

Halong Bay, at a distance of $1\frac{1}{8}$ miles N. 87° W. from Norway Island Lighthouse.

Approximate position, lat. 20° 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' N., long. 107° 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' E.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1906.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Kua Lacht to Kao Tao Shan Island, No. 1965; Approaches to Port Courbet, No. 1169. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1899, page 437; and Supplement, 1901, page 15.

No. 189.—NEW ZEALAND—SOUTH ISLAND.

*Otago Harbour Entrance—Channel Closed
During Dredging.*

The Government of New Zealand has given notice, dated 15th December, 1905, that during the dredging of the flat to the southward of Harrington Point, Otago Harbour Entrance, mariners must only use the main channel when entering or leaving the harbour.

Approximate position, lat. 45° 48' S., long. 170° 44' E.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Otago Harbour, No. 2411. Also, New Zealand Pilot, 1901, page 295.

No. 190.—SUMATRA, WEST COAST—
KONINGINNE BAY APPROACH.

Pulo Pisang Light—Character Altered.

Emma Haven Light—Intended Alteration in.

With reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 92 of 1906:—

The Netherlands Government has given further notice, dated 16th February, 1906, that the character of Pulo Pisang Light has been altered from fixed to occulting every twelve seconds, thus:—light, six seconds; eclipse, six seconds, the red sector being discontinued; the light is produced by acetylene gas.

Approximate position, lat. 1° 0' S., long. 100° 20' E.

Also, that it is intended to discontinue the white sector in the light (fixed) exhibited from the breakwater head, Emma Haven.

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

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Acheh Head to Tyingkok, No. 2760; Ujong Masang to Ujong Indrapura, No. 709; Koninginne Bay, No. 212. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1906, Nos. 457, 460; China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, pages 299, 302; and Supplement, 1899, page 21.

No. 191.—UNITED STATES—PACIFIC COAST,
ALASKA.

Felice Strait—Rock Reported.

The United States Government has given notice, dated 6th January, 1906, that a rock, which dries at low water, and which is marked by kelp

during the summer months, having been reported to exist in mid-channel between Hotspur Island and Ajax Reef, in the approach to Tamgas Harbour, Felice Strait, mariners are recommended to use the buoyed channel to the northward of Wallace and Ajax Reefs, until the passage between Hotspur Island and Ajax Reef has been examined.

Approximate position, lat. 55° 0' N., long. 131° 30' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Port Simpson to Cross Sound, No. 2431; Port Simpson to Port Arthur, No. 2458; Plan of Tamgas Harbour on No. 3138. Also, Sailing Directions for Bering Sea and Alaska, 1898, pages 55, 57.

No. 192.—BALTIC, GERMANY—KIEL BAY.

*Fehmarn Sound—Wreck in Western Approach
Dispersed.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 17 of 1906:—

The German Government has given further notice, dated 17th February, 1906, that the wreck, which sank in the western approach to Fehmarn Sound, at a distance of 9 miles N. 68° W. from Flügge light has been dispersed, the green buoy which marked the position has consequently been withdrawn.

Approximate position on Chart No. 2117, lat. 54° 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' N., long. 10° 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' E.

[Variation 10° Westerly in 1906.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Lübeck and Fehmarn Belt, No. 2364; Kiel Bay, No. 2117. Also, Baltic Pilot, Part I, 1904, page 494.

No. 193.—NORTH SEA—GERMAN SHORE.

*Heligoland—Light and Bell Buoy Replaced by
Light-Buoy.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 925 of 1905:—

The German Government has given further notice, dated 17th February, 1906, that the black bell-buoy, showing a white occulting light, situated about 8 cables to the eastward of Sandinsel, will be replaced by a light-buoy exhibiting a white group flashing light showing groups of two flashes every twelve seconds, thus:—flash, one and a half seconds; eclipse, two and a half seconds; flash, one and a half seconds; eclipse, six and a half seconds.

Approximate position, lat. 54° 11' N., long. 7° 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' E.

[Variation 12° Westerly in 1906.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Elbe, Weser, and Jade Rivers, No. 1875; Eider River to Blaavand Point, No. 1887; Heligoland, No. 126. Also, North Sea Pilot, 1901, Part IV, page 195.

By command of their Lordships,

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Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,

24th to 27th February, 1906.