

has been placed on the Admiralty Charts, in the above position.

[Variation 29° Westerly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Iceland, &c., No. 2740; Iceland, Eastern Portion, No. 566.

No. 479.—SOCIETY ISLANDS.

*Tahiti—Removal of Beacon in Papieté Pass.*

THE French Government has given notice, dated 18th August, 1896, that owing to the progress of works for deepening and widening the channel through Papieté Pass, the black beacon with cylindrical topmark, previously marking the 12 feet patch on the eastern side of the pass, has been removed.

Approximate position, lat. 17° 31' 30" S., long. 149° 34' 30" W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Plan:—Papieté Pass to Papenu Pass, No. 1158. Also, Sailing Directions for the Pacific Islands, Vol. II, 1891, page 300; and Hydrographic Notice, No. 7 of 1895, relating to that work, page 14.

No. 480.—NORWAY—NORTH COAST.

*Havø Sund—Not Navigable.*

INFORMATION has been received from Commodore G. L. Atkinson, Her Majesty's ship "Active," dated 3rd August, 1896, that the Harbour Master at Hammerfest reports that Havø Sund has silted up, and is almost dry at low water, being only navigable by boats when the tide suits.

The track through this Sound has therefore been erased from the Admiralty Chart.

Approximate position, Havø Lighthouse, lat. 70° 59½' N., long. 24° 39½' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Sörö to the North Cape, No. 2315. Also, Norway Pilot, Part II, 1894, page 520.

No. 481.—BLACK SEA.

(1.) *Sunken Wreck South-Westward of Tendra Lighthouse.*

THE Russian Government has given notice, dated 27th July, 1896, that a vessel lies sunk, with masts showing above water, in a depth of 10 fathoms, and a position with Tendra Lighthouse bearing N. 47° E., distant 7¼ miles.

Approximate position, lat. 46° 14' N., long. 31° 24' E.

(2.) *Tuslinski Light-vessel temporarily replaced by Buoys.*

Also, dated 15th August, 1896, that Tuslinski Light-vessel (two fixed white lights) has been temporarily withdrawn, and replaced by two black spar buoys, each surmounted by a flag.

Approximate position, lat. 45° 15' N., long. 36° 29' E.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Odessa to Sevastopol, No. 2232 (1); Cape Kaliakra to Odessa, No. 2231 (1); Southern Approach to Kherson Bay, No. 2380 (1); Sevastopol to Kertch Strait, No. 2233 (2); Sea of Azov, No. 2234 (2); Kertch Strait, No. 2205 (2). Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1896, No. 965; and Sailing Directions for Dardanelles, Sea of Marmara, &c.; 1893, pages 232, 268.

No. 482.—FRANCE—WEST COAST.

*Rochefort Approach—Prohibited Anchorage in Rade de l'Île d'Aix.*

THE French Government has given notice, dated 16th August, 1896, that anchorage is pro-

hibited in the Rade de l'Île d'Aix, within the undermentioned limits:—

To the eastward of La Longe du Boyard, southward of a line running N. 74° W. from Pointe du Parc, the north-western point of Île d'Aix; and northward of a line from Pointe Ste. Catherine to Fort Boyard.

Approximate position, Fort Boyard, lat. 45° 59' 55" N., long. 1° 12' 40" W.

[Variation 16° Westerly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Pertuis d'Antioche, environs de la Rochelle, &c., No. 2745. Also, Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, Spain, and Portugal, 1891, page 111.

No. 483.—SPAIN—SOUTH-WEST COAST.

*Terron Bar—Leading Lights Useless for Navigation.*

THE Spanish Government has given notice, dated 13th August, 1896, that, in a recent survey of the Terron Bar, it was found that, owing to the shifting of the bar, the leading lights, (white and red) in line, are not to be used, until they have been altered in position, of which due notice will be given.

Approximate position, lat. 37° 12¾' N., long. 7° 6¾' W.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Cape St. Vincent to the Strait of Gibraltar, No. 92. Also, List of Lights, Part IV, 1896, No. 482; and Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, Spain, and Portugal, 1891, page 303.

No. 484.—GULF OF BOTHNIA.

*South Quarken—Buoyage of Märkallen.*

INFORMATION has been received from the Russian Government, dated 17th August, 1896, that the buoy near Märkallen is not a bell buoy, but a spar buoy, painted black and white, and surmounted by two black brooms, turned together.

This shoal will probably be marked in the year 1897 by a bell buoy, as previously.

Approximate position, lat. 60° 19' 25" N., long. 19° 7' 15" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulf of Bothnia, No. 2252; South Quarken to Hornslandet, No. 2296; Hango Hd. to South Quarken, No. 2297. Also, Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1888, page 140; and Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896 (now in the Press), page 169.

No. 485.—AFRICA—EAST COAST.

*Delagoa Bay—Examination of Danae Reef.*

INFORMATION has been received from the Commander-in-Chief on the Cape of Good Hope and West Coast of Africa Station, dated 4th August, 1896, that an examination of Danae Reef has recently been made by Lieutenant and Commander F. G. T. Cole, Her Majesty's ship "Sparrow," with the undermentioned result:—

Coral patches, with depths of 17 to 27 feet on them, also one East of 13 feet, and 6 to 8 fathoms around, were found in an area extending N. by E. and S. by W., about 6 cables in length, and 2 cables broad.

From the 13 feet depth, which is about in the centre of the shoal, Cape Inyack Lighthouse, bears S. 63° W., distant 5½ miles.

Approximate position, latitude 25° 54' 30" S., longitude 33° 3' 20" E.

[Variation 23° Westerly in 1896.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Indian Ocean, southern portion, No. 748a; Delagoa Bay to River Zambesi, No. 648;