

No. 252.—UNITED STATES, ATLANTIC COAST—GEORGIA.

St. Simon Sound—Buoys Moved; Caution.

Particulars.—Outer North Breaker Buoy (No. 2) and other buoys in the entrance channel to St. Simon Sound have been moved to facilitate dredging operations, and do not now mark the limits of the channel; mariners, therefore, until further Notice, must not attempt to navigate this channel unless possessing local knowledge; a note to this effect has been placed on the Admiralty chart.

Position.—Outer North Breaker Buoy; lat. $31^{\circ} 5\frac{3}{4}'$ N., long. $81^{\circ} 19\frac{1}{4}'$ W.

Chart temporarily affected.—No. 852, Sapelo Sound to St. Andrew Sound.

Publication.—Sailing Directions for the East Coast of the United States, 1899, page 792; and Supplement, 1902.

Authority.—United States Commerce Notice, No. 386, 1908.

No. 253.—CANADA—NOVA SCOTIA, SOUTH COAST.

Seal Island—Character of Light Altered.

Particulars.—The character of the light exhibited from Seal Island Lighthouse has been altered from white fixed to a light of the following character:—

Position.—On south end of island; lat. $43^{\circ} 23\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $66^{\circ} 1'$ W.

Character.—White group flashing, showing groups of three flashes every fifteen seconds, thus:—Flash, two-tenths of a second; eclipse, two and eight-tenths of a second; flash, two-tenths of a second; eclipse, two and eight-tenths of a second; flash, two-tenths of a second; eclipse, eight and eight-tenths of a second.

Elevation.—102 feet.

Visibility.—16 miles.

Description of Building.—White octagonal tower with red circular lantern, 67 feet high from base to vane.

Charts affected.—No. 339, Baccaro Point to Pubnico Harbour; No. 352, Bay of Fundy, Sheet I; No. 1651, Nova Scotia, &c.; No. 2670, Halifax to Delaware; No. 2060*b*, North Atlantic, western portion.

Publications.—List of Lights, Part VIII, 1907, No. 687; Sailing Directions for the S.E. Coast of Nova Scotia, &c., 1903, page 204.

Authority.—Ottawa Notice, No. 8, 1908.

No. 254.—BRAZIL—STATE OF ALAGOAS.

São Francisco Do Norte River—Buoy Established on Bar.

Particulars.—A red conical buoy has been placed outside the bar of the São Francisco do Norte River, as a guide to vessels waiting to cross the bar.

Position.—The exact position of the buoy is not given; bar, lat. $10^{\circ} 30'$ S., long. $36^{\circ} 21\frac{1}{2}'$ W.

Remarks.—This notice cancels Notice No. 1815 of 1907, which stated that a buoy had been established on the bar of São Francisco do Sul Harbour.

Charts affected.—No. 550, River São Francisco

do Sul; No. 892, Maceió to Rio de São Francisco do Norte.

Publications.—South America Pilot, Part I, 1902, pages 221 and 113; Notice to Mariners, No. 1815 of 1907.

Authority.—Rio Notice, No. 52, 1907; His British Majesty's Consul, Rio de Janeiro, 15th January, 1908.

No. 255.—CHINA—SOUTH COAST.

Hongkong Harbour—Position of Time-Ball Altered.

Particulars.—The time ball is now dropped from a mast at the signal station on the summit of the hill, situated about one cable north-westward of Chinsalchui Point, instead of as formerly from near the police station on Kaulung Point.

Position.—Lat. $22^{\circ} 18'$ N., long. $114^{\circ} 10\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

Charts affected.—No. 1459, Hongkong Harbour; No. 3279, Hongkong Waters, east; No. 3280, Hongkong Waters, west; No. 1466, Hongkong.

Publications.—China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1904, page 74; and Supplement, 1907; List of Time Signals, 1908, page 18.

Authority.—Hydrographic Note, His Majesty's Surveying Vessel Waterwitch, 8th January, 1908.

No. 256.—NORTH AMERICA—WEST COAST, ALASKA—GLACIER BAY.

Geikie Inlet—Rocks in Approach.

Particulars.—A sunken rock, about half a cable in extent, exists in the approach to Geikie Inlet.

Name.—Geikie Rock.

Position.—From the rock the north extreme of Drake Island bears N. 85° E., distant $2\frac{6}{10}$ miles, and the southern entrance point of Geikie Inlet S. 10° E.; lat. $58^{\circ} 42'$ N., long. $136^{\circ} 17\frac{1}{4}'$ W.

Depth.—Dries at half tide.

Remarks.—A second rock was seen close south-eastward of the above rock when the tide was very low. Grounded icebergs were always present in this vicinity, and a considerable area of foul ground appears to exist round these rocks.

Variation.— 30° E.

Charts affected.—No. 2462, Windham Bay to Icy Cape; No. 2431, Port Simpson to Cross Sound.

Publication.—Sailing Directions for the Bering Sea and Alaska, 1898, page 140.

Authority.—United States Commerce Notice, No. 899, 1908.

No. 257.—UNITED STATES, GULF OF MEXICO—TEXAS.

Galveston Harbour Entrance—Intended Light-Buoy.

Particulars.—On or about 15th March, 1908, a gas-lighted buoy, painted red and marked "2 A," exhibiting a red fixed light, will be moored in a depth of 24 feet, alongside South Jetty Entrance bell-buoy No. 2, Galveston Harbour Entrance.

Position.—On eastern side of entrance to the channel between the jetties, with the lighthouse