

steam light-vessel No. 71, exhibiting two white fixed lights, one at each masthead. No. 71 light-vessel, which is painted red with the number 71 on each bow, has two masts with a black funnel between them, but has no bowsprit.

During thick or foggy weather a fog whistle will give one blast every minute, thus:—blast, five seconds; silent interval, fifty-five seconds.

Approximate position, lat. 37° 5' N., long. 75° 43' W.

[Variation 5° Westerly in 1903.]

Further notice will be given when light-vessel No. 49 is again in position.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Chesapeake Bay, No. 2843a. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1903, No. 1015; and Sailing Directions for the East Coast of the United States, 1899, page 592.

No. 909.—FRANCE—WEST COAST.

Rochebonne Plateau—Marks Withdrawn.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 751 of 1903:—

The French Government has given further notice, dated 13th October, 1903, that the construction of the lighthouse on La Congr e, Rochebonne Plateau, having been suspended for the winter season, the ships from which the operations are carried out have been withdrawn.

Approximate position of La Congr e, lat. 46° 12' N., long. 2° 25¼' W.

NOTE.—The Pontoon light-vessel and the light-buoys are unaltered.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Bay of Biscay, No. 1104; Pte. de la Coubre to Les Sables D'Olonne, No. 2648. Also, Sailing Directions for the West Coast of France, &c., 1900, page 183.

No. 910.—SCOTLAND, WEST COAST—THE HEBRIDES.

Loch Boisdale—Buoy Established.

Information, dated 26th October, 1903, has been received from the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses that a red conical buoy has been established in a depth of 2 fathoms at low-water springs at a distance of about 30 yards S. 60° W. from Sgor Rock, Loch Boisdale; it is situated with the red light on Big House Pier bearing N. 62° W., distant 2¼ cables, and the western extremity of Kisgay Island S. 26° W.

Approximate position, lat. 57° 9' N., long. 7° 17¾' W.

[Variation 21° Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Loch Boisdale, No. 618. Also, Sailing Directions for the West Coast of Scotland, 1902, page 451.

No. 911.—INDIA, WEST COAST—GULF OF KUTCH, SALAYA HARBOUR.

Karumbhar Island Light—Re-exhibited.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 476 of 1903:—

The Government of India has given further notice that on 24th September, 1903, the white fixed light on Karumbhar Island, Salaya Harbour, would be re-exhibited.

Approximate position, lat. 22° 26' N., long. 69° 35' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulf of Kutch, No. 43; Salaya Harbour, No. 3284. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1903, No. 209; and West Coast of Hindustan Pilot, 1898, page 281.

No. 912.—CHINA SEA—BANKA STRAIT.

Tanjong Riah (Raja)—Reef Eastward of.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 21st October, 1903, that a reef, with a least depth over it of 11 feet, is reported to exist about 3 miles to the eastward of Tanjong Riah (Raja) in a position from which Gunong Puak bears S. 84° W., distant 4¼ miles, and the summit of Tanjong Laijang N. 55° W.

Approximate position on Chart No. 2597, lat. 1° 54' S., long. 106° 15' E.

This reef, which is about 200 yards long and 40 yards wide, shows as discoloured water.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1903.]

The name Tanjong Riah has been altered to Tanjong Raja on the Charts.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Banka and Gaspar Straits, No. 2149; Banka Strait, No. 2597. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, page 458.

No. 913.—BALTIC ENTRANCE—THE SOUND DENMARK.

Stevns Klint Lighthouse—Fog Signal.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 487 of 1903:—

The Danish Government has given further notice, that on 1st November, 1903, a fog-siren will be established in the gallery of Stevns Klint Lighthouse, which will during thick or foggy weather give one blast of two seconds' duration every thirty seconds.

Approximate position, lat. 55° 17½' N., long. 12° 27½' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Baltic Sea, No. 2842a; Femern to Bornholm, No. 2150; the Sound, No. 2115. Also, List of Lights, Part III, 1903, No. 373; and Baltic Pilot, Part I, 1895, page 273.

By command of their Lordships,

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