

sections as amended by the Public Health Act, 1896, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for every day during which the offence continues.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 981 to 985 of the year 1904.)

[The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

No. 981.—MEXICO.

Port and Weather Signals.

The Mexican Government has given notice, dated 21st July, 1904, that the undermentioned general signals for closing the ports, and for indicating the weather on the coasts of Mexico, have been established. These signals will be made at any Meteorological Observatory, Pilot Office, or lighthouse, and at the office of the General Direction of Lighthouses at Veracruz, from flagstuffs painted in red and white bands, with a white yard, the staff above the yard being also white. The signals for closing the port will be made at one yard arm, and the signals indicating the weather prevailing outside the port at the other.

SIGNALS FOR CLOSING THE PORT.

a. A red ball hoisted at the office of the Chief Pilot indicates that the departure of all native vessels is prohibited.

b. A black cone, that the departure of all small vessels is prohibited.

c. A black cylinder, that the port is closed to smaller vessels for all traffic.

WEATHER SIGNALS.

The undermentioned flags will indicate the force, or velocity, of the wind:—

1. A square yellow flag with a white square in the centre indicates that the velocity of the wind will be under 18 miles an hour.

2. A square white flag with a red square centre will indicate a velocity of from 18 to 36 miles an hour.

3. A square red flag with a black square in the centre will indicate a velocity of over 36 miles an hour.

The undermentioned flags will indicate the probable direction of the wind during the day:—

a. A square blue flag over that indicating the force of the wind, denotes wind from the northward, between N.N.E. and N.N.W.

b. A square blue flag under that indicating the force of the wind, denotes winds from the southward, between S.S.E. and S.S.W.

c. A red pennant over the flag indicating the force of the wind, denotes winds from the north-eastward, between N.N.E. and E.N.E.

d. A red pennant under the flag indicating the force of the wind, denotes winds from the south-eastward, between S.S.E. and E.S.E.

e. A white pennant over the flag indicating the force of the wind, denotes winds from the north-westward, between N.N.W. and W.N.W.

f. A white pennant under the flag indicating the force of the wind, denotes winds from the south-westward, between S.S.W. and W.S.W.

g. A blue pennant over the flag indicating the force of the wind, denotes winds from the eastward, between E.N.E. and E.S.E.

h. A blue pennant under the flag indicating the force of the wind, denotes winds from the westward, between W.N.W. and W.S.W.

EXAMPLE.—A square blue flag over a square yellow flag with a white square centre, indicates that winds between N.N.E. and N.N.W., with a velocity of under 18 miles an hour are, or may be expected to prevail on the coast.

STORM SIGNALS.

1. Two square red flags with square black centres, hoisted vertically, indicates a hurricane in the vicinity.

2. A square red flag with a square white centre, indicates the existence of a hurricane amongst the West India islands whose course cannot yet be ascertained.

3. A square yellow flag with a square red centre, indicates bad weather inside the Gulf of Mexico.

4. A triangular flag (white?) with a black triangle in the centre, indicates bad weather to the northward.

5. A triangular black flag with a white triangle in the centre, indicates bad weather to the southwards.

When storm signals are made, the information respecting the weather posted on the doors of the Meteorological Observatories, Pilots' offices, or lighthouses should be consulted.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The undermentioned weather signals will be made at night by means of lanterns.

a. Two red fixed lights, vertical, indicate strong northerly winds between N.E. and N.W.

b. Two white fixed lights, vertical, indicate strong southerly winds between S.E. and S.W.

c. A white fixed light over a red fixed light indicates strong easterly winds from N.E. to S.E.

d. A white fixed light under a red fixed light indicates strong westerly winds between N.W. and S.W.

STORM SIGNAL.

e. Three red fixed lights, vertical, indicate a hurricane in the vicinity.

The above lights will be suspended 5 feet apart.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty publications:—West India Pilot, Vol. I, 1903, page 23; and Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of Central America, &c., 1896, page 7.

No. 982.—UNITED STATES—ATLANTIC COAST, DELAWARE.

Delaware River, near Port Penn—Leading Lights Altered.

The United States Government has given notice that, on or about 25th October, 1904, the undermentioned catoptric leading lights will be