

No. 2 will be placed S. 79° E., 3.75 cables from No. 1.

No. 7 will be placed S. 79° E., 9.9 cables from No. 1.

No. 3, 4, 5, 6 will be placed 1.25 cables apart between Nos. 2 and 7 buoys

No. 8 will be situated with Wootton Point bearing S. 4° E., and Lee-on-Solent Pier Light bearing N. 54° E., distant 17.75 cables.

No. 9 will be situated with Lee-on-Solent Pier Light bearing N. 34° E., distant 14 cables, and the south extreme of Stokes Bay Railway Pier bearing S. 73° E.

No. 13 will be placed S. 79° E., 7 cables from No. 9.

Nos. 10, 11, 12 will be placed 1.75 cables apart between Nos. 9 and 13.

LINE E.

No. 1, the western buoy, will be situated with Lee-on-Solent Pier Light bearing S. 27° E., distant 15.6 cables, and the south extreme of Stokes Bay Railway Pier bearing S. 77° E.

No. 5 will be placed S. 79° E., 7 cables from No. 1.

Nos. 2, 3, and 4 will be placed 1.75 cables apart between Nos. 1 and 5.

A can buoy, painted black and white chequered, will be placed in 5 fathoms of water off Brown-down Point, situated with—

(a) Lee-on-Solent Pier Light bearing N. 2° E. Lee Point Flagstaff bearing N. 48° E., 4.75 cables, Bay House, S. 74° E.

(b) Lights will be placed on the Eastern and Western buoys of the lines at night, during any nights that they may be in position before the arrival of the fleets. The lights will be white, visible about 1 mile.

The lights are not reliable as they may be extinguished, and bad weather may render it impossible for boats to go round and relight them.

17. Except between the hours of 9.30 A.M. and 11.30 A.M. on the 9th August, 1905, while His Majesty the King is reviewing the fleets, sailing yachts actually competing in the various yacht races of the Royal Yacht Squadron and the Royal London Yacht Club, will not be required to observe the regulations laid down for vessels passing between the columns of the fleets. They will be free to pass in any direction between the ships of war.

To lessen the chances of collision, lookout men will be stationed in the ships of war to warn vessels passing up or down between the columns when yachts are about to cross their course. Vessels passing between the columns must be prepared for yachts coming from behind the ships of war and crossing their course, they must stop or stop and go astern if hailed to do so by megaphone from the ships of war.

NOTE.—Nothing in this Notice is to be construed as absolving vessels from closely observing the provisions of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

Regulations Concerning Portsmouth Harbour and its Approaches.

1. Between the hours of noon and 4 P.M., on the 9th of August, 1905, a large number of ships of war will be entering Portsmouth Harbour.

2. When three guns are fired in quick succession by His Majesty's ship "Victory," and the "Pilot Jack" is hoisted by His Majesty's ships in the port, vessels will be prohibited from proceeding inwards or outwards or from moving about in the port.

The following vessels are exempted from this

rule, but must exercise care not to obstruct the ships of war:—

a. The regular steamers plying to Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station Pier, Victoria Pier, and Clarence Pier, according to the companies' usual time tables, but not extra steamers or excursion steamers put on for the occasion of the review.

b. The steam launches plying between Portsea Pontoon and Gosport Hardway. The steam launches plying between Portsmouth Point and Gosport Hardway.

c. The steam launches plying between Gosport Hardway or Portsea Pontoon and the Victoria and Clarence Piers.

d. Rowing boats and steam launches under 60 feet long.

3. Portsmouth Harbour Channel and Portsmouth Harbour will be patrolled from a line joining the Outer Spit and Horse Sand buoys inwards as far as a line drawn East and West through No. 14 buoy. The fairway must be kept clear, and the orders of the Water Police and of the Officers in charge of patrol boats must be obeyed. The patrol boats will carry a white ensign at the stern and a red flag in the bows.

4. When the harbour and its approaches are again open for traffic and the restrictions are removed, His Majesty's ship "Victory" will fire three guns in succession, and His Majesty's ships in the port will haul down the "Pilot Jack."

5. The ships of war will leave Portsmouth Harbour on the 14th August, 1905; should it be necessary to close the harbour while they are going out, the same signals will be made and the above regulations will be again observed.

[Variation 16° Westerly in 1905.]

No. 717.—CHINA SEA—GASPAR STRAIT.

Pare Joie Reef—Position of.

The United States Government has given notice, dated 8th July, 1905, that the Captain of the American steamship "Mississippi" reports that on 10th May his vessel passed a coral reef awash in the northern approach to Gaspar Strait, in approximately lat. 2° 19' S., long. 107° 08' E.

The position of this reported danger is about 3 miles eastward of the position assigned to the rock on which the ship "Pare Joie" struck in 1870, and remained 24 hours in a position from which Gaspar Island bore S. ½ E., distant 5 miles. The report from that vessel also stated that she was 4½ miles eastward of the rock marked E.D., situated on the Chart in lat. 2° 19½' S., long. 107° 3' E., or about 3 miles eastward from that given by the bearing, and in that now reported by the Mississippi.

The first position of the "Pare Joie" and the E.D. position were unsuccessfully searched for by H.N.M. surveying-vessel "Hydrograaf" in 1876.

It is quite possible that the three positions which lie in the same latitude, and nearly 3 miles apart from each other, may be one and the same shoal, and near the position assigned to it by the Mississippi, and where no soundings have yet been taken. Pare Joie Reef has therefore been transferred on the Chart to the position given by the Mississippi and the reef E.D. expunged.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1905.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Eastern Archipelago, No. 941a; Banka and Gaspar Straits, No. 2149; Gaspar Strait, No. 2137. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, page 461.