NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 981 to 992 of the year 1903.)

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

No. 981.—NORTH AMERICA, WEST COAST, ALASKA, PERIL STRAIT.

Rodman Bay—Rock Reported.

The United States Government has given notice, dated October, 1903, that a rock, with not more than 6 feet over it at low water, is reported to exist in the entrance to Rodman Bay, Peril Strait, situated approximately with the eastern extremity of False Island bearing N. 5° W., distant 2⅛ miles, and Point Benham N. 82° E.

Approximate position, lat. 57° 29½′ N., long. 135° 13¾′ W.

[Variation 28° Easterly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Port McArthur to Windham Bay, No. 2463; Sitka Sound, No. 2337. Also, Sailing Directions for Bering Sea, &c., 1898, page 108.

No. 982.—UNITED STATES, PACIFIC COAST—CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco Harbour—Buoy Replaced by Light-Buoy.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 906 of 1902:—

The United States Government has given further notice, that on 9th December, 1903, the nun buoy, painted in red and black horizontal bands, moored at a distance of 14¼ cables S. 11° W. from Yerba Buena Lighthouse, San Francisco Harbour, will be replaced by a light buoy painted in a similar manner exhibiting a white fixed light.

Approximate position, Yerba Buena Light, lat. 37° 48½′ N., long. 122° 21½′ W.

[Variation 16° Easterly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—San Francisco Harbour, No. 591. Also, Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of Central America, &c., 1896, page 358.

No. 983.—NORTH PACIFIC, HAWAIAN ISLANDS—OAHU.

Pearl River Bar—Dredged Channel.

The United States Government has given notice, dated October, 1903, that a channel 200 feet wide and 30 feet deep at low water has been dredged through the bar of the Pearl River, on the south coast of Oahu. A note to this effect has been placed on the Chart.

Approximate position, lat. 21° 18′ N., long. 157° 58′ W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—River Pearl and Lochs, No. 2294. Also, Pacific Islands, Vol. III, 1900, page 224; and Supplement, 1903, page 15.

No. 984.—JAPAN—KIUSIU, WEST COAST.

Shirase Light—Re-exhibited.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 782 of 1903:—

The Japanese Government has given further notice that, on 20th October, 1903, the unwatched fixed light, showing red and white sectors, would be re-exhibited in a newly constructed cylindrical concrete tower, 12 feet high, painted white, erected on Shirase, Sasebo Approach. The light is elevated 46 feet above high water, and shows red from the bearing of west, through north, to east; and white in other directions.

On the same date the temporary unwatched white fixed light would be discontinued.

Approximate position, lat. 33° 5½′ N., long. 129° 37½′ E.

[Variation 4° Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Nagasaki to Karatsu, No. 359. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1903, No. 841; China Sea Directory, Vol. IV, 1894, page 511; and Supplement, 1898, to that work, page 28.

No. 985.—SUMATRA—NORTH-EAST COAST.

Langkat River Entrance—Colour of Light Altered.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 160 of 1902:—

The Netherlands Government has given notice, dated 16th November, 1903, that the colour of the rear leading light (fixed) on the eastern point of entrance to the Langkat River has been changed from white to red, and the power of the light increased, but in other respects it is unaltered.

Approximate position, lat. 3° 59½′ N., long. 98° 29½′ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Diamond Point to Pulo Berhala, No. 1353. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1903, No. 397; China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, page 79; and Supplement, 1899, page 7.

No. 986.—UNITED STATES, ATLANTIC COAST—MAINE.

Kimball Island—Rock Reported Northward of.

The United States Government has given notice, dated October, 1903, that a rock with a least depth of 12 feet over it, is reported to exist to the northward of Kimball Island, Isle au Haut Bay, situated with Bay Ledge Spindle Beacon bearing N. 44° W., distant 4⅓ cables, and the north-western extremity of Kimball Island S. 75° W.

Approximate position, lat. 44° 5¼′ N., long. 68° 39′ W.

This rock appeared to be about 40 feet in extent and surrounded by much deeper water.

[Variation 16° Westerly in 1903.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Little Spoon Island to Pemaquid Point, No. 612; Penobscot Bays, No. 620. Also, Sailing Directions for the East Coast of the United States, 1899, page 130.

No. 987.—THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—MINDORO.

Port Galera—Rocky Patch.

The Government of the Philippine Islands has given notice, dated 1st October, 1903, of the existence of a rocky patch, with a least depth of 10 feet over it in the northern part of Port Galera, situated with the southern extremity of Medio Island bearing N. 75°, distant 150 yards, and Telegraph Hill N. 6° E.

This patch is 120 yards long in an easterly and westerly direction, and 40 yards wide.

Approximate position, lat. 13° 31′ N., long. 120° 57¾′ E.