will remain until further notice.

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Approximate position, lat. 55° 19' N., long. 13° 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ ' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Femern to Bornholm, No. 2150; Point Falsterbö to Kalmar Sound, No. 2360. Also, Baltic, Part II, 1896, page 35.

No. 658.—AFRICA—SOUTH-EAST COAST.

Port Natal—Intended Discontinuance of Rocket-House Beacon and Light.

INFORMATION has been received through the Board of Trade that on, and from, 1st January, 1901, Rocket-house Beacon and the three white lights exhibited therefrom will be discontinued.

The Townhall Tower (situated in West-street), by day, and the electric lights in the same street, by night, will give approximately the same anchorage bearing as the Rocket-house Beacon and Lights.

Approximate position, lat. 29° 51' 40" S., long. 31° 2' 10" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart :—Port Natal, No. 643. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1900, No. 32; Africa Pilot, Part III, 1897, page 173.

No. 659.—AUSTRALIA—QUEENSLAND, PORT CURTIS.

Gatcombe Head—New Light Exhibited.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 572 of 1900 :—

The Government of Queensland has given further notice, dated 6th August, 1900, that Gatcombe Head New Light, Port Curtis, is now exhibited.

Gatcombe Head.—A new fixed light, elevated 122 feet above high water, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 13 miles, is now exhibited showing the following sectors :—white from the bearings of S. 29° W., through west, to N. 70° W.; obscured from N. 70° W. to N. 45° W.; white from N. 45° W., through north, to N. 21° E.; red from N. 21° E. to N. 43° E.; white from N. 43° E. to the land.

It is shown from a cylindrical tower, 38 feet high, painted white with red dome, erected 150 yards N. 11° E. from the former light.

The former light is extinguished.

Approximate position, lat. 23° 53' S., long. 151° 23' E.

Leading lights are also exhibited from Gatcombe Head and from near the entrance to the River Boyne, but their exact positions are not given.

[Variation 8° Easterly in 1900.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Sandy Cape to Keppel Islands, No. 345; Port Curtis, No. 1900. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1900, No. 1265, page 206; and Australia Directory, Vol. II, 1898, page 178.

No. 660.—ENGLAND—WEST COAST.

Pendeen—Light Exhibited and Fog Signal Established.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 164 of 1900 :—

The Trinity House, London, has given further notice, dated 27th September, 1900, that the light at Pendeen, Coast of Cornwall, is now exhibited.

Pendeen Light is white group flashing every fifteen seconds, and shows groups of four flashes, thus :—flash, half a second; eclipse, one and three quarter seconds; flash, half a second; eclipse, one and three quarter seconds; flash, half a second; eclipse, one and three quarter seconds; flash, half a second; eclipse, seven and three quarter seconds; it is elevated 195 feet above high water, and