

Notice to Mariners.—No. 69 of 1920.

Marine Department,
Wellington, 29th November, 1920.

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

ROBERT DUNCAN, Secretary.

MEDITERRANEAN.

EGYPT.—ABUKIR, BAY.—EXISTENCE OF SHOAL.

Position.—At a distance of about 8 miles south-westward from Rosetta Lighthouse and 6 miles and $3\frac{1}{2}$ cables, 67° , from the peak on Nelson Island. Lat. $31^\circ 23\frac{1}{2}'$ N., long. $30^\circ 12\frac{3}{4}'$ E.

Depth.—21 ft. (rock).

Remarks.—This shoal, which is 5 cables long and one-quarter of a cable broad inside the 6-fathom line, lies in an E.N.E. and W.S.W. direction. The shoalest depth, which is in the position given above, is one cable from the eastern extremity.

Note.—This shoal is to be marked "(Posn. approx.)" on Chart No. 2681.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

COSTA RICA, PACIFIC COAST.—CAPE VELAS.—BANK REPORTED SOUTH-WESTWARD OF.

Position (Approximate).—At a distance of about 100 miles south-westward from Cape Velas. Lat. $9^\circ 5' N.$, long. $87^\circ W.$

Details.—Tide rips were observed, and soundings of 70 fathoms (blue mud) were obtained, on a bank which is reported to extend for about 100 miles in a 109° and 289° direction, with its centre in the above approximate position.

Note.—An area about 100 miles in length and 30 miles in breadth is to be delineated on the charts by a danger line, with the note "70 fathoms reported 1920, unexamined, P.A."

BRAZIL.

EAST COAST.—CAPE ST. ROQUE.—NEW LIGHT ESTABLISHED IN PLACE OF OLD LIGHT.

Position.—Close to the site of the old alternating flashing white and red light, which has been discontinued. Lat. $5^\circ 29\frac{1}{2}' S.$, long. $35^\circ 15\frac{1}{2}' W.$

Abridged Description.—Lt. alt. gp. fl. (3), W.R., ev. 10 secs., 97 ft., vis. 15 m.

Character.—Alternating group flashing white and red, showing three flashes every ten seconds, thus—white flash 1 sec., eclipse 1 sec.; white flash 1 sec., eclipse $2\frac{1}{2}$ secs.; red flash 2 secs., eclipse $2\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Elevation.—97 ft.

Visibility.—15 miles.

Structure.—Red iron tower on masonry base, 39 ft. in height.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ROTTNEST ISLAND.—BATHURST POINT LIGHT.—INTENDED ALTERATION IN CHARACTER.

Date of Alteration.—On or about 15th October, 1920.

Position.—Lat. $31^\circ 59\frac{1}{2}' S.$, long. $115^\circ 32\frac{1}{2}' E.$

New Abridged Description.—Lt. gp. fl. (4), ev. 12 secs., 98 ft., vis. 15 m. (U).

Alteration.—The character of the light will be altered from fixed white to group flashing white, showing four flashes every twelve seconds, thus—flash $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., eclipse 1 sec.; flash $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., eclipse 1 sec.; flash $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., eclipse 1 sec.; flash $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., eclipse $7\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

Note.—No further notice will be given.

INDIAN OCEAN.

SEYCHELLES GROUP.—BIRD ISLAND.—SHOAL REPORTED WESTWARD OF.

Position.—At a distance of about 5 miles westward from Bird Island. Lat. $3^\circ 45' S.$, long. $56^\circ 7' 50'' E.$

Description.—A shoal of about 5 cables in extent, on which one sounding of 9 fathoms was obtained, with probably less water in places.

Note.—The above position is to be surrounded on the chart by a danger line, with the note "Shoal repd. (1920)."

INDIA.

SOUTH COAST.—CAPE COMORIN.—SHOAL AND DISCOLOURED WATER REPORTED SOUTHWARD OF.

1. Shoal:

Position (Approximate).—At a distance of about 76 miles southward from Muttum Point light. Lat. $6^\circ 52' N.$, long. $77^\circ 12' E.$

Description.—A shoal over which the sea breaks continually.

Note.—The position is to be surrounded on the charts by a danger line, with the note "Shoal repd. (1920) (posn. approx.)."

2. Discoloured water:

Position.—At a distance of about 5 miles westward from the shoal described in 1 above. Lat. $6^\circ 52' N.$, long. $77^\circ 7' E.$

Note.—This position is to be surrounded on the charts by a danger line, with the note "Discold. water repd. (1920) (posn. approx.)."

Remarks.—The s.s. "Atto" reports having passed close to both the above positions, but could discern no trace of either discoloured water or breakers.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Lands in the Auckland Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 29th November, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that the leases and licenses of the undermentioned lands having been declared forfeited by the resolution of the Auckland Land Board, the said lands have thereby reverted to the Crown, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Tenure: Lease or License.	Section.	Block.	District.	Lessee or Licensee.	Reason for Forfeiture.
D.S. 136	14 ..	..	Te Miro Settlement	S. C. Kiddell	At request.
D.S. 374	9 ..	..	Matuku Settlement	W. P. Clark	"
D.S. 491	6 ..	..	Tahaia Settlement	G. A. Martin	"
H.P.L. 198	6 ..	VIII	Tairua	C. C. Beach	"
504	19 ..	"	"	"	"

D. H. GUTHRIE, Minister of Lands.