

On the 23rd at 10.20 a.—Black North Cone hoisted.—“The typhoon entered the coast near Swatow during the night. It is probably moving Westwards on the mainland, where it will gradually fill up. The barometer has risen in the Formosa Channel, fallen, but now inclined to rise, in Hongkong.” Forecast :—“strong or fresh W to SW winds; squally, showery.” At 1.50 p. Black North Cone lowered.

On the 24th at 11.45 a.—“The barometer has risen on the S. and SE coasts of China. The depression has moved westwards and lies now over SW China. Pressure remains high over Japan. Gradients slight to moderate for SE and E winds on the China coast.” Forecast :—“fresh SE winds; squally, showery.”

W. DOBERCK,  
Director.

Hongkong Observatory, 8th September, 1899.

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By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th September, 1899.

*Government of China.*

NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 345.

CHINA SEA.

NEWCHWANG DISTRICT.

ALTERATION IN NATURE OF THE “NEWCHWANG” LIGHT-VESSEL.

Notice is hereby given that the temporary Light-vessel *Omega* has been withdrawn and replaced by a Light-vessel having the following characteristics :—

The Light is Catoptric, showing a *white* flash at intervals of half a minute. It is elevated 35 feet above the sea, and in clear weather should be visible for a distance of 11 nautical miles.

A small *white* light will be exhibited from the forestay, at a height of 6 feet above the rail, for the purpose of showing in what direction the vessel is riding.

The Light-vessel is painted *red*, with the word “Newchwang” in *white* letters on each side, and she has three masts, the main-mast being surmounted by a black ball.

During thick or foggy weather a steam Fog Horn will be sounded at intervals of 10 seconds.

If the Light-vessel be driven from her proper position to one where she is of no use as a guide to shipping, the usual Light will not be shown, but a fixed *red* Light will be exhibited at each end of the vessel; the ball will be struck as soon as possible, and till struck it will be surmounted by a *red* flag.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

W. FERD. TYLER,  
Acting Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,  
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,  
SHANGHAI, 1st September 1899.

NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 346.

CHINA SEA.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

ENTRANCE TO MIN RIVER.

PEAK SHOAL BUOY.

Notice is hereby given that the bank to the southward of the south point of Sharp Peak Island, the existence of which was notified in Notice to Mariners No. 340, has now been marked by a red conical Buoy.

The Buoy is moored on the southern edge of the bank, in 11 feet of water at low water of spring tides.

From the Buoy the southern extremity of Sharp Peak Island bears N. 4° W., magnetic, distant 3½ cables.

Inward-bound vessels should pass this Buoy on their starboard hand.

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