

Description.—A barge named William and Alice.

Remarks.—A watch-vessel has been placed to the northward of the wreck.

Caution.—Mariners should give the watch-vessel a good berth.

Chart temporarily affected.—No. 1951, Liverpool Bay.

Publication.—Sailing Directions for the West Coast of England, 1902, pages 364, 487.

Authority.—Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Notice, 4th May, 1908.

No. 704.—SCOTLAND, WEST COAST—RIVER CLYDE.

*Dumbarton Approach—Buoy Replaced by a Light-Buoy.*

Particulars.—On 11th May, 1908, Conical Buoy No. 8, in the approach to Dumbarton, will be replaced by a light-buoy of the undermentioned description:—

Position.—Lat.  $55^{\circ} 56\frac{1}{2}'$  N., long.  $4^{\circ} 35\frac{1}{2}'$  W.

Description.—A light-buoy marked "Helenslee," showing a white occulting light every six seconds, thus:—Light, 4 seconds; eclipse, 2 seconds.

Chart affected.—No. 2006, River Clyde.

Publication.—Sailing Directions for the West Coast of Scotland, 1902, page 74.

Authority.—Clyde Notice, 29th April, 1908.

No. 705.—ADRIATIC—CROATIA.

*Ostro Point Light—Normal Character Resumed.*

Particulars.—Repairs having been effected, the normal character of the light on Ostro Point in the approach to Porto Re has been resumed, as given below.

Position.—Lat.  $45^{\circ} 16\frac{1}{2}'$  N., long.  $14^{\circ} 34'$  E.

Character.—White fixed and flashing every three minutes, and as described in the Admiralty List of Lights, Part V, 1908, No. 716.

Chart affected.—No. 2711, Gulf of Quarnero, with plan of Buccari Bay.

Publications.—List of Lights, Part V, 1908, No. 716; Mediterranean Pilot, Part III, 1899, page 162; Notice to Mariners No. 341 of 1908.

Authority.—Pola Notice, No. 386 of 1908.

No. 706.—CHINA SEA—TONG KING GULF.

*Halong Bay—Rocks and Bank in Southern Approach.*

Particulars.—The undermentioned rocks and bank exist in the southern approach to Halong Bay, as follows:—

1. Rocks.

a. Position.—Lat.  $20^{\circ} 47' 15''$  N., long.  $107^{\circ} 5' 35''$  E.

Depth.—2 fathoms.

b. Position.—Lat.  $20^{\circ} 44' 35''$  N., long.  $107^{\circ} 3' 20''$  E.

Depth.—Awash at low water.

No. 28137.

c. Position.—Situated at a distance of  $5\frac{3}{10}$  cables S.  $36^{\circ}$  E. from Quille Islet (Ninepin Rock); lat.  $20^{\circ} 41' 5''$  N., long.  $107^{\circ} 2' 10''$  E.

Depth.— $3\frac{1}{4}$  fathoms.

Remarks.—This rock forms part of a rocky plateau, having general depths of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms over it; the plateau extends about half a cable to the eastward, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cables north-westward from the rock.

2. Bank.

Position.—Situated at a distance of 4 cables S.  $62^{\circ}$  W. from Ta Lao Pai (Offing Rock); lat.  $20^{\circ} 39' 20''$  N., long.  $107^{\circ} 3' 35''$  E.

Depth.— $6\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms.

Variation.— $1^{\circ}$  E.

Charts affected.—No. 1169, Approaches to Port Courbet; No. 1965, Kua Lacht to Kao Tao Shan Islands.

Publication.—China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1906, pages 481, 482.

Authority.—Paris Notice, No. 642 of 1908.

No. 707.—AFRICA—SOUTH-EAST COAST.

*Delagoa Bay and Approaches—Buoys Withdrawn, Beacons Erected.*

Particulars.—The undermentioned buoys have been withdrawn and beacons erected in Delagoa Bay and its approaches, as follows:—

1. Buoys withdrawn.

a. The two black buoys in Polana Channel.

Former positions.— $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles east, and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles S.  $81^{\circ}$  E., respectively from Reuben Point Light; Reuben Point Light, lat.  $25^{\circ} 58\frac{3}{4}'$  S., long.  $32^{\circ} 36'$  E.

b. Hope Channel.

Former position.— $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles N.  $80^{\circ}$  E. from Cockburn Shoal Beacon Light.

Description.—Black conical buoy with conical topmark.

2. Beacons erected.

a. Cape Inyack.

Position.—On Inyack Hill (385 feet)  $1\frac{3}{10}$  miles south-westward of Inyack Lighthouse.

Clearing mark.—This beacon in line with Cape Inyack Lighthouse, clears Danae Reef to the westward.

b. On Long Bare Sand Ridge (290 feet).

Position.—Lat.  $25^{\circ} 23' 50''$  S., long.  $33^{\circ} 5' 35''$  E.

c. Limpopo River.

Position.—On a hill, about 453 feet high, on Western Bank, lat.  $25^{\circ} 9' 40''$  S., long.  $33^{\circ} 29' 30''$  E., on Chart No. 648.

Description of beacons.—The above white masonry conical beacons, with cylindrical topmarks, elevated 16 feet above the ground.

Variation.— $20^{\circ}$  W.

Charts affected.—No. 644, Delagoa Bay; No. 646, English River; No. 2089, Tugela River to Delagoa Bay; No. 648, Delagoa Bay to Zambezi.

Publications.—Africa Pilot, Part III, 1905, pages 199, 193, 198, 190, 207, 209; Notice to Mariners No. 49 of 1907.

Authority.—Lisbon Notice, No. 9 of 1908.