

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 30th August, 1923.

THE Pearl of Matura Rebekah Lodge, No. 26, situated at Matura, is registered as a branch of The Independent Order of Oddfellows of New Zealand Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 29th day of August, 1923.

WILLIAM M. WRIGHT,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

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Wellington, 30th August, 1923.

THE Lily of Franklin Rebekah Lodge, No. 29, situated at Waiuku, is registered as a branch of The Independent Order of Oddfellows of New Zealand Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 29th day of August, 1923.

WILLIAM M. WRIGHT,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Branch of Friendly Society registered.

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 30th August, 1923.

THE Roseneath Rebekah Lodge, No. 25, situated at Bull's, is registered as a branch of The Independent Order of Oddfellows of New Zealand Friendly Society, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, this 29th day of August, 1923.

WILLIAM M. WRIGHT,
Registrar of Friendly Societies.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 43 of 1923.

OPUNAKE HARBOUR.—SIGNAL-STAFF DISCONTINUED.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 21st August, 1923.

THE Opunake Harbour Board notify that the signal-staff which formerly existed above the middle of the beach at the head of Opunake Bay has temporarily been discontinued.

Charts, &c., affected.—Admiralty Chart No. 2054; "New Zealand Pilot," ninth edition, 1919, page 95.

A. D. PARK, Secretary.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 47 of 1923.

FIFTH OF THAMES.—LIGHTED BEACON TO BE ERECTED.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 28th August, 1923.

THE Thames Harbour Board notify that a lighted four-pile beacon, 14 ft. above high water, from which will be exhibited a fixed white light, is to be erected at the outer end of the Thames sewer outfall, which projects seaward for a distance of 4,000 ft. from the foreshore, at a position 2 cables (approx.) southward of Burke Street Wharf.

The sewer outfall, which is of 12 in. iron pipes on reinforced concrete piling, projects 2 cables (approx.) beyond low-water mark.

As the sewer outfall is wholly covered at high water, and the outer portion remains covered at low water, vessels proceeding southward of Burke Street Wharf are cautioned not to pass between the foreshore and the beacon which it is intended to erect.

Publication affected.—Admiralty Chart No. 2543, and plan 1108; "New Zealand Pilot," ninth edition, 1919, page 213.

A. D. PARK, Secretary.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 48 of 1923.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 3rd September, 1923.

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

A. D. PARK, Secretary.

BRAZIL.

SOUTH-EAST COAST.—RIO DE JANEIRO APPROACH.—NEGRA POINT LIGHT.—ALTERATION IN CHARACTER.

Position.—Lat. 22° 58' S., long. 42° 40' W. (approx.).
New Abridged Description.—(U) Lt. fl. ev. 10 secs., 221 ft., vis. 21 m.

Alteration.—The character of the light has been altered from group flashing white to *flashing white every ten seconds*, thus: Flash 1 sec., eclipse 9 secs.

Remarks.—The light is unwatched; in other respects the light is unaltered.

SOLOMON ISLANDS.

BOUGAINVILLE STRAIT.

Amended position of uncharted shoal reported in Notice to Mariners No. 10 is as follows:—

Position: Lat. 6° 24' 19" south, long. 155° 55' 04" east.
Depth: 21 feet at M.L.W.S.

This cancels Notice to Mariners No. 10 of 1923.

SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN.

TONGA (FRIENDLY) ISLANDS, HAAPAI GROUP.—LIFUKA ISLAND.—SHOAL REPORTED WESTWARD OF.

Position.—At a distance of about 1½ miles south-westward of Lua Janetia and 1.33 miles 301° from the north-eastern point of Uoleva Island. Lat. 19° 49' S., long. 174° 25' W. (approx.).

Details.—The above position is to be encircled by a danger line on the charts and marked "Shoal Repl. (1923) (P.A.)."

Notice to Mariners.—No. 49 of 1923.

HAWKE'S BAY.—PORT NAPIER.—INNER HARBOUR.—TEMPORARY JETTY.

Marine Department,

Wellington, N.Z., 5th September, 1923.

THE Napier Harbour Board notify that at a point 475 ft. south of the Eastern Mole end, and rectangular to the mole, a temporary jetty, at present projecting about 60 ft. into the entrance channel, has been erected.

Between sunset and sunrise the outer end of the jetty will be marked by a fixed white light.

It is intended to extend the temporary jetty for an additional 20 ft., and the fixed white light will be maintained at its outer extreme as the extension proceeds outwards.

Charts, &c., affected.—Admiralty Plan No. 2513; "New Zealand Pilot," ninth edition, 1919, page 274; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 1923, page 218, and plan facing.

A. D. PARK, Secretary.

Notice to Mariners.—No. 50 of 1923.

MERCURY ISLANDS.—OHENA ISLAND LIGHT.—AMENDED DESCRIPTION.—SECTORS DEFINED.

Marine Department,

Wellington, N.Z., 5th September, 1923.

ADVERTING to Notice to Mariners No. 30 of 13th June, 1923, the following amended description and particulars of the blind sector of Ohena light are now supplied for the information of mariners.

The light, which is located on the southern side of Ohena Island, is automatic, (U), flashing, six seconds (flash one second), height 54 ft. above H.W., visible 12.8 miles.

Tower: Circular, white-painted; height, 10 ft.

Arc of Visibility: The light is visible from 206°, through west, to 134°; thence obscured by the high land of Ohena Island to 206°; with the exception of a small arc of light, which, owing to a depression at the northern end of Ohena Island, is visible to the north of the Mercury Group through the passage between Kawitihu and Red Mercury Islands.

Partial obscuration of the light, over an arc of 1½° owing to interposition of the derrick post, exists in the direction 327.5°; which line projected 147.5° passes through the southern island of the Alderman Group.

Ohena light and the centre of Old Man Rock in transit bear 309°; and to vessels approaching from the north-westward the light will be seen to the northward of Old Man Rock over an arc of about 5°.

NOTE.—The shape of Ohena Island differs considerably from that shown on Admiralty Charts of this locality.

Charts, &c., affected.—Admiralty Charts Nos. 3332 and 2543; "New Zealand Pilot," ninth edition, 1919, page 282.

A. D. PARK, Secretary.