

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Candia to Alexandretta, No. 2606; Damietta to El Arish, No. 2573; Alexandria to Port Said, No. 2630. Also, Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. II, 1895, page 367.

No. 460.—THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,
NEGROS—WEST COAST.

*Pandan Point—Decreased Depth on Shoal
Westward of.*

The United States Government has given notice, dated 28th May, 1904, that an examination of the shoal, situated at a distance of one mile N. 78° W. from Pandan Point, shows that the least depth over it is 5 feet, and not 3 fathoms as shown on the Chart.

Approximate position, lat. 10° 32' N., long. 122° 47' E.

As defined by the 5-fathom contour line, this shoal is about one mile long in a south-westerly and north-easterly direction.

A channel with a depth of 5 fathoms in it was found between Pandan Point and this shoal.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1904.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Sulu and Mindoro Sea, No. 2578. Also, Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1902, page 243.

No. 461.—CHINA—YELLOW SEA.

*Yang Tse and Hwang Ho Kao—Non-Existence of
Shoals and Banks Between.*

Notice is hereby given that the area in the offing, between the mouths of the Yang Tse and Hwang Ho Kao Rivers, having been examined by Captain M. H. Smyth, His Majesty's surveying-vessel "Rambler," it is considered that the existence of the undermentioned shoals and banks has been disproved, and, as their existence depended on doubtful evidence, they have been expunged from the Charts, viz.:—

Shoal or bank, 4½ fathoms; position, lat. 32° 10' N., long. 122° 39' E.

Shoal or bank, 5 fathoms; position, lat. 32° 13' N., long. 122° 43' E.

Shoal or bank, 12 fathoms; position, lat. 32° 0' N., long. 122° 43' E.

Shoal or bank, 9–12 fathoms; position, lat. 32° 17' N., long. 123° 13' E.

Shoal or bank, 4½ fathoms; position, lat. 32° 42' N., long. 123° 3' E.

Shoal or bank, 6 fathoms; position, lat. 32° 18' N., long. 122° 27' E.

Shoal or bank, 9 fathoms; position, lat. 33° 35' N., long. 123° 10' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Amoy to Nagasaki, No. 2412; Nipon Kiusiu, &c., No. 2347; Hongkong to Liau Tung Gulf, No. 1262. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1904, page 523.

No. 462.—NEW GUINEA, NORTH COAST—
GEELVINK BAY.

Muswar (Meoswar) Island—Reef Westward of.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 31st May, 1904, of the existence of a reef,

with a least depth of 2 fathoms over it, situated in a position from which the southern point of Amberpon bears N. 50° W., distant 5 miles, and south-eastern extremity of Rumanderi S. 62° W.

Approximate position, lat. 1° 59¼' S., long. 134° 15¼' E.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1904.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Eastern Archipelago, No. 942b. Also, Pacific Islands, Vol. I, 1900, page 259; and Supplement, 1903, page 9.

No. 463.—GULF OF FINLAND—HELSING-
FORS APPROACH.

Aransgrund Light-Vessel—Fog Signal Altered.

The Pilotage Department of Finland has given notice that the fog signal on board the Aransgrund Light-vessel, Helsingfors Approach, will be altered to give, during thick or foggy weather, one blast of seven seconds duration every sixty-seven seconds, thus:—blast, seven seconds; silent interval, sixty seconds, instead of one blast of four and a half seconds every minute as at present.

Approximate position, lat. 59° 58' N., long. 24° 55' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Port Baltic to Hogland, No. 2246; Approaches to Helsingfors, No. 173. Also, List of Lights, Part III, 1904, No. 811; and Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1904, page 323.

No. 464.—CHINA SEA—SOUTH NATUNA
ISLANDS.

Robin Hood Reef—Amended Position of.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 31st May, 1904, that Robin Hood Reef, which is about 5½ cables long in an easterly and westerly direction, is situated in lat. 2° 48' 25" N., long. 108° 59' 10" E. This places it about 4½ miles N. 53° E. from the northern extremity of Pulo Panjang, and not as at present shown on the Charts.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1904.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—China Sea, Southern Position, No. 2660a; South Natuna Islands, No. 2104. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1899, page 83.

No. 465.—NEW GUINEA, NORTH COAST—
SELÉ STRAIT.

Havik Reef—Non-existence of.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 1st June, 1904, that the position of Havik Reef reported to be situated about 3½ miles westward of Cape Sorrong, northern entrance to Selé or Kabobolol Strait, has repeatedly been passed over by various vessels without any indication of a danger being observed, or any bottom obtained with 14 fathoms of line out; this reef has therefore been erased from the Chart as the authority for its existence is vague.

Approximate position, lat. 0° 51' S., long. 131° 10' E.