

Notice to Mariners No. 31 of 1925.

NEW ZEALAND.—SOUTH ISLAND.—BLUFF HARBOUR.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 17th April, 1925.

Reported Obstruction in Main Channel.

THE Bluff Harbour Board notify the existence of a sunken dolphin having a depth of 21 ft. over it at M.L.W.S. in a position $287\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, 565 ft., from No. 1 Beacon and $141\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, 1,030 ft., from No. 2 Beacon.

As this obstruction exists 75 ft. northward of the Main Channel leading-beacons, care should be exercised by deep-draft vessels when in the Main Channel between Nos. 1 and 2 Beacons. It is intended to remove the obstruction as soon as possible.

Publications affected: Admiralty Plan No. 3484; "New Zealand Pilot," 9th edition, 1919, pages 466 and 469; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 23rd edition, 1925, pages 270 and 271, and plan facing page 274.

G. C. GODFREY, Secretary.

Notice to Mariners No. 32 of 1925.

NEW ZEALAND.—SOUTH ISLAND.—COOK STRAIT.—TASMAN BAY.—MOTUEKA HARBOUR.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 20th April, 1925.

Outer Lighted Leading-beacons installed.

THE Motueka Harbour Board notify that two outer lighted leading-beacons, each having a large surmount, have been installed at the entrance to Motueka Harbour for the purpose of guiding vessels through the entrance to a position where the inner lighted leading-beacons are in transit, and that on and after the evening of the 21st April, 1925, each of these beacons will be illuminated.

Front beacon, white-painted with a vertical black-painted stripe, situated on the bank which is covered in high water immediately north-eastward of the wharf, will exhibit at a height of 20 ft. above M.H.W.S. one fixed red light.

Rear beacon, white-painted with a black-painted inverted arrow head, situated on the sandhills adjoining the bank, will exhibit at a height of 35 ft. above M.H.W.S. one fixed red light.

The beacons, which are 750 ft. apart, are now in transit $116\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; and they are liable to be moved if the channel necessitates such.

When entering the harbour vessels should continue with the outer lighted leading-beacons in transit until past the first black buoy opposite the Sand Spit, after which the inner lighted leading beacons, each exhibiting one fixed white light, should be brought in transit 253° , and the inner beacons should then be kept in transit until approaching the wharf.

A flagstaff, also a fixed green light 14 ft. above M.H.W.S., are situated near the eastern end of the wharf; and the white light formerly shown at the wharf-end, has been discontinued.

The entrance channel is subject to change in direction, and mariners not possessing local knowledge should communicate with the Harbourmaster before visiting the port.

Publications affected: Admiralty Charts Nos. 2616 and 3629; "New Zealand Pilot," 9th edition, 1919, pages 287 and 288; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 23rd edition, 1925, page 355.

G. C. GODFREY, Secretary.

Notice to Mariners No. 33 of 1925.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 21st April, 1925.

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

G. C. GODFREY, Secretary.

CANADA, BRITISH COLUMBIA—VANCOUVER ISLAND, JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT.

Sheringham Point.—Fog-signal established.

Position.—Close southward of Sheringham Point Light-house. Lat. $48^{\circ} 22' N.$, long. $123^{\circ} 56' W.$ (approx.).

Abridged Description.—Diaphone (2) *ev. min.*

Description.—A fog diaphone, worked by compressed air, sounding two blasts every minute, thus: Blast 2.5 sec., silent 3 sec.; blast 2.5 sec., silent 52 sec.

Structure.—White square wooden building.

Remarks.—The name "Sheringham" is to be substituted for "Sherringham" on the charts.

UNITED STATES, PACIFIC COAST.—CALIFORNIA.

Cape Mendocino—Shoals north-westward of.

Position.—(a.) At a distance of 4.60 miles 315° from Cape Mendocino Lighthouse. Lat. $40^{\circ} 29' N.$, long. $124^{\circ} 29' W.$ (approx.).

(b.) At a distance of 4.85 miles 306° from the same light-house.

Depth.—(a.) 7 fathoms (12m8).

(b.) 10 fathoms (18m3).

Remarks.—Shoal (a) is about half a mile in length in an easterly and westerly direction. The note "Breaks in heavy weather" hitherto shown close southward of this locality on chart No. 3121 is to be moved to the western side of the above shoals.

(615) Sea-coast.—Point Hueneme Light Station.—Light to be improved and changed.

About 1st April, 1925, the luminous power of Point Hueneme Light will be increased to 120,000 candles. The light will be changed to show flashing white every 5 seconds, flash 0.5 second, eclipse 4.5 seconds.

Approx. Position.— $34^{\circ} 08' 45" N.$, $119^{\circ} 12' 34" W.$

(613) Sea-coast.—Point Loma Light Station.—Light to be improved and changed.

About 1st April, 1925, the luminous power of Point Loma Light will be increased to 200,000 candles. The light will be changed to show flashing white every 15 seconds, flash 1.5 seconds, eclipse 13.5 seconds.

Approx. Position.— $32^{\circ} 39' 55" N.$, $117^{\circ} 14' 32" W.$

AUSTRALIA.—SOUTH COAST.

Floating Obstruction, Dangerous to Navigation.

(Positions are approximate unless seconds are given.)

Information has been received that a floating derelict, dangerous to navigation, was observed by the master s.s. "Karoola" on the 31st March, at 12.30 a.m. in the under-mentioned position:—

Latitude $35^{\circ} 30' S.$, longitude $122^{\circ} 27' E.$

Notice to Mariners No. 34 of 1925.

NEW ZEALAND.—NORTH ISLAND.

Marine Department,
Wellington, N.Z., 21st April, 1925.

AUCKLAND HARBOUR APPROACH.—RANGITOTO LIGHTED BEACON.

Intended Change in Colour.

THE Auckland Harbour Board notify that it is intended the colour of the existing occulting light exhibited from Rangitoto Beacon, at the main entrance to Auckland Harbour, shall be changed to red.

It is expected the change will be made in June, 1925.

The characteristic phases of the light will not be altered.

Further notice respecting the precise date when the change is to be made will be published when such is available.

RANGITOTO CHANNEL.—DUDER SPIT.

Lighted Buoy installed.

The Auckland Harbour Board notify that on and after the evening of the 1st May, 1925, a black-painted lighted buoy exhibiting a flashing red light, one second, length of flash one-third second, will be installed at the north-western corner of Duder Spit, Rangitoto Channel, in the following position: Rangitoto Lighted Beacon 062° , Bean Rock Pile Lighthouse $163\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.

Publications affected: Admiralty Plans Nos. 1970 and 1896; Admiralty Chart No. 2543; "New Zealand Pilot," 9th edition, 1919, page 185 *et seq.*; "New Zealand Nautical Almanac," 23rd edition, 1925, page 181 *et seq.*; Admiralty List of Lights, 1924, Part 6, No. 2876.

G. C. GODFREY, Secretary.

Education Board of the District of Wanganui.—Election of Member.

IT is hereby notified that for the election of a member of the Board for the Wanganui Urban Area of the Wanganui Education District, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. E. V. Laws, the only nomination received was that of Mr. Walter William Hedges. I therefore declare Mr. Walter William Hedges duly elected a member of the Board.

W. H. SWANGER, Returning Officer.
Wanganui, 15th April, 1925.