

No. 384.—GULF OF BOTHNIA—RUSSIAN SHORE.

*Alteration in Position of Relanders Grund Light-vessel.*

THE Russian Government has given notice, that on 22nd May, 1897, Relanders Grund Light-vessel (fixed red light, &c.) was moved about one mile, W.S.W., owing to the recent discovery of shoals in the vicinity, and is now moored in approximately lat.  $61^{\circ} 6' 45''$  N., long.  $21^{\circ} 6' 45''$  E. [Variation  $6^{\circ}$  Westerly in 1897.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulf of Bothnia, No. 2252; Nystad Light to Stor Fiård, No. 2298. Also, List of Lights, Part III, 1897, No. 541; and Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896, page 413

No. 385.—DOVER STRAIT.

*Sunken Wreck on the Ridge (Le Colbart).*

INFORMATION has been received, dated 21st June, 1897, that the wreck of a British steam-vessel, timber laden, lies sunk, after collision, with the lower masts only showing at low water, in a depth of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms, near the south-west end of the Ridge (Le Colbart).

Approximate position, lat.  $50^{\circ} 51'$  N., long.  $1^{\circ} 18'$  E.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—English Channel, Nos. 1598, 2675c; Dover Strait, &c., No. 1895. Also, Channel Pilot, Part I, 1893, page 344; Part II, 1888, page 515.

No. 386.—UNITED STATES—NEW JERSEY

*North-East End Light-vessel to be Temporarily Replaced by Whistle Buoy.*

THE United States Government has given notice that, on 16th July, 1897, North-East End Light-vessel (fixed red and white lights) will be withdrawn for repairs, and replaced by a whistle buoy, painted red.

Approximate position, lat.  $38^{\circ} 58'$  N., long.  $74^{\circ} 30'$  W.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Halifax to the Delaware, No. 2670; Great Egg Harbour to Albemarle Sound, No. 266; Delaware River, Sheet I, No. 2563. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1897, No. 723; and Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports on the East Coast of the United States, 1882, page 144.

No. 387.—FRANCE—NORTH COAST.

*Intended Alteration in Walde Point Light.*

THE French Government has given notice that Walde Point Light will shortly be altered from a red and white alternating light to a dioptric group-flashing white light, showing three flashes in quick succession in each group.

The period of the light will vary from five to ten seconds, but the proportion of time occupied by the eclipses in each group will always be one-third of the time occupied by the eclipse between each group.

The light will be elevated 36 feet above high water, as before, illuminating power 60 becs carcel (600 candles), and visible in clear weather from a distance of eleven miles.

Further notice will be given when the alteration is carried out, and in the mean time the new light will occasionally be shown experimentally.

Approximate position, lat.  $50^{\circ} 59' 40''$  N., long.  $1^{\circ} 55' 5''$  E.

NOTE.—As this light will not be constantly watched, it should not be implicitly relied on.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—English Channel, Nos. 1598, 2675c; Dover and Calais to Orfordness and Scheveningen, No. 1406; Calais to the River Schelde Entrance, No. 1872. Also, List of Lights, 1897, Part II, No. 5; Part IV, No. 11; North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1892, page 60; and Channel Pilot, Part II, 1888, page 544.

No. 388.—PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—PANAY ISLAND.

*Port Ilo Ilo—Alteration in Light.*

INFORMATION has been received, dated 6th April, 1897, that a new light has been exhibited from a structure attached to the keeper's dwelling, recently erected on the site of the old lighthouse, Ilo Ilo:—

Ilo Ilo new light is a fixed red light, visible from S.  $10^{\circ}$  E., through south and west, to N.  $25^{\circ}$  E.; and from N.  $34^{\circ}$  E. to N.  $49^{\circ}$  E.; and obscured in other directions. It is elevated 25 feet above high water, 24 feet above the ground, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 6 miles.

Approximate position, lat.  $10^{\circ} 41' 50''$  N., long.  $122^{\circ} 35' 25''$  E.

[Variation  $1^{\circ}$  Easterly in 1897.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Plan:—Port Ilo Ilo, on Sheet No. 2391. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1897, No. 364; and Sailing Directions for the Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1890, page 217.

No. 389.—GULF OF MEXICO.

(1.) *Cedar Cays—Turning Point Buoy withdrawn.*

THE United States Government has given notice, dated May, 1897, that Turning Point Buoy (red nun, No. 8), previously moored in a position N.E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E., distant 6 cables, from Sea Horse Cay Lighthouse, Cedar Cays, has been withdrawn.

Approximate position, lat.  $29^{\circ} 6' 10''$  N., long.  $83^{\circ} 3' 30''$  W.

(2.) *Chandeleur Sound—No. 1 North Buoy withdrawn.*

Also, that North Buoy (black can, No. 1), previously moored in a position N. by W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  W., distant about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles, from Chandeleur Islands Lighthouse, has disappeared and will not be replaced.

Approximate position, lat.  $30^{\circ} 5\frac{1}{2}'$  N., long.  $88^{\circ} 52\frac{3}{4}'$  W.

[Variation  $1, 5^{\circ}; 2, 5^{\circ}$ , Easterly in 1897.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Cedar Cays and Approaches, No. 2893 (1); Cape San Blas to Vermilion Bay, No. 1467 (2); Mississippi Sound and Mobile Bay, No. 2853 (2). Also, West India Pilot, Vol. I, 1893, pages 558, 533.

No. 390.—PORTUGAL—WEST COAST.

*Non-existence of Orestes Rock.*

ORESTES Rock, on which His Majesty's ship "Orestes" was reported to have struck in 1833, was considered to lie  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles off shore westward of Villa de Conde, the information given being very vague. It was placed on the charts at the time in lat.  $41^{\circ} 19'$  N., long.  $8^{\circ} 50'$  W.

The following information, relating to unsuccessful searches for this rock, has been received from the Portuguese Government:—

The danger has never since been seen, and the locality has been recently examined twice by Portuguese surveying officers, when regular soundings of 21 fathoms inshore to 27 fathoms offshore were found, generally over a sandy bottom, with boulders