

1905, that on the opening of navigation, 1905, a white revolving catoptric light every twenty seconds will temporarily be exhibited on the western extremity of Pictou Island in place of the white group revolving catoptric light every minute described in the above-mentioned Notice; it is elevated 61 feet above high water, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 13 miles, and shown from a white octagonal building, 49 feet high, with red lantern. The light is obscured by the land to the eastward.

Approximate position, lat. $45^{\circ} 48\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $62^{\circ} 35\frac{3}{4}'$ W.

Further notice will be given when the permanent light is established.

This Notice affects temporarily the following Admiralty Charts:—Nova Scotia, &c., No. 1651; Northumberland Strait, No. 2084; Pictou Harbour, No. 1989. Also, List of Lights, Part VIII, 1905, No. 210a; and Gulf of St. Lawrence Pilot, Vol. II, 1895, page 121.

No. 262.—NEW ZEALAND—NORTH ISLAND, WEST COAST.

Kaipara Bar—Channel Altered, Beacons Moved.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 257 of 1904:—

The Government of New Zealand has given further notice, dated 31st January, 1905, that the striped beacon, the black beacon, and the white beacon on the shore inside the North Sand Spit, Kaipara Harbour, do not now lead through the channel over the bar, they have therefore been removed.

Two beacons have been erected on the North Head: the rear beacon is black and situated at a distance of 6 cables N. 67° E. from the lighthouse, and the front beacon is black with a white bull's-eye, and situated at a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ cables S. 88° E. from the lighthouse. These beacons in line N. 52° E. lead over the bar in a depth of $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms at low-water springs.

Mariners should use the lead, and pay attention to signals made from the flagstaff at the semaphore station.

Approximate position of lighthouse, latitude $36^{\circ} 23'$ S., long. $174^{\circ} 8\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

[Variation 13° Westerly in 1905.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Kaipara Harbour, No. 2614. Also, New Zealand Pilot, 1901, page 244.

No. 263.—BLACK SEA—RUMANIA.

Kustenjuh (Constanta)—Whistle Buoy Temporarily Placed.

The Rumanian Government has given notice that on 24th January, 1905, in connection with dredging operations outside the Kustenjuh Harbour, a whistle buoy, painted red, will be temporarily anchored in the line of the breakwater at a distance of about half a cable from the revolving light on its head. Vessels must pass outside this buoy.

Approximate position, lat. $44^{\circ} 9\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $28^{\circ} 41'$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Kustenjuh Anchorage, No. 1283. Also, Sailing Directions for, &c., Black Sea, 1900, page 181.

No. 264.—NORTH SEA.

Heligoland—Alteration in Buoyage.

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 82 of 1905:—

The German Government has given further notice, dated 18th March, 1905, that the under-mentioned changes (with the exception of Sellebrunnen Whistle Buoy, see para. e., which will be carried out when the weather permits), have been made in the buoyage of Heligoland:—

a. Nathurn Buoy, situated on the north-west end of the shoal extending from Heligoland, has been coloured red, marked "Nathurn," and is now surmounted by a cone, point upwards, over a ball.

b. The Spar Buoy A in the North Haven, situated $13\frac{3}{4}$ cables N. 15° W. from Heligoland Lighthouse, and Spar Buoy A in the South Haven, situated $11\frac{3}{4}$ cables S. 29° E. from Heligoland Lighthouse, have each been surmounted by a ball.

c. Spar Buoy B in the North Haven, situated $6\frac{3}{4}$ cables N. 7° E. from the Lighthouse, has been surmounted by a cone, point downwards. Spar Buoy B in the South Haven, situated $9\frac{1}{2}$ cables S. 55° E. from the Lighthouse, has been surmounted by a cone, point upwards.

d. Hogsteen Buoy at the entrance to the South Channel has been painted black, marked "Hogsteen," and surmounted by a cone, point downwards, over a ball.

e. Sellebrunnen Whistle Buoy at the north-western end of the shoals extending from Sandinsel will, as soon as the weather permits, be painted white, marked "Sellebrunnen," and surmounted by two cones, point upwards, and the Spar Watch Buoy, three-quarters of a cable to the southward of it, will be painted white, and have two cones, point upwards, as a topmark.

Approximate position of Lighthouse, lat. $54^{\circ} 11'$ N., long. $7^{\circ} 53'$ E.

[Variation 12° Westerly in 1905.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Heligoland, No. 126. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1901, page 125.

No. 265.—SULU SEA—NORTH-WESTERN PART.

Kalamianes Islands—Shoal Southward of.

The United States Government has given notice, dated February, 1905, that a shoal of rocks, coral, and white sand, on which a sounding of 5 fathoms was obtained, is reported to exist to the south-eastward of Kalamion Island, in a position from which the northernmost of the Tres Reyes Islands bore N. 83° W., distant $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and the largest of the Malaposa group N. 9° W. The least depth on this shoal was estimated to be about 3 fathoms, and this depth has in consequence been inserted on the Charts.

Approximate position on Chart No. 2577, lat. $11^{\circ} 34'$ N., long. $120^{\circ} 13'$ E.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1905.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Palawan Island, No. 967; Bernardino and Mindoro Straits, No. 2577. Also, Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1902, page 82.