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(Nos. 223 to 230 of the year 1901.)

[The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

No. 223.—RED SEA—LOHEIYA TO FARISAN ISLANDS.

Reefs Reported.

INFORMATION, dated 6th March, 1901, has been received from Commander J. M. de Roebeck, His Majesty's ship "Pyramus," of the existence of the undermentioned reefs between Loheiya and Farisan Islands:

o. A reef extends from Kandamán Kebir for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 miles in a north-easterly direction.

Approximate position, lat. 15° 35' N., long. 42° 33' E.

As the reef marked P.D. on the Chart about 1 mile eastward of this was not seen under favourable circumstances it has been erased from the Chart.

b. The two islets situated about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the southward of the south-west point of Entufash Island are reported to be joined by a shoal bank to the island, with no passage between.

Approximate position, lat. 15° 38' N., long. 42° 22′ E.

c. A reef extends in a northerly direction from the north point of Kotama Island for a distance of about 2 miles.

Approximate position, lat. 15° 43' N., long. 42° 16′ E.

d. A reef extends in a southerly direction from the south point of Sana Island for a distance of about 14 miles.

Approximate position, Sana Island, latitude 16° 7½' N., longitude 42° 15' E.

e. A shoal with a depth of 2 fathoms over it is reported to exist is approximately latitude 16° 23′ 10″ N., longitude 42° 3′ 30″ E.; and another with a depth of 3 fathoms over it in approximately latitude 16° 27½ N., longitude

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Red Sea, No. 8d. Also, Red Sea, &c., Pilot, 1900, pages 308, 332, 333, 331, 328.

No. 224.—CHINA SEA—COCHIN CHINA COAST.

Banda Shoal - Erased from Chart.

INFORMATION received from the Board of Trade shows that the Banda Reef in the China Sea placed on the Charts in lat. 8° N., long. 107° E., was inserted under a misapprehension, as that vessel struck, in September, 1871, on the reef extending from Lumbukan Island in Balābac Strait in lat. 7° 49' N., long. 117° 12' E. Banda Reef has therefore been expunged from the Admiralty Charts.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—China Sea, Nos. 1263, 2660a. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1899, page 108.

No. 225.—UNITED STATES MASSACHUSETTS.

Nantucket Shoals Light-Vessel—Amended Position.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 23 of 1901 :-

This is to give notice that the correct position of the Nantucket Shoals Light-vessel No. 66 (exhibiting two white occulting lights) is about 14½ miles S. 56° W. from Asia Rip, or in approximately lat. 40° 37′ 0″ N., long. 69° 36′ 30″ W.

Variation 12° Westerly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Halifax to Delaware, No. 2670; Bay of Fundy to Block Island, No. 2492; Approaches to New York, No. 2480. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1901, No. 727; and Sailing Directions for the East Coast of the United States, 1899, pages, 329, 490.

No. 226.—NORTH PACIFIC.

Lisiansky Island-Reefs South-Eastward of. INFORMATION, dated 12th March, 1901. has been received from Messrs. Andrew Weir and Co., that the master of the British ship "Springbank" reports that on the 11th September, 1900, his vessel struck at night on a reef lying about 11 or 12 miles south-eastward of Lisiansky Island. This reef, which is of considerable extent, was partially examined by the master of the "Springbank," as the ship was entangled by shoals for 14 days; in it is an opening to the eastward forming a bay, encumbered with shoals, 3 miles deep.

As reefs have been previously reported in a south-easterly direction from Lisiansky Island, and soundings obtained of from 15 to 20 fathoms in from 25° 43' to 26° 3' north latitude, and 173° 19' to 173° 22' west longitude, it is probable that a large bank extends for about 30 miles from Lisiansky on which are coral reefs. Vessels consequently should approach Lisiansky from the southward and eastward with great caution.

Approximate position of shoal, lat. 25° 50' N.,

long. 173° 45' W.

CAUTION.—The longitude of Lisiansky Island has not yet been satisfactorily ascertained. It is said to be east of the position shown on the Chart, viz., 173° 57' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Pacific Ocean, No. 782. Also, Pacific Islands, Vol. III, 1900, page 249.

No. 227.—UNITED STATES, ATLANTIC COAST-FLORIDA.

Hawk Channel-Beacon-Lights Exhibited. WITH reference to Notices to Mariners Nos. 536, 584 of 1900:-

The United States Government has given further notice, that on 17th March, 1901, the following lights would be exhibited from the undermentioned beacons in Hawk Channel, Florida Reefs:

o. From Cape Florida Shoals Beacon, situated with Fowey Rocks Lighthouse, bearing S. 37° E., distant 33 miles, a red fixed light elevated 31 feet above high water.

Approximate position, lat. 25° 38½' N., long. 80° 8' W.

b. From Bowles Bank Beacon, situated with Triumph Reef Beacon O bearing S. 33° E., distant 27 miles, a white fixed light elevated 31 This beacon must be feet above high water. shifted on the Chart 23 cables N. 47° E. from its present position.

Approximate position, lat. 25° 31' N., long.

80° 8 W.