

The shoal appeared to be in the shape of a crescent extending in a westerly and south-westerly direction. The least depth obtained was 5 fathoms, sand.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1902.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Andaman Islands No. 825; Port Blair to Little Andaman Island, No. 1398. Also, Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1901, page 303.

No. 390.—NORWAY, SOUTH COAST—SANDE FIORD.

S.E. Grund—Rock Near.

Kiste Holm Light—Arc of Visibility Altered.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 577 of 1901:—

The Norwegian Government has given notice, dated 3rd June, 1902, of the existence of a rock, with 2½ fathoms of water on it, situated W. by S, distant about 4 cables from S.E. Grund.

Approximate position, lat. 58° 59' N., long. 10° 19' E.

Also, that, in consequence of the existence of this rock, during the summer of the current year the arc of visibility of Kiste Holm alternating white and red light will be reduced so as to be visible only between the bearings of N. 17° W. and N. 6° W.

Approximate position, Kiste Holm Light, lat. 59° 3½' N., long. 10° 14½' E.

[Variation 11° Westerly in 1902.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—The Skagerrak, No. 2289; Christiania Fiord, No. 2330; Nevlunghavn to Torbiornskier, No. 3158. Also, List of Lights, Part II, 1902, No. 545; and Norway Pilot, Part I, 1897, page 248.

No. 391.—NORTH SEA—NETHERLANDS.

Texel Approach—Wreck.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 10th June, 1902, that a wreck, with a mast standing about 15 feet above water, lies sunk in a depth of 6½ fathoms about two miles off the coast near Callentsoog in the southern approach to the Texel, in lat. 52° 50' 20" N., long. 4° 38' 5" E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Scheveningen to Ameland, No. 2322. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1901, page 152.

No. 392.—SUMATRA—WEST COAST.

Stort Reef—Position of.

Marion Reef—Non-existence of.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 26th May, 1902, that a recent survey shews the position of the Stort Reef to be as follows:—

a. Stort Reef, on which there is a depth of 3½ fathoms, is about three-quarters of a mile long N. by E. and S. by W. Its south-eastern part is situated with Pulo Pis bearing N. 69° E., distant 6½ miles, and Pulo Bando, N. 1° W., or about 3 cables south of the position shown on the chart. The south-eastern side of the reef is steep-to.

Approximate position, lat. 0° 54½' S., long. 99° 59½' E.

b. A sounding of 50 fathoms, no bottom, was obtained in the reported position of Marion Reef under conditions so favourable that the discolouration of the water over Stort Reef, distant

1½ miles to the westward, could clearly be traced; no sign however of the Marion Reef could be seen, and it is assumed that the vessel reporting it saw the Stort Reef. This reef has therefore been expunged from the Chart.

Approximate position, lat. 0° 54' S., long. 100° 1½' E.

[Variation nil in 1902.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Acheh Head to Tyinkok Bay, No. 2760; Ujong Masang to Ujong Indrapura, No. 709. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, page 296.

No. 393.—SUMATRA—WEST COAST.

Pulo Lakotta—Non-existence of Coral Patch Eastward of.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 26th May, 1902, that a sounding of 28 fathoms has been obtained by the Netherlands Government Steamship Condor in a position from which Pulo Lakotta bore S. 62° W., distant 7½ miles, and Pulo Panjang N. 11° E.; and that no trace was seen of the coral patch shown on Chart No. 2760 in that position. This danger has accordingly been expunged from the Admiralty Charts.

Approximate position on Chart No. 2760, lat. 1° 54½' N., long. 98° 6' E.

[Variation 2° Easterly in 1902.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Acheh Head to Tyinkok Bay, No. 2760. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, page 283.

No. 394.—FRANCE—WEST COAST.

Les Fourches—Rock to the Northward of.

The French Government has given notice, dated 30th May, 1902, of the existence of a rock, with a depth of 5 feet over it at lowest tide, to the northward of Les Fourches, in the approach to Port du Guilfneec, situated Men Meur Point bearing N. 2° W., distant 1½ miles, and Men Du S. 85° E.

Approximate position, lat. 47° 46½' N., long. 4° 17' W.

[Variation 17° Westerly in 1902.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Anse de Benodet to Chaussée de Sein, No. 2351. Also, Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, &c., 1900, page 83.

No. 395.—RED SEA—WESTERN SHORE.

South Massawa Channel—Reef in Approach.

Information has been received from the Master of the British steamship "Neghileh" that at 6.45 p.m. on 24th March, 1902, his vessel, drawing 9 feet of water, in clear calm weather struck on a reef south-eastward of Mojeidi Island in the eastern approach to South Massowa Channel.

Approximate position by star observations taken at the time, lat. 15° 22½' N., long. 41° 4' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Red Sea, Nos. 2523, 8d. Also, Red Sea, &c., Pilot, 1900, page 208.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
21st to 23rd June, 1902.