

Mogador, at a distance of one cable N. 45° W. from the Consul's house.

A red fixed light, visible from a distance of 3 miles over the anchorage between the bearings of S. 9° W., through south and east, and N. 88° E., is exhibited 12 feet below this light.

Approximate position, lat. 31° 31' N., long. 2° 46½' E.

These lights have been established, and will be maintained, by the Mersey Steamship Company, and Messieurs Paquet et Compagnie of Marseilles.

[Variation 16° Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Cape Spartel to Cape Ghir, No. 1228. Suira or Mogador, No. 1594. Also, List of Lights, Part IV, 1903, page 114; Africa Pilot, Part I, 1899, page 123; and Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, &c., 1900, page 597.

No. 175.—CHINA SEA—PALAWAN, EAST COAST.

Port Princessa (Royalist)—Light Discontinued.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 655 of 1901:—

The United States Government has given further notice, dated 7th February, 1903, that the white fixed light on Saboruco or Tide Pole Point will be discontinued until further notice.

Approximate position, lat. 9° 43' N., long. 118° 43' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Palawan Island, No. 967; Port Royalist, No. 2914. Also, List of Lights, 1903, No. 574; China Sea Directory, Vol. II, 1899, page 272; and Supplement, 1901, page 9.

No. 176.—NORTH SEA—WEST SCHELDE APPROACH.

Wandelaar Bank—Extending Westward.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 18th February, 1903, that a shoal patch of 3 fathoms has recently been found on the Wandelaar Bank at a distance of about one mile N. 10° W. from Wandelaar Light-vessel. From this it appears that Wandelaar Bank is extending westward.

Approximate position, lat. 51° 23' N., long. 3° 1½' E.

[Variation 14° Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Dover and Calais, &c., No. 1406; Calais to River Schelde Entrance, No. 1872. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1901, page 93.

No. 177.—NORTH SEA, NETHERLANDS, TEXEL.

Kykduin Light—Intended Alteration in Character of.

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 18th February, 1903, that during the coming summer it is intended to alter the character of Kykduin Light from white fixed to

a white group flashing light of the 1st order, showing groups of two flashes every ten seconds, thus:—flash, one quarter of a second; eclipse, one and three-quarter seconds; flash, one quarter of a second; eclipse, seven and three-quarter seconds. It will be visible in clear weather from a distance of 20 miles. The alterations will be commenced in the beginning of March, when a group flashing white light of the same description as the above, but of lower power, will replace the present fixed light. The new light may be exhibited also for experiment during the progress of the work.

The International Code Signal Station at the lighthouse will be temporarily discontinued.

Approximate position, lat. 52° 57' N., long. 4° 44' E.

Further notice will be given as necessary.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Sea, Nos. 2339, 2182a; Scheveningen to Ameland, No. 2322; Texel, No. 124. Also, List of Lights, Part II, 1903, No. 203; and North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1901, pages 149, 150.

No. 178.—GREECE.

Patras, Northern End of Breakwater—Colour of Light.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 29 of 1901:—

Information, dated 12th February, 1903, has been received from Commander J. F. Murray-Aynsley, His Majesty's ship "Pandora," that the colour of the light on the northern end of the breakwater in the port of Patras is red, not green.

Approximate position, lat. 38° 15' N., long. 21° 44' E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulf of Patras, No. 1676; Patras Roads, No. 1225. Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1903, No. 937; and Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. III, 1899, page 416.

No. 179.—THE PHILIPPINES—MINDORO ISLAND, NORTH COAST.

Varadero Bay—Light Established.

The United States Government has given notice, dated 7th February, 1903, that a red fixed light has been established on a flagstaff in the village of Galera, Varadero Bay; it is situated with Varadero Point bearing S. 28° E., distant 5 cables, and Boaya Point S. 75° E.

Approximate position, lat. 13° 30¼' N., long. 120° 57½' E.

This light is intended as a guide to the anchorage in Varadero Bay.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Varadero Bay on Chart No. 949. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1903, page 108; and Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1902, pages 228, 229.

By command of their Lordships,

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Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
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