

No. 569.—MEDITERRANEAN, CAPE, EAST INDIES, CHINA, AND AUSTRALIA STATIONS.

MEDITERRANEAN—ALEXANDRIA.

Boghaz Pass—Destruction of El Kot Beacon and Intended Buoy.

INFORMATION has been published in the Shipping and Mercantile Gazette, dated 31st October, 1893, that the beacon marking El Kot Rock has been broken off, and is consequently no longer available as a leading mark for the Boghaz Pass. A buoy will be placed to mark the west side of the rock.

Approximate position, lat. 31° 10' 15" N., long. 29° 49' 20" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Ras Bulaou to Alexandria, No. 374; Port of Alexandria, No. 243. Also, Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. II, 1885, page 266; and Supplement, 1891, relating to Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. II, pages 19, 20.

No. 570.—ALL STATIONS.

ENGLAND—S.E. COAST.—THE DOWNS.

Gull Stream—Shoal South-eastward of North Brake.

THE Trinity House, London, has given notice, dated 28th October, 1893, of the existence of a shoal, one cable in length north-west and south-east and three-quarters of a cable in breadth with a least depth of 15 feet and general depths of 18 to 24 feet on it at low water springs, lying on the western side of the northern entrance to the Gull Stream.

The depth of 15 feet is situated near the centre of the shoal, with North Foreland Lighthouse bearing N. $\frac{3}{4}$ W. (N. 9° W.), distant four miles; and St. Peter's Church, Sandwich, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. (S. 84° W.).

Approximate position, lat. 51° 18' 50" N., long. 1° 29' 35" E.

[Variation 16° Westerly in 1893.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Dungeness to the Thames, No. 1895; the Downs, No. 1828. Also, Channel Pilot, Part I, 1893, pages 353, 358.

No. 571.—CHINA SEA.

CHINA SEA—FORMOSA.

Tamsui—Intended Alterations in Bar Signals.

THE Chinese Government has given notice, that on 1st December, 1893, the following signals will be substituted for those now shown to indicate the depth on the bar at Tamsui, north coast of Formosa:—

Depth of water on bar.	North yardarm.	South yardarm.
10 feet... ..	●	
11 feet... ..	●	●
12 feet... ..	●	
13 feet... ..	●	●
14 feet... ..	●	●
15 feet... ..	●	●

Half feet will be shown by a ball half way out on the north yardarm.

Rising tide will be shown by a ball at the mast-head.

The symbols will be painted white and hoisted at the Custom House flagstaff.

Flag signals by the International Code will be answered at the Custom House flagstaff.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Harbours in Formosa, with Plan of Tamsui, No. 2376. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1884, page 296; and Revised Supplement, 1891, relating to China Sea Directory, Vol. III, pages 23, 24.

No. 572.—CHINA AND AUSTRALIA STATIONS.

EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.—PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Mindanao—Shoal in Illana Bay.

THE Spanish Government has given notice, dated 19th October, 1893, that the gun-vessel "Pampanga" reports the existence of a shoal, a cable in length north and south, and a quarter of a cable broad, with a least depth of 6 feet on it and general depths of 3 to 10 fathoms, sand and rock bottom, situated in the northern part of Illana Bay:—

From the least depth, lying in the centre of the shoal, Kalibon Point bears N. by E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. (N 13° E.), distant 8 miles; and Point Semaruga E. by N. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. (N. 77° E.).

Approximate position on Chart No. 2578, lat. 7° 40' N., long. 123° 30' E.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1893.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Philippine Islands, No. 943; eastern part of the Sulu or Mindoro Sea, No. 2578. Also, Eastern Archipelago, Part I, page 358.

No. 573.

NORWAY—NORTH-WEST COAST. KVØNANGEN FIORD.

Amended Position of Jason Rock.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 596 (5) of 1890:—

Information has been received from the Norwegian Government, dated 31st October, 1893, that Jason Rock has a depth of 3 feet on it at low water, and lies with Trolldind 810 feet summit bearing W. $\frac{3}{4}$ S. (S. 86° W.), distant 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles; and Hukö north-east extreme S.S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. (S. 28° E.); or about 1 mile S.S.W. of its previously reported position.

Approximate position, lat. 70° 4' 5" N., long. 21° 14' E.

[Variation 5° Westerly in 1893.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Helgö to Sorö, No. 2314. Also, Norway Pilot, Part II, 1880, page 395.

No. 574.—CHINA, AUSTRALIA, AND PACIFIC STATIONS.

BERING SEA.—PRIBILOFF ISLANDS.

Foul Ground North-westward of Otter Island.

THE United States Government has given notice, dated 21st October, 1893, of the existence of a reef, extending about half a mile northward and westward of Otter Island. Broken water, with rocks showing above water at intervals, was observed to stretch fully half a mile to the westward.

Approximate position, Otter Island, lat. 57° 3' N., long. 179° 26' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Anchorages in Alaska, with Plan of Pribiloff Islands, No. 1454.

By command of their Lordships,

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7th to 10th November, 1893.