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[The Astronomical positions are approximate unless otherwise stated. The bearings are Magnetic, and those relating to lights are given from seaward. The visibility of lights is that in clear weather. Fog signals are sounded during thick or foggy weather unless otherwise stated. The depths are given at low-water ordinary springs. The heights are given above high water.]

No. 689.—THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS— MASBATE, NORTH COAST.

Port Barrera—Light Intended.

Particulars.—It is intended shortly to establish a light of the undermentioned character in Port Barrera as follows.

Position.—On Colorada Point, western side of eutrance to harbour; lat. 12° 32' 30" N., long. 123° 22' 40" E., on Chart No. 3369.

Character.---Red fixed.

Charts affected.—No. 3369, Luzon to Marsbate Island; No. 2577, St. Bernardino and Mindoro Sea; No. 943, Molucca Passage to Manila.

Publications.—List of Lights, Part VI, 1908, page 133; Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1902, page 343; Supplement, 1906.

Authority.—Manila Notice, No. 21 of 1908.

No. 690.-THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS-

SEBU.

Port Sebu—Intended Alterations in Lights, Buoys Altered.

Particulars.—During June, 1908, the undermentioned alterations will be made in the lights in Port Sebu as follows:—

1. Lights.

a. Intended.

Position.—Near No. 2 Red Buoy, in 1½ fathoms, on reef extending from Lanis Point, 6 cables S. 61° W. from Lanis Point Green Light; lat. 10° 14' N., long. 123° 53½' E.

Character .-- White occulting.

Note.—" Posn. approx." has been placed on the chart against this light.

b. To be discontinued.

Names and characters.—Lanis Point (green .tixed), and Lipata Reef (red fixed).

Note.—The name Lanis has been altered on the charts to Lauis.

2. The following buoys have been altered :--

Positions.—Narvaez Reef, Campanario Shoal, and the shoal patch about 3 cables south-eastward of Fort San Pedro Light.

Alterations.—Each of the conical buoys marking the above dangers have been replaced by buoys of the following description.

Description.—Can buoy, painted in red and black horizontal bands.

Variation.-1° E.

Charts affected.—No. 3193, Port Sebu and Approaches; No. 2578, Sulu or Mindoro Sea.

Publications.—List of Lights, Part VI, 1908, page 127, Nos. 619, 616; Eastern Archipelago, Part I, 1902, pages 286, 283, 285; Supplement, 1906.

Authority.—Manila Notices, Nos. 25 and 26 of 1908.

No. 691.-CHINA-SOUTH COAST.

Hongkong Harbour—Amended Position of Time-Ball.

Particulars.—The time-ball on Chinsalchui Point is situated in the undermentioned position :—

Position.—About 100 feet N. 53° W. from the Signal Station marked "116 \triangle " on chart; lat. 22° 17' 8" N., long. 114° 10' 28" E.

Former Time-Ball Tower.—This tower is still standing.

Position.—About 50 feet S. 80° W. from the Storm Signal Flagstaff on Kaulung Point.

Variation.-Nil.

Charts affected.—No. 1459, Hongkong Harbour; No. 3279, Hongkong Waters, East; No. 3280, Hongkong Waters, West.

Publications.—China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1904, page 74; and Supplement, 1907; Notice to Mariners No. 255 of 1908; List of Time Signals, 1908, page 18.

Authority.—His Majesty's Surveying Vessel Waterwitch, 28th March, 1908.

No. 692.—ITALY, WEST COAST—GULF OF NAPLES.

Castellamare, West Mole Head—Light-Buoy Withdrawn.

Particulars.—The light-buoy exhibiting a light of the undermentioned character off the West Mole Head, Castellamare, has been withdrawn.

Position.—About half a cable northward of the green occulting light on West Mole Head; lat. $40^{\circ} 41\frac{3}{4}$ ' N., long. $14^{\circ} 28\frac{1}{2}$ ' E.

Character.-Green fixed.

Charts affected.—No. 1400, Port Castellamare; No. 1728, Gulf of Naples.

Publication. — Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. II, 1905, page 266.

Authority.-Genoa Notice, No. 114 of 1908.

No. 693.---MEDITERRANEAN---LAMPEDUSA ISLES.

Lampedusa Harbour-Provisional Light Exhibited.

Particulars.—A provisional light of the undermentioned character is exhibited in the entrance to Lampedusa Harbour.

Position.—On Point Cavallo Bianco; latitude 35° 29½' N., long. 12° 36¼' E.

Character.—Red fixed.

Visibility.-2 miles.

Remarks.—The exact position of the above light is not stated.

Chart temporarily affected.-No. 198, Plan of Lampedusa Island.