

Approximate position, lat. $15^{\circ} 59\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $61^{\circ} 43\frac{3}{4}'$ W.

Vessels should avoid anchoring near the former position of the buoy, in order to keep clear of the mooring chains, which are laid out in a northerly and southerly direction.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Basse-Terre on Sheet No. 491. Also, West India Pilot, Vol. II, 1899, page 104.

No. 612.—ICELAND—SOUTH-WEST COAST.

Hval Fiord—Rock Reported.

INFORMATION, dated 25th July, 1901, has been received from Commander H. Dalton-Grant, His Majesty's ship "Bellona," of the existence of a danger on which the "Bellona" struck at the entrance to Hval Fiord, estimated to be S. 87° W., $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant from Innri Holmr Church, but this position must be considered doubtful, as no bearings or angles were obtained.

Approximate position, lat. $64^{\circ} 17'$ N., long. $21^{\circ} 56'$ W.

The compass is said to be unreliable over the shoal water in this vicinity owing to local attraction.

[Variation 35° Westerly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Iceland, No. 565; Portland to Snefells Jokel, No. 2733. Also, Icelandic Pilot, Part I, 1891.

No. 613.—IRELAND—WEST COAST.

Gun Practice Area off Dingle Bay.

NOTICE is hereby given that gun practice at night from His Majesty's ships will take place off Dingle Bay within an area bounded on the east by the meridian of $11^{\circ} 5'$ west longitude, and on the south by the parallel of $51^{\circ} 45'$ north latitude, to the meridian of $11^{\circ} 50'$ west longitude, and on the north-west by a line from a point in lat. $51^{\circ} 45'$ N., long. $11^{\circ} 50'$ W., to a point in lat. $52^{\circ} 21'$ N., long. $11^{\circ} 5'$ W.

Mariners are cautioned to avoid this area as much as possible.

No. 614.—BORNEO—NORTH-WEST COAST.

Labuan—Rocks between Kuraman I. and Kiamsan Point; Beacon on Labuan Hills.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 354 of 1896:—

Information, dated 16th July, 1901, has been received from Lieutenant and Commander W. O. Lyne, His Majesty's surveying-vessel "Waterwitch," of the existence of the undermentioned rocks off the south coast of Labuan, and also of a beacon erected on the northern hills of the same island:—

a. The rock marked E.D. on the Charts between Kiamsan Point and Kuraman Island is a small coral head about 20 yards in extent, with a least depth of 2 fathoms over it, low-water springs, situated with the north-western extremity of Kuraman Island bearing S. 71° W., distant 13 cables, and the south-eastern extremity of the same island, S. 8° E.

Approximate position, lat. $5^{\circ} 14\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $115^{\circ} 8\frac{3}{4}'$ E.

There are depths of 5 and 6 fathoms around this shoal.

b. A rock with a depth of 5 feet over it, low-water springs, situated with the south-eastern extremity of Kuraman Island bearing S. 11° E., distant 3 cables, and summit of Burong N. 71° E.

c. A wooden tripod beacon, 30 feet high, the top being covered with canvas, has been erected

on the summit of the northern hills on the island at a distance of 16 cables S. 71° W. from Raffles Jetty Head.

Approximate position, lat. $5^{\circ} 22' 40''$ N., long. $115^{\circ} 14' 0''$ E.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Barram Point to Nosong Point, No. 2109; Labuan Island, No. 1844. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1899, pages 164, 159.

No. 615.—BORNEO—NORTH-WEST COAST.

Pine Point, and Iris Shoals—Particulars of.

INFORMATION, dated 16th July, 1901, has been received from Lieutenant and Commander W. O. Lyne, His Majesty's surveying-vessel "Waterwitch," of the existence of a coral patch outside Pine Point Shoals, and also particulars of Iris Shoal, as follows:—

a. A coral patch with a depth of $1\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms over it exists about three-quarters of a mile outside the outer Pine Point Shoals, and is situated with Mount Nosong bearing N. 68° E., distant $9\frac{3}{16}$ miles, and 450-foot summit S. 12° E.

Approximate position, lat. $5^{\circ} 33'$ N., long. $115^{\circ} 26'$ E.

b. Iris Shoal, the position of which is correctly shown on the Charts, is a coral patch about a quarter of a mile in extent, east and west, with a least depth over it of 3 fathoms, on the eastern extreme of the shoal; there are depths of from 10 to 13 fathoms close to on all sides of this shoal.

Approximate position, lat. $5^{\circ} 30\frac{3}{4}'$ N., long. $115^{\circ} 21'$ E.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Nosong Point to Ambong Bay, No. 2111; Barram Point to Nosong Point, No. 2109. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1899, page 166.

No. 616.—AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES—EAST COAST.

Evans Head—Rock Southward of.

THE Government of the State of New South Wales has given notice, dated 20th June, 1901, of the existence of a rock about 1 cable long and half a cable wide, with a least depth of $1\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms over it at low water springs, between North Evans reef and the coast; it is situated with Evans Head bearing north, distant 13 cables, and Sand Patch N. 75° W.

Approximate position, lat. $29^{\circ} 9'$ S., long. $153^{\circ} 28\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

This rock does not break in ordinary weather.

[Variation 9° Easterly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Coffs Island to Evans Head, No. 1027; Evans Head to Danger Point, No. 1028. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. II, 1898, page 111.

No. 617.—BALTIC—FEMERN BELT

Femern Island—Shoal Reported.

INFORMATION has been received through the Board of Trade that Mr. S. R. Chandler, Master of the steamship "Vauxhall," reports that on 6th August, 1901, his vessel, drawing 21 feet, struck on a shoal off the north coast of Femern Island, situated with Markelsdorf Lighthouse bearing S. 53° W., distant $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles, and Marien Lighthouse S. 40° E.

Approximate position, lat. $54^{\circ} 33\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $11^{\circ} 7\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

A 3-fathom shoal has been marked in this position on the Admiralty Charts.