

that towards the end of February a light-buoy, exhibiting a white flashing light every six seconds (flash, two seconds; eclipse, four seconds), will be moored in a depth of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms, about one cable S.  $23^{\circ}$  E. from Scapa Skerry Head, Scapa Bay, in a position situated at a distance of 6 cables S.  $60^{\circ}$  W. from Scapa Pier Head.

Approximate position, lat.  $58^{\circ} 57'$  N., long.  $2^{\circ} 59'$  W.

[Variation  $19^{\circ}$  Westerly in 1908.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Orkney Islands, with plan of Scapa, No. 2180*b*; Dunbeath Harbour to Thurso Bay, No. 2181. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part I, 1903, page 194.

No. 53.—ITALY, WEST COAST—GULF OF NAPLES.

*Gaiola Rocks—Light Re-Exhibited on Buoy.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 1679 of 1907:—

The Italian Government has given further notice, dated 27th December, 1907, that repairs having been effected, the red fixed light has been re-established on the light-buoy marking Cavallara Shoal off Gaiola Rocks, Gulf of Naples.

Approximate position, lat.  $40^{\circ} 47'$  N., long.  $14^{\circ} 11'$  E.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Gulf of Naples, No. 1728. Also, Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. II, 1905, page 255.

No. 54.—MEDITERRANEAN, EGYPT—  
ALEXANDRIA HARBOUR.

*Great Pass—Open.*

*Boghaz Pass—Closed at Night.*

The Egyptian Government has given notice, dated 24th December, 1907, that on 30th December the Great Pass into Alexandria Harbour will be open to navigation.

On the same date the Boghaz Pass will be closed for night traffic. The Mex Low Lights (two red fixed) and the occulting light on the beacon on the eastern side of the entrance to the pass will be discontinued in consequence.

Approximate position, Mex Low Light, at.  $31^{\circ} 9\frac{1}{4}'$  N., long.  $29^{\circ} 50\frac{1}{2}'$  E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Alexandria Harbour, No. 3119, with Sketch of Mex Lights; Port of Alexandria, No. 243; Alexandria to Port Said, No. 2630; Ras Boulau to Alexandria, No. 374. Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1907, Nos 1471, 1469; and Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. II, 1905, pages 343, 339.

No. 55.—THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—  
MINDANAO, NORTH - EAST COAST,  
GUNTUAN PASSAGE.

*Rasa—Light Established.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 1616 of 1907:—

The United States Government has given

further notice, dated 21st December, 1907, that a red fixed lantern light, elevated 10 feet above high water, and visible from a distance of 7 miles from the bearing of S.  $54^{\circ}$  W., through west and north, to S.  $35^{\circ}$  E., has been established on a concrete pedestal erected on the reef extended southward from an island named Rasa, Guntuan Passage, north-eastern coast of Mindanao.

Approximate position, lat.  $9^{\circ} 48'$  N., long.  $125^{\circ} 34\frac{3}{4}'$  E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Sulu or Mindoro Sea, No. 2578. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1907, page 113; and Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1902, pages 305, 307.

No. 56.—THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—  
LUZON, EAST COAST.

*San Miguel Bay—Buoy Established.*

The United States Government has given notice, dated 21st December, 1907, that a red spar buoy has been moored in a depth of 3 fathoms to mark the anchorage of Bicol River in San Miguel Bay, in a position situated about 6 miles to the westward of Kahuit Island, in approximately lat.  $13^{\circ} 49' 30''$  N., long.  $123^{\circ} 7' 30''$  E.

Anchorage in from 3 to 4 fathoms is to the northward of this buoy.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—St. Bernardino and Mindoro Sea, No. 2577. Also, Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1902, page 376.

No. 57.—UNITED STATES, ATLANTIC  
COAST—VIRGINIA.

*Chesapeake Bay Approach—Experimental Light and Whistle Buoy Withdrawn.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 1429 of 1906:—

The United States Government has given further notice, dated 27th December, 1907, that, on 9th January, 1908, the light and whistle buoy, painted red, exhibiting a white occulting light every ten seconds, moored for experiment at a distance of about  $8\frac{1}{2}$  miles S.  $61^{\circ}$  E. from Cape Henry Lighthouse in the entrance to Chesapeake Bay would be withdrawn.

Approximate position, lat.  $36^{\circ} 52\frac{1}{4}'$  N., long.  $75^{\circ} 50\frac{3}{4}'$  W.

[Variation  $5^{\circ}$  Westerly in 1908.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Chesapeake Bay, Nos. 355*a* and 2843*a*; Great Egg Harbour to Albemarle Sound, No. 266. Also, Sailing Directions for the East Coast of the United States, 1899, page 592; and Supplement, 1902.

By command of their Lordships,

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6th to 9th January, 1908.