

in a position from which Lookout Point Lighthouse bears S. 84° W., distant 4½ miles, and the flashing light off Smith Point S. 6° E.

Approximate position, lat. 38° 3' N., long. 76° 13¼' W.

[Variation 5° Westerly in 1904.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Chesapeake Bay, Nos. 355a and 2843c. Also, Sailing Directions for, &c., United States, 1899, page 610.

No. 272.—NORTH SEA—NETHERLANDS.

*Terschelling—Wreck in Approach.*

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 28th March, 1904, that the wreck of the dredger "Boulogne IV" lies sunk in a depth of 13 fathoms in the approach to Terschelling, with Terschelling light-vessel bearing N. 50° W., distant 4 miles.

Approximate position, lat. 53° 25' N., long. 4° 58' E.

This wreck is probably dangerous to navigation.

[Variation 13° Westerly in 1904.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Scheveningen to Ameland, No. 2322. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1901, page 159.

No. 273.—INDIA, WEST COAST—BOMBAY HARBOUR APPROACH.

*Outer Light-Vessel—To be replaced by Unwatched Light-Vessel.*

The Government of India has given notice, dated 9th March, 1904, that on or about September 1st, the Outer light-vessel, exhibiting a red revolving light in the approach to Bombay, will be replaced by a light-vessel, without a crew, exhibiting automatically a white occulting light every fifteen seconds, thus:—Light, ten and a half seconds; eclipse, four and a half seconds. It will be visible in clear weather from a distance of 11 miles, the light power being 1,400 candles. A bell on board will also be rung automatically every fifteen seconds. The vessel, which will have a mast from which the light will be exhibited, will be painted red with "Bombay Floating Light" in white on the sides.

Approximate position, lat. 18° 49' N., long. 72° 48' E.

As this light will be unwatched it cannot be implicitly relied on.

Further notice will be given when this alteration has been made.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Arabian Sea, No. 1012; Karachi to Vengurla, No. 826; Gulf of Kutch to Viziadrag, No. 2736; Arnala to Kundari, No. 737; Bombay Harbour, No. 2621. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1904, No. 237; and West Coast of Hindustan Pilot, 1898, page 197.

No. 274.—WEST INDIES—SAN DOMINGO.

*San Pedro de Macoris Bay—Shoals in Approach.*

The United States Government has given notice, dated 26th March, 1904, that the Commanding Officer of the United States steamship "Columbia" reports the existence of a shoal, with a depth of

3¼ fathoms over it, in the approach to San Pedro de Macoris Bay, situated in a position from which Isleta Lighthouse bears N. 39° W., distant 6 cables, and Ellen Point N. 7° W.

Approximate position, lat. 18° 24½' N., long. 69° 19¼' W.

This shoal is about 30 yards in extent, with gradually increasing depths around it, there being a depth of 5 fathoms about 70 yards from its centre.

There are also patches with depths of 4 fathoms over them to the northward of this shoal.

[Variation nil in 1904.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—San Pedro de Macoris, No. 2859. Also, West India Pilot, Vol. II, 1899, page 337; and Supplement, 1904, page 26.

No. 275.—PERSIAN GULF.

*Shatt al Arab or Basra River—Wreck in Approach Removed.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 21 of 1904:—

Further information, dated 4th March, 1904, has been received from Lieutenant and Commander A. H. Oldham, His Majesty's ship "Lapwing," that the wreck of the steamship "King Arthur," which sank in the entrance of the Western Channel (Khor al Kafka), Shatt al Arab or Basra River, at a distance of a quarter of a mile N. 56° W. from the Outer Buoy, has been removed.

Approximate position, lat. 29° 49' N., long. 48° 43¼' E.

[Variation nil in 1904.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Shatt al Arab, No. 1235. Also, Persian Gulf Pilot, 1898, page 285.

No. 276.—PERSIAN GULF.

*Shatt al Arab or Basra River—Wreck in Approach.*

The Government of India has given notice, dated 9th March, 1904, that the Master of the steamship "Katoria" reports that the wreck of a native vessel with two masts above water lies sunk in a depth of 8 fathoms in the entrance of the Western Channel (Khor al Kafka), Shatt al Arab or Basra River, at a distance of 17½ miles S. 69° E. from the Outer Buoy.

Approximate position, lat. 29° 43' N., long. 49° 2' E.

[Variation nil in 1904.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Persian Gulf, No. 2637b. Also, Persian Gulf Pilot, 1898, pages 285, 288.

No. 277.—BALTIC, GERMANY—FEHMARN ISLAND.

*Staber Point—Light Established.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 154 of 1904:—

The German Government has given further notice, dated 26th March, 1904, that a white group occulting light, showing groups of two occultations every sixteen seconds, thus:—light,