

Sector.—Shows white from 335° (N. 28° W. mag.) through north and east to 139° (S. 44° E. mag.), red thence to 181° (S. 2° E. mag.), obscured elsewhere.

Elevation.—60 ft.

Visibility.—White, thirteen miles; red, six miles.

Publications affected.—Admiralty List of Lights and Time Signals, Part VI; Australian Directory, Vol. III.

Charts affected.—Admiralty Charts 613, 925 (2991).

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Marine Department,
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THE following Notices to Mariners, which have been received from the Hydrographic Office, London, are published for general information.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

ITALY.

Extinction of Lights. — Dangerous Areas. — Regulations respecting Navigation and Pilotage.

1. Extinction of Lights.

Caution.—All lights on the coasts of Italy and the Italian colonies are extinguished.

2. Dangerous Areas.

In consequence of the laying of mines, navigation along the Adriatic coast of Italy has become very dangerous within a distance of 6 miles off the coast. All fishing and other vessels wishing to enter or leave the Adriatic must pay the strictest attention to the orders of the Port Authorities.

The undermentioned tracts of water are dangerous to navigation:—

Gulf of Spezia.—The portion of the gulf comprised within a line joining Scoula Tower and Maralunga Point.

Venetian Estuary.—The tract of water off that portion of the coast which lies between Porto Cortellazzo (lat. 45° 32' 30" N., long. 12° 45' 50" E.) and Porto Levante (lat. 45° 3' 50" N., long. 12° 21' 40" E.) and is bounded on the seaward side by a line drawn 6 miles from the shore.

Caution.—The Ports of Spezia, Taranto, Brindisi, and Venice are mined, and also the port of Maddalena on the north coast of Sardinia.

3. Regulations respecting Navigation and Pilotage.

Genoa.—During the night (namely, from sunset to sunrise) all vessels and boats are forbidden to enter the port of Genoa.

During the day (namely, from sunrise to sunset) no steamship must approach the port without a pilot.

Exceptions are made in the case of steamships of less than 100 tons net tonnage; but these, before approaching the port, must close the pilot-tug in order to obtain the necessary instructions regarding the course to be followed.

Sailing-vessels must avail themselves of the services of a tug.

Departure is only permitted by day, and the captain of every ship must personally attend at the Port Captain's office the day before leaving, to receive his papers and the necessary instructions, to which he must strictly adhere.

Gulf of Spezia.—On account of evolutions and works in progress rendering navigation dangerous in the waters of the gulf, the entrance and departure from this roadstead of all merchant vessels is only permitted in clear weather during the day, in the hours notified from time to time by the Maritime Defence Command.

All vessels are strictly forbidden to enter or leave the roadstead without a pilot.

The eastern passage is entirely prohibited.

Vessels arriving from the open sea and desiring to approach the Piazza should remain under weigh about 2½ miles from the Palmaria semaphore, and request permission to proceed by hoisting the pilot flag and indicating their names. The pilot boat or tug will carry the distinctive mark prescribed on the bow or on the mast. Vessels must on no account proceed beyond the parallel passing through Tino Island until the arrival of the pilot.

Vessels wishing to leave must obtain permission from the Captain of the Port of Spezia at least 6 hours beforehand, and at the appointed time they must proceed in the direction of the passage westward of the breakwater, stopping when they reach Panigaglia Bay, and await the arrival of the pilot.

In navigating the western passage steamers must stop their engines at a distance of about a cable from the passage, and may start them again when about half a cable beyond it.

Vessels, whether entering or leaving, must follow exactly in the track of the pilot-boat until notified that they are free.

Porto Venere (Little) passage is closed from sunset to sunrise.

Maddalena.—Vessels bound for Maddalena on the north coast of Sardinia can only enter by the eastern entrance.

Vessels are forbidden to enter or leave the port without a pilot.

Entry and exit of vessels is only allowed between sunrise and sunset.

Straits of Messina.—Navigation through the Straits of Messina is prohibited from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise.

Navigation is permitted during the day in clear weather, but all merchant vessels must stop and await permission before entering the Straits; vessels coming from the north must stop on the meridian passing through Fort Spuria at a distance of at least 3 miles from the shore and communicate with Spuria semaphore station; vessels coming from the south must stop off Capo dell Armi and follow the same procedure.

Gulf of Taranto.—Vessels are forbidden to enter the area to the northward of a line joining Ovo Tower (lat. 40° 18' N., long. 17° 30½' E.) and the mouth of the Basento River (lat. 40° 20½' N., long. 16° 50' E.) between sunset and sunrise.

Vessels are forbidden to approach the coast within a distance of 6 miles in that portion of the gulf comprised between the meridians passing through Ovo and San Vito Towers; they are also forbidden to enter the area northward of a line joining the eastern extremity of San Pietro Island and the mouth of the Basento River between sunrise and sunset.

Taranto.—Entry and exit of vessels to or from the Mar Grande di Taranto is only allowed between sunrise and sunset.

Vessels coming from the open sea must stop outside at a distance of 2 miles westward of Cape San Vito light, and wait authority to enter.

Vessels are forbidden to approach the coast within a distance of 5 miles between sunset and sunrise.

Vessels wishing to leave the port are to inform the Commander-in-Chief of the Navy Department at least 6 hours beforehand, and request the services of a pilot.

Brindisi.—Vessels are forbidden to enter or leave the port of Brindisi without a pilot.

Entry and exit of vessels is only allowed between sunrise and sunset.

Vessels making for the anchorage and not obeying the order from the semaphore station to "Stop the engines" or "Furl sails" are liable to be fired upon.

Vessels on arrival are to hoist the signal for a pilot and stop at a distance of not less than 3 miles to the northward of Pedagne Lighthouse (Traversa Islet).

Vessels wishing to leave should make a request for the pilot-vessel to the Captain of the Port at least one hour previous to their leaving.

Ancona.—Owing to works in progress, the entrance to the Port of Ancona has become dangerous.

(a) By Day.—Vessels approaching the port should not navigate in depths of less than 8 fathoms, and are to stop outside at a distance of 4 miles to the northward of Monte Capuccini semaphore station, hoist their flag and indicate their name, and await permission to enter.

Anchorage in the roadstead during the day in the vicinity of the port is restricted, except in special cases, to the space east of the meridian passing through the semaphore.

(b) By Night.—Entry of vessels into the port and roadstead is forbidden between sunset and sunrise, except by special prearranged permission of the Port Authorities, and the fulfilment of the following regulations:—

Vessels approaching by night, wishing to enter the port, must stop in the offing, in the limits of the zone referred to above, and hoist the pilot flag.

If through stress of weather the pilot cannot go out, or if the Port Authorities decline to give permission to enter, two white lights (vertical) will be hoisted at the semaphore to indicate that entrance is prohibited.

In this case the vessel should proceed to sea and remain at the Cape till daylight for further signals.

Venetian Estuary.—Entry and exit of vessels by the Lido, Malamocco, and Chioggia channels is only permitted under clear conditions of atmosphere and between sunrise and sunset.

Vessels from the open sea wishing to enter the Venetian Estuary between sunrise and sunset must stop outside at a distance of 12 miles to the eastward of the pilot tower semaphore, lat. 45° 21' N., long. 12° 19' 40" E., hoist the pilot flag, indicate their names, and wait to be conducted by a pilot to the ports of the estuary.

Vessels wishing to leave the foregoing ports must notify the Port Authority.

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