

here and there, but no indication of a sunken rock.

The fishermen in the vicinity also declare that there is no danger in the position assigned to Orestes Rock.

Orestes Rock has consequently been expunged from the Admiralty Charts.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—British Islands to Mediterranean Sea, No. 1; Cape Finisterre to Cape St. Vincent, No. 87. Also, Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, Spain, and Portugal, 1891, page 336.

No. 391.—BRITISH COLUMBIA.

(1.) *Burrard Inlet—Beacons on South Shore of First Narrows.*

THE Government of the Dominion of Canada has given notice, dated 14th June, 1897, that the undermentioned beacons have been erected on the south shore of First Narrows to enable vessels to avoid Parthia Shoal:—

a. Two white masts, each 30 feet high, on Brocton Point; the front mast in a position about S. 56° W., distant about one-fifth of a cable from Brocton Point Lighthouse; the rear mast bearing S. 72° E., distant 195 feet from the front mast.

Approximate position, front mast, latitude 49° 17' 45" N., longitude 123° 6' 55" W.

b. Two white masts, each 20 feet high and surmounted by a drum, on the shore southward of Parthia Shoal; the eastern mast in a position bearing about S. 63° W., distant $2\frac{1}{2}$ cables, from Brocton Point Lighthouse; the western mast about S. 80° W., distant $5\frac{2}{3}$ cables, from that lighthouse.

NOTE.—The beacons (a) in line, bearing S. 72° E., lead in a least depth of $5\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms southward of Parthia Shoal, from a position with one of the (b) beacons abeam or bearing about S. 18° W. until the other (b) beacon is abeam.

(2.) *Nanaimo Harbour—Beacon Rock Buoy Replaced by Beacon.*

Also, that a beacon of masonry, 14 feet high, surmounted by a staff and lattice-work ball, the whole painted black and showing 10 feet above high water, has been erected on Beacon Rock, Nanaimo, in lieu of the black buoy, previously marking that rock.

Approximate position, lat. 49° 10' 25" N., long. 123° 56' 30" W.

(3.) *Northumberland Channel—Beacons and Buoys in False Narrows.*

Also, that the channel in False Narrows has been marked by 3 single pile beacons, one spar buoy, painted red, and two spar buoys, painted black.

Approximate position, lat. 49° 8' N., long. 123° 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' W.

NOTE.—This channel is dangerous and intricate, and should not be attempted by anyone not thoroughly acquainted with the locality. The depth in the channel marked is about 3 fathoms at high water.

(4.) *Stuart Channel—Sunken Rock Eastward of Yellow Point.*

Also of the existence of a rock, nearly awash at low water springs with a depth of 10 fathoms half a cable eastward, about 2 cables eastward of Yellow Point, in a position with White Rock Centre bearing E. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N., distant $13\frac{8}{10}$ cables.

Approximate position, lat. 49° 2' 45" N., long. 123° 44' 15" W.

[Variation 23° Easterly in 1897.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty

Charts:—Plan of Vancouver Harbour on Sheet No. 922 (1); Nanaimo Harbour, No. 573 (2); Fraser River to N.E. Point of Texada Island, No. 579 (3, 4); Oyster and Telegraph Harbours, No. 714 (4). Also, British Columbia Pilot, 1888, pages 138, 139, 145, 144, 94, 77; and Supplement, 1895, relating to that work, page 18.

No. 392.—ICELAND—SOUTH-WEST COAST.

Intended Alteration in Reykjanes Light.

THE Danish Government has given notice that on 1st August, 1897, Reykjanes Light will be altered from fixed white to a fourth order, dioptric, group-flashing white light with a period of thirty seconds, thus:—flash, about one second; eclipse, about four seconds; flash, about one second; eclipse, about twenty-four seconds.

It will be elevated, as before, 180 feet above high water, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 19 miles.

Approximate position, lat. 63° 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' N., long. 22° 42' W.

The period of exhibition will be as before, viz.:—Annually from 1st August to 15th May.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Iceland and the Færoe Islands, No. 2740; Iceland, western portion, No. 565; Portland to Sneffells Jokel, No. 2733. Also, List of Lights, Part II, 1897, No. 689.

No. 393.—MEDITERRANEAN—CRETE.

Re-exhibition of Lights at Cape St. John.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 160 of 1897:—

The Ottoman Government has given further notice, dated 24th June, 1897, that the lights at Cape St. John (Spinalonga), two fixed white, other particulars as given at No. 846, List of Lights, Part V, 1897, have been re-exhibited.

Approximate position, lat. 35° 20' 20" N., long. 25° 47' 0" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Mediterranean, Nos. 449, 2158b; Grecian Archipelago, No. 2836a; Candia or Crete, No. 2536b. Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1897, No. 846; and Mediterranean Pilot, Part IV, 1892, page 352.

No. 394.—SCOTLAND—FIRTH OF FORTH.

Burntisland Harbour—Temporary Lights.

THE Burntisland Harbour Commissioners have given notice that, on 10th July, 1897, the undermentioned lights would be exhibited at Burntisland, and would continue to be shown during the progress of the new dock works:—

1. A fixed green light from the outer end of the staging or works of the new west breakwater, to be moved seaward as the works progress.

2. Two fixed red lights, placed vertically 6 feet apart from the outer end of the new East Pier or sea wall works or staging, to be moved seaward as the works progress.

Approximate position, lat. 56° 3' 20" N., long. 3° 14' W.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—St. Abbs Head to Aberdeen, No. 1407; Firth of Forth, Nos. 114a, 114b; Plan of Head of Firth of Forth on No. 2397a. Also, List of Lights, Part I, 1897, page 78; and North Sea Pilot, Part II, 1895, page 264.

No. 395.—UNITED STATES—NEW JERSEY.

Delaware River—Alteration in Period of Ship John Shoal Light.

THE United States Government has given