

b. La Vieille, now fixed with red, white, and green sectors, will be altered to an occulting light every five seconds (light, four seconds; eclipse, one second), showing white, red, and green sectors as before, except between the bearings of N. 44° W., and N. 52° W., where it will show white fixed.

Approximate position, lat. 48° 2' 25" N., long. 4° 45' 20" W.

[Variation 18° Westerly in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—British Islands to Mediterranean Sea, No. 1; Bay of Biscay, No. 1104; Ile de Groix to Raz de Sein, No. 2645; Raz de Sein to Goulven, No. 2643; Anse de Benodet to Chaussée de Sein, No. 2351; Douarnez Bay and approach, No. 798. Also, List of Lights, Part IV, 1898, Nos. 267, 268; and Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, Spain, and Portugal, 1891, page 38.

No. 675.—AFRICA—EAST COAST.

Innambán River—Alteration in Buoyage.

THE Portuguese Government has given notice, dated 20th September, 1898, that the following buoys have been moored in Innambán River:—

1. A black spherical buoy in 7 fathoms at South Channel entrance, with Pedestal bearing S. 83° W., distant $5\frac{1}{10}$ miles, and Burra Lighthouse S. 3° W.

2. A black spherical buoy in 6 fathoms at the northern point of a sandbank, with Pedestal bearing S. 88° W., distant $1\frac{9}{10}$ miles, and Burra Lighthouse S. 22° E.

3. A black cylindrical buoy in $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms on the edge of the sandbank south-eastward of Linga Linga, with Pedestal bearing N. 13° E., distant $1\frac{7}{10}$ miles, and Burra Lighthouse S. 43° E.

4. A red spherical buoy in 3 fathoms on the east point of a small bank, with Pedestal bearing N. 27° E., distant $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and Burra Lighthouse S. 50° E.

5. A black cylindrical buoy in 2 fathoms on the western edge of a small sandbank, with Pedestal bearing N. 29° E., distant $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles, and Burra Lighthouse S. 52° E., or approximately in lat. 23° 43' 5" S., long. 35° 24' 55" E.

Land marks are also in course of erection.

NOTE.—It would appear from this that the bar has shifted and that it is not advisable to enter without previous examination if local knowledge is unattainable. It is not stated that the buoys now shown on the Chart have been removed, but it is presumed that they have been.

[Variation 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° Westerly in 1898.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Plan of Innambán River on sheet No. 650. Also, Africa Pilot, Part III, 1897, page 211.

No. 676.—BALTIC—KIEL BAY.

Stollergrund Light-Vessel Replaced.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 363 of 1896:—

The German Government has given notice, that on 21st October, 1898, the Stollergrund Light-vessel was replaced at her station at the entrance to Kiel Fiord, and the temporary light-vessel withdrawn. Stollergrund Light-vessel will exhibit the lights and give the signal in foggy weather as described in the Admiralty List of Lights, Part III, 1898, No. 210.

Also that the light-vessel is no longer a Pilot Station.

Approximate position, lat. 54° 30' 15" N., long. 10° 17' 0" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Kiel Bay, No. 2117; Kiel Fiord, No.

33. Also, List of Lights, Part III, 1898, No. 210; and Baltic Pilot, Part I, 1895, page 430.

No. 677.—UNITED STATES—MASSACHUSETTS.

Nantucket Shoals Light-vessel—Interval of Fog Signal Altered.

THE United States Government has given notice, dated 19th October, 1898, that the interval at which the fog whistle is sounded on board the Nantucket Shoals Light-vessel has been altered from one blast every minute to one blast of five seconds duration every half minute, thus:—blast, five seconds; silence, twenty-five seconds.

Approximate position, latitude 40° 37' N., longitude 69° 37' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Nantucket Island to Great Egg Harbour, No. 2480. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1898, No. 727; and Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports on the East Coast of the United States, 1882, page 69.

No. 678.—CHINA SEA—RHIO STRAIT APPROACHES.

Irene Rock—Non-existence of.

THE Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 26th October, 1898, that during a recent survey an unsuccessful search was made for the Irene Rock in the approaches to Rhio Strait; the area around its assigned position, for some miles, being sounded over without finding any indication of shoal water, and as moreover the masters of vessels trading between Linga and Singapore state that they have no knowledge of the existence of a rock hereabouts, and the original report has received no confirmation, this rock has therefore been erased from the Admiralty Charts.

Approximate position, lat. 0° 24' 15" N., long. 104° 8' 45" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—China Sea, No. 2660a; Eastern Archipelago, No. 941a; Banka Strait to Singapore, No. 2757; Channels between Sumatra and Linga, No. 1789; Rhio Strait, No. 2413. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, page 551.

No. 679.—BRITISH COLUMBIA.

(1) *Burrard Inlet, Prospect Point—Light Exhibited.*

THE Government of the Dominion of Canada has given notice that, on 1st October, 1898, a white fixed dioptric light of the 7th order was exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on Prospect Point, Burrard Inlet.

Prospect Point Light is elevated 28 feet above high water and visible in clear weather from a distance of 10 miles between the bearings of N. 64° E., through east and south, to N. 70° W., being obscured over the dangers on the south side of the channel.

It is shown from a square lantern surmounting a square wooden building, painted white, with red roof and lantern, and 31 feet high, situated under the bluff of the point.

A bell, which is suspended from a front gable of the lighthouse, will, during thick or foggy weather, be struck twice in quick succession every minute.

Approximate position, lat. 49° 18' 35" N., long. 123° 8' 30" W.

(2) *Queen Charlotte Sound, Egg Island—Light Exhibited.*

Also, that a white revolving catoptric light is exhibited from a lighthouse recently constructed on Egg Island, Queen Charlotte Sound.