

the 9th a light-buoy, painted black and marked No. 3, which will exhibit a white occulting light every ten seconds, thus:—light, five seconds; eclipse, five seconds, will be moored in a depth of 13 fathoms at a distance of 2 cables N. 62° W. from the north-western extremity of the completed portion of the breakwater at Rockport in a position from which Straitsmouth lighthouse bears S. 16° E., distant 12½ cables, and Dodges Rock beacon S. 57° W.

Vessels must not pass to the eastward of this buoy, as the passage is blocked by the submerged portion of the breakwater constructing.

Approximate position, lat. 42° 40¼' N., long. 70° 36' W.

Also, that the black can buoys marked on the Admiralty Chart as Nos. 5 and 1, and situated respectively at the northern and north-western ends of the breakwater, have been withdrawn.

[Variation 14° Westerly in 1907.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Fletcher's Neck to Cape Cod, No. 2482; Boston Bay, No. 1227; Rockport Harbour, No. 2895. Also, Sailing Directions for the East Coast of the United States, 1899, page 254.

#### No. 737.—SEA OF AZOV—BERDIANSK APPROACH.

##### *Obitochna Spit—Beacon Disappeared.*

The Russian Government has given notice, dated 17th May, 1907, that the beacon on Obitochna Spit, on the northern shore of the sea of Azov, has disappeared.

Approximate position, lat. 46° 29¾' N., long. 36° 9¼' E.

Further notice will be given when this beacon is replaced.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Black Sea, No. 2214; Sea of Azov, No. 2234. Also, Sailing Directions for the Dardanelles, &c., 1900, page 276.

#### No. 738.—EGYPT.

##### *Suez Canal—Amended Regulations for Petroleum Vessels.*

The Suez Maritime Canal Company has published the following regulations for the transit of vessels laden with petroleum oil in bulk through the Suez Canal:—

1. Vessels having petroleum in bulk on board, when approaching the canal, or the ports at either end, must display at the mizen a red flag over a ball by day, and three lights, a white light beneath two red lights, by night. These signals are to be displayed during the vessel's entire passage through the canal.

2. Before the vessel enters the canal, the Captain must sign, and give to the officials of the Company, one of the two undermentioned declarations:—

a. Declaration A. Stating that the ship's cargo is composed exclusively of petroleum oil having a flash point not below 23° Centigrade (73°·4 Fahrenheit).

b. Declaration B. Stating that the vessel contains product or by-products of petroleum, such as gasoline, benzine, &c., having a flash point below 23° Centigrade (73°·4 Fahrenheit).

Vessels which have cargoes as described in Declaration B must be towed by one of the Company's tugs through the canal during daylight only, navigation at night being prohibited.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Suez Canal, No. 233. Also, Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. II, 1905, page 356; Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Pilot, 1900, pages 53, 68; and Supplement, 1904, page 8.

#### No. 739.—EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO—MOLUCCA ARCHIPELAGO, TANIMBAR (TENIMBER) ISLANDS.

##### *Yamdena Island—Shoals Eastward of, Non-Existence of Islet.*

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 24th May, 1907, of the existence of two shoals, which dry at low water off the east coast of Yamdena Island, Tanimbar Islands, situated about 5½ miles S. 72° E. from Saluasa Point.

Approximate position, lat. 7° 25½' S., long. 131° 48' E.

Each of the above reefs, which are about 5 cables apart in a north-easterly and south-westerly direction, is about 7 cables long in a similar direction. P.D. has been placed against them on the chart.

Discoloured water was observed between them and the coast, but the islet shown on the chart as situated about 2 miles eastward from Saluasa Point was not seen, and has therefore been expunged from the Admiralty publications.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1907.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Australia, Northern Portion, No. 2759a; Eastern Archipelago, 942b. Also, Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1902, page 494; and Supplement, 1906, page 44.

#### No. 740.—SCOTLAND—EAST COAST.

##### *Buchan Ness Lighthouse—Alteration in Colour of.*

The Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses have given notice, dated 27th May, 1907, that during the summer Buchan Ness Lighthouse will be painted white with one broad red band to render it more distinctive in colour.

Approximate position, lat. 57° 28¼' N., long. 1° 46¼' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Publications:—Lists of Lights, Part I, 1907, No. 492; and North Sea Pilot, Part II, 1905, page 169.

#### No. 741.—NORTH SEA—RIVER ELBE.

##### *Hamburg—Boring Operations in Progress.*

The German Government has given notice dated 18th May, 1907, that from 20th May last boring operations in connection with a tunnel between St. Pauli and Steinwärder, Hamburg Harbour, would be commenced by two boring vessels, moored alongside each other, in an east and west direction. The boring vessels will be marked and lighted as follows:—

a. At a third of the length both from the head and stern of the boring vessels masts, surmounted