

3. Selkämatala, is a rocky shoal about 130 yards long N.W. and S.E., and 80 yards wide, with a least depth over of $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms, which is situated with the south-east point of Teikar Sari bearing N. 53° W., distant $8\frac{3}{5}$ cables, and Tuporan Sari, east light, S. 61° W. It is marked by a spar buoy painted in white and red horizontal stripes, carrying a ball under a cross.

Approximate position, lat. $60^{\circ} 34\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $28^{\circ} 29\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

[Variation nil in 1900.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulf of Finland, No. 2191; Hogland to Seskar, No. 2247; Approaches to Viborg, No. 2826. Also, Baltic Pilot, Part II, 1896, page 325.

No. 515.—MALTA—VALLETTA HARBOUR.

Fort St. Elmo—Lloyd's Signal Station Transferred to.

INFORMATION has been received from Lloyd's that on and after 12th August, 1900, Lloyd's signal station would be transferred from the Palace Tower, Valletta, to Fort St. Elmo.

Pending the erection of the watch house and flagstaff in the fort, the signals will be made from a house to the southward of the fort, Lloyd's blue ensign indicating its position.

Approximate position, lat. $35^{\circ} 54'$ N., long. $14^{\circ} 31'$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Valletta Harbour, Nos. 195, 974. Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1900, No. 533; Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. I, 1894, page 336, and Supplement, 1898, page 14.

No. 516.—WEST INDIES—BAHAMAS—ANDROS ISLAND.

Fresh Creek Light—Re-Exhibited.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 613 of 1899:—

Further information has been received through the Board of Trade that, on 1st August, 1900, the light (white fixed) at Fresh Creek, Andros Island, would be re-exhibited, with the characteristics and particulars described in the Admiralty List of Lights, Part VIII, 1900, No. 1361.

Approximate position, lat. $24^{\circ} 43' 50''$ N., long. $77^{\circ} 47' 40''$ W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Great Bahama Bank, No. 1496. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1900, No. 1361; West India Pilot, Part II, 1899, page 584.

No. 517.—NORTH SEA.

Terschelling—Wreck Northward of.

THE Netherlands Government has given notice that, on 2nd August, 1900, a wreck with mastheads 5 feet above water, was reported to be lying sunk off the north coast of Terschelling, in approximately lat. $53^{\circ} 37'$ N., long. $5^{\circ} 26'$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Sea, Nos. 2339, 2182a; Scheveningen to Ameland, No. 2322. Also, North Sea, Part IV, 1892, page 167.

No. 518.—UNITED STATES—DELAWARE.

Salem Creek Light—Re-Exhibited.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 118 of 1898:—

The United States Government has given further notice that on or about 15th August, 1900, Salem Creek Light, Delaware River, would be re-exhibited.

Salem Creek Light is red fixed elevated 13 feet above high water, and is shown from a black

framework structure erected on a pyramidal base in a depth of $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet, situated with Finn Point front light bearing N. 28° W., distant $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and Reedy Point S. 77° W.

Approximate position, lat. $39^{\circ} 34\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $75^{\circ} 31\frac{1}{2}'$ W.

[Variation 7° Westerly in 1900.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Chesapeake Bay, No. 355b; Delaware River, No. 2564. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1900, No. 927; and Sailing Directions for the East Coast of the United States, 1899, page 568.

No. 519.—CEYLON—POINT DE GALLE HARBOUR.

Neptune Bastion—Lloyd's Signal Station Established.

THE Committee of Lloyd's have given notice, dated 1st July, 1900, that a signal station has been established at Neptune Bastion, Point de Galle Harbour, to which, any vessel requiring to be reported at night, should make the night signal of her line.

Vessels passing Point de Galle Harbour at night, and wishing to indicate that they are calling at Colombo, should show a red light aft in addition to the night signal.

Arrangements have also been made at this station for immediate delivery to vessels at night, weather permitting, of orders for them; the charge for doing this being 20 rupees.

During the day orders will be signalled to vessels on the usual conditions.

The charges for reports from this station are, day, 10d. each, night, 1s. 3d., in addition to the cost of the telegram.

Approximate position, lat. $6^{\circ} 2'$ N., long. $80^{\circ} 12'$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Ceylon, South Coast, No. 813; Point de Galle Harbour, Nos. 819, 820. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1900, No. 297; West Coast of Hindustan Pilot, 1898, page 83; and Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1892, page 57.

No. 520.—NORTH PACIFIC—MARIANA OR LADRONE ISLANDS.

Urracas Islands—Position of.

THE United States Government having given notice, dated 30th June, 1900, that the Urracas Islands are shown too far to the northward on the Admiralty Charts, the question of the position of those islands has recently been discussed with the following results:—

No observations appear to have been taken actually on the islands themselves, but La Perouse, in 1786, placed Assumption Island, off which he anchored, in lat. $19^{\circ} 45'$ N.

From a running survey executed by Captain Beechy, His Majesty's ship "Blossom," in 1827, it would appear that the Urracas Islands are situated 17 miles N. 25° W. (true) from Assumption Island; this would place them in latitude $20^{\circ} 0'$ N., longitude $145^{\circ} 21'$ E. As this agrees with the latest reports received by the United States Government, these islands have been placed in this position on the Admiralty Charts.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Pacific Ocean, No. 781; Mariana Islands, No. 1101. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. IV, 1894, page 202.

By command of their Lordships,
W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
15th to 17th August, 1900.