

FRANCE.

CAUTION WITH REGARD TO LIGHTS.—Mariners are hereby warned that the French Government may consider it necessary to temporarily extinguish certain lights on the coasts of France and the French Colonies.

MEDITERRANEAN.—FRANCE, SOUTH COAST.

CERTAIN LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED.—Position: Titan light, lat. 43° 3' N., long. 6° 30' E. Antibes light, lat. 43° 35' N., long. 7° 8' E. Details: All the lights on the coast of France situated between and including the above lights have now been extinguished.

ADMIRALTY PUBLICATIONS.

(1.) NEW EDITIONS OF CHARTS.—New editions of the undermentioned charts, dated 31st July, 1914, have been published: No. 2047, New Zealand, North Island—Whangarei Harbour, Tutukaka Harbour, and entrance to Ngunguru River.

(2.) EXISTING CHARTS AFFECTED BY THE FOREGOING.—No. 2543: Substitute "2047" for "1275" in reference to plan at Tutukaka Harbour. No. 2525: Erase reference to Plan No. 1275 at Ngunguru River.

SOUTH AFRICA.—SIMONS BAY.

ROMAN ROCKS.—NEW LIGHT ESTABLISHED.—Former notice: No. 1069 of 1914, which is hereby cancelled. Position: Lat. 34° 11' S., long. 18° 27½' E. Abridged description of new light: Lt. fl. ev. 6 secs., 54 ft., vis. 12 m. Details: The temporary flashing light has been replaced by a new light having the undermentioned characteristics: Character—a flashing white light every six seconds, showing thus, flash 1 sec., eclipse 5 secs.; elevation, 54 ft.; visibility, 12 miles; power, 5,000 candles.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

CAPE POINT.—INTENDED NEW LIGHT.—Date of establishment: On or about 15th October, 1914.

(a.) Main light.—Position: At extreme end of Cape Point, about 4 cables south-eastward from the existing light, which will then be discontinued. Lat. 34° 21½' S., long. 18° 29½' E. Details: Character—a group flashing white light showing a group of three flashes every twenty seconds, thus, flash 0·4 sec., eclipse 2·4 secs.; flash 0·4 sec., eclipse 8·2 secs.; flash 0·4 sec., eclipse 8·2 secs.; elevation, 286 ft.; visibility, 23 miles, obscured by land from 82° (S. 71° E. mag.), through east, to 152° (S. 1° E. mag.); power, 500,000 candles; structure, square masonry tower.

SLANG KOP POINT.—WIRELESS TIME-SIGNALS TO BE ESTABLISHED.—Date of establishment: On or about 1st September, 1914. Position: Wireless station, Slang Kop Point. Lat. 34° 8½' S., long. 18° 19½' E. Details: Time-signals will be given daily at 9 hrs. p.m. Greenwich mean time. The signals will be preceded by the usual warning signal calling the attention of all vessels in the neighbourhood. The time-signals proper will comprise a series of twelve dashes extending over half a minute divided up into five groups, one dash being made at each of the following Greenwich mean times:—

H.	M.	S.		H.	M.	S.	
8	59	30	} Group I.	8	59	48	} Group IV.
		32					
		34		8	59	54	
8	59	38	} Group II.			56	} Group V.
		40					
8	59	44	Group III.	9	00	00	

The commencement of the separate dashes will indicate accurately the corresponding Greenwich mean time.

CHINA SEA.—BANKA STRAIT, BANKA ISLAND.

PULO DAWUN LIGHT.—ALTERATION IN CHARACTER.—Position: Lat. 2° 54' S., long. 106° 13½' E. New abridged description: Lt. fl. ev. 3 secs., 44 ft., vis. 10 m. (U). Details: Character—a flashing white light every three seconds, thus, flash 1 sec., eclipse 2 secs. Remarks: The light is unwatched; the other details of the light remain unchanged.

ADMIRALTY PUBLICATIONS.

NEW EDITIONS OF CHARTS.—No. 1091A, New Zealand, North Island, Hokianga River; No. 1091B, New Zealand, North Island, Hokianga River, upper part.

JAPAN.

SHIMONOSEKI STRAIT.—LIGHTED WRECK-BUOY MOORED.—Notice is hereby given that the following lighted wreck-buoy has been moored in the vicinity of Yojibei-iwa, Shimonoseki Strait, in order to mark the position of the wreck "Yoji-maru" dredger.

YOJIBEI LIGHTED WRECK-BUOY.—Description: Iron frustum of cone, painted green, surmounted by a lattice-work supporting a lantern. Height of light: 10 shaku above the water. Character of light: Pintsch's gas occulting green; light 4 seconds, eclipse 4 seconds. Illuminated arc: The whole horizon. Visible distance: 4 nautical miles in clear night. Depth of water: About 7 fathoms at L.W.S.T. Magnetic bearings taken from the buoy: Kasagashira-yama, N. 75° E.; Kirigatani-yama, S. 6° E.; Naruse Beacon light, S. 54° W.

GULF OF TOKYO.—Notice is hereby given that the character of the light of Hommoku lighted buoy, N.E. side of the shoal off Hommoku-bana, Yokohama Harbour, has been changed as the Notification No. 400 of Department of Communications, July, 1914, on the 30th of July, 1914.

Notice to Mariners No. 103 of 1914.

THE NEW ZEALAND NAUTICAL ALMANAC AND TIDE-TABLES FOR 1915, AND SUPPLEMENT TO THE "NEW ZEALAND PILOT," EIGHTH EDITION, 1908.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 18th November, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Marine Department has now published the "New Zealand Nautical Almanac and Tide-tables for 1915," with supplementary information to date relating to the "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908.

The work contains over 500 pages, and over 30 folded maps and plans of harbours, wharves, &c., with latest alterations, and much information relating to the principal ports and harbours of New Zealand, and of value to mariners.

Courses and distances between all the principal ports in New Zealand, also between New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, South Africa, San Francisco, Vancouver, Panama, New York, and to England via Cape Horn and Panama, with the return via Cape Town, are given in the work.

Some very valuable nautical tables and examples of problems worked by their aid are published in the Almanac, which it is hoped will greatly encourage masters and officers generally to make a practice of determining the ship's position from two stars at twilight, as these tables make the problems very easy, and also enable the observer to make sure that he is taking the right star by the easy calculation of the approximate altitude; and the bearing of the stars is given at sight.

The publication may be obtained at the Government Shipping Offices at Wellington, Auckland, Lyttelton, and Dunedin; at the Customhouses at other ports, and from the booksellers who stock it. Price, 3s.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 13th November, 1914.

THE Wakamarina Miners' Accident Relief Association, situated at Wakamarina, is registered as a friendly society under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 11th day of November, 1914.

ROBT. E. HAYES,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 13th November, 1914.

THE Victoria Rebekah Lodge, situated at Wellington, is registered as a branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of New Zealand Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 11th day of November, 1914.

ROBT. E. HAYES,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 13th November, 1914.

THE St. Patrick's Branch, No. 634, situated at Darfield, is registered as a branch of the New Zealand District Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 11th day of November, 1914.

ROBT. E. HAYES,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.