

No. 547.—IRELAND, SOUTH COAST—
KENMARE RIVER.*Sko Rock—Perch Disestablished.*

Information, dated 3rd June, 1905, has been received from the Commissioners of Irish Lights that the black perch on Sko Rock, in the entrance to Ardroom Harbour, has been washed away and will not be replaced.

Approximate position, lat. $51^{\circ} 46' N.$, long. $9^{\circ} 52\frac{1}{2}' W.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Kenmare River with Plan of Ardroom Harbour, No. 2495. Also, Irish Coast Pilot, 1902, page 294

No. 548.—NORTH SEA—NETHERLANDS.

Texel, Texelstroom, and Inschot—Buoys Replaced by Light-Buoys.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 3rd June, 1905, that the undermentioned buoys in Texel, Texelstroom, and Inschot have been replaced by light-buoys exhibiting white occulting lights every ten seconds, thus:—light, seven seconds; eclipse, three seconds.

1. Texel, Schulpengat, red conical buoy No. 4, by a light-buoy, painted red, exhibiting an occulting light as described above.

Approximate position, lat. $52^{\circ} 56' 55'' N.$, long. $4^{\circ} 42' 35'' E.$

This buoy is now situated at a distance of $7\frac{1}{2}$ cables S. $88^{\circ} W.$ from Schouten Beacon.

2. Texelstroom, northern side, black conical buoy No. 3, surmounted by a square topmark, by a light-buoy, painted black, exhibiting an occulting light as above described.

Approximate position, lat. $53^{\circ} 3' 45'' N.$, long. $5^{\circ} 2' 30'' E.$

3. Inschot, south-western side, red spherical buoy No. 5, surmounted by a square topmark, by a light-buoy, painted red, exhibiting an occulting light as described above.

Approximate position, lat. $53^{\circ} 9' 40'' N.$, long. $5^{\circ} 10' 35'' E.$

[Variation 13° Westerly in 1905.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Texel, No. 124; Scheveningen to Ameland, No. 2322. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1901, pages 150, 153, 156.

No. 549.—ENGLAND—EAST COAST.

Lowestoft—Alteration in Depths in Approaches.

With reference to Notices to Mariners Nos. 601 and 898 of 1904:—

Notice is hereby given that a recent survey by Captain H. E. Purey-Cust, His Majesty's Surveying-Vessel "Research," shows that considerable alterations have taken place in the depths in Pakefield Gat, on the Newcome Sand, and in the approach to Lowestoft Harbour, as follows:—

(a.) In the Pakefield Gat there is as little as 9 feet at low water eastward of the West Newcome Buoy. Newcome Sand has shoaled, so that depths greater than 10 feet cannot be expected when crossing it in the red sector shown from Pakefield Light.

(b.) The least depth, now, over the bar joining the Newcome Shoal and Lowestoft Low Light is 15 feet just northward of the line joining the North Newcome Spit and Inner Shoal Buoys.

Approximate position, North Newcome Spit Buoy, lat. $52^{\circ} 29' N.$, long. $1^{\circ} 47' E.$

A new edition of Chart No. 1543 will shortly be issued.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Yarmouth and Lowestoft Roads, No. 1543. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part III, 1897, pages 250, 251, 254, 253.

No. 550.—AFRICA, SOUTH-EAST COAST—
PORT NATAL APPROACH.*Green Point—Intended Light.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 289 of 1904:—

The Government of Natal has given notice, dated 12th May, 1905, that it is intended in September to establish a white group flashing dioptric light, showing groups of two flashes every fifteen seconds, on Green Point; it will be elevated 282 feet above high water, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 24 miles from the bearing of N. $46^{\circ} E.$, through north and west, to S. $57^{\circ} W.$, being obscured by the land in other directions. A red fixed light, elevated 248 feet above high water, and visible over Aliwal Shoal between the bearings of N. $68^{\circ} W.$ and N. $37^{\circ} W.$, will also be established. These lights will be shown from the same building, which will be an iron conical tower 68 feet high, and painted in red and white bands, erected in the position of the westernmost beacon on Green Point. The group flashing light will be of the 2nd order, and the red fixed light of the 4th order. On the completion of the tower the westernmost beacon will be removed, and on the establishment of the lights, the lights now shown at Umpambinyoni and Amah-longwana river entrances will be discontinued.

Approximate position, Green Point, lat. $30^{\circ} 15\frac{1}{4}' S.$, long. $30^{\circ} 46\frac{3}{4}' E.$

[Variation 24° Westerly in 1905.]

Further notice will be given when these alterations have been made.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Indian Ocean, No. 748a; Hondeklip Bay to Port Natal, No. 2095; Umtavuna River to Tugela River (with Plan of Aliwal Shoal), No. 2088. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1905, Nos. 27, 28, 29; Africa Pilot, Part III, 1897, page 171; and Supplement, 1900, page 10.

ERRATUM.—In Notice to Mariners No. 526 of 1905, page 2, in diagram, 14th signal, for " $21\frac{1}{2}$ or $49\frac{3}{4}$ " read " $21\frac{1}{2}$ or $47\frac{3}{4}$."

No. 551.—PACIFIC OCEAN.

Christmas Island, South-East Point—Beacon Erected.

Information has been received through the Board of Trade that an iron conical beacon, painted dark red, and surmounted by a pole, the top of which is 45 feet above the ground, and about 65 feet above high water, has been erected about one mile from the eastern extremity of the south-east point of Christmas Island.

Approximate position, lat. $1^{\circ} 41' 15'' N.$, long. $157^{\circ} 13' 15'' W.$

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Enderbury Island to Christmas Island, No. 3045; Plan of Christmas Island on Chart No. 2867. Also, Pacific Islands, Vol. III, 1900, page 181; and Supplement, 1903, page 12.

By command of their Lordships,

A. Mostyn Field, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London.
13th to 16th June, 1905.