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SHIPPING
(Navigation)

SHI/VES/13 # 14

1925.

No.

548/25

C.E. "S"

H.E. the Governor.

SUBJECT.

1925.

15th August.

Previous Paper.

REPORTED EXISTENCE OF A ROCK IN LAT. 43° 21' S.
AND LONG. 46° 12' W. BY CAPTAIN CONOR O'BRIEN
OF THE YACHT 'SAOIRSE'.

MINUTES.

PA 10/9/25

Minute from H.E. the Governor, 15th Aug 1925 (1)

*Ag Harbour Master,
Referred.
G.P. 14
17 Aug 1925*

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Noted.

2. Warning appeared in "Notices to Mariners" for May, 1925, position being given as Lat. 40. 21' South and Long. 46. 12' West. This has been corrected in the June issue, just received, to the following:-

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SUBRA BANK. - Patches of discoloured water, having the appearance of submerged kelp, were observed in the vicinity of 43° 21'00"S., 46° 12'00"W. (on chart NO. 2202b), about 60 miles N. of Subra Bank, appar. indic. the existence of a reef. No soundings were taken but it was estimated that there was a depth of less than 5 fms (9m I).
Note. The position on the charts is to be encircled by a danger line and marked "Discoloured water (1925)."

Subsequent Paper.

June.

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Ag. Harbour Master.

7th September, 1925.

From His Excellency the Governor

to The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Captain Conn O'Brien writes as follows

Yacht Scourie at Penambuco 2/4/25.

" If it be not too late please warn Inome of Norwegian
Shunners that there is a large shoal marked by kelp
but it does not, or did not when I passed, show on
the surface, in lat: $40^{\circ} 21' S$ + long: $46^{\circ} 12' W$. I
could not try to get sounding but the shoalst head
(which I did not pass over - I do not like the work
of it) seemed to have up them 5 fathoms or so
and again on 6/4/25.

" Some, I am reminded who, through my
Explanation of Hawkins' wrong latitude for Sleight
Jason as a clerical error was far fetched. But
look at what I have done! I have solemnly
written to you + other authorities about a rock
alleged to lie in lat. $40^{\circ} 21' S$; and all
the time I had it in black + white in my log
book that it was in $43^{\circ} 21' S$ + $46^{\circ} 12' W$.

Suppose my log had been edited by someone
who was not a Navigator; my rock would
have had just the same doubts cast on its existence

As Hawkins' Maiden Land + Peeps Island; both
of which you will remember, were correctly located
by Junin officers on the Hawkins' + Cowley's
Expedition.

How easy is inaccuracy; but how appallingly
stupid an editor + commentator!

2. I have written out their extracts at length in account
of the interview with Captain O'Brien + Dr. Hennessey
Hester took in proving that Hawkins did actually
visit the Falkland Islands (see article in the Falkland
Islands Magazine for March + April 1925) ^{in spite of his} error in latitude.

3. Capt O'Brien's letters were received too late for the
information about rocks which he reports; but prior
to Wholes New Paper's issue go to Capt. Hennessey Hester
for his information + I shall be glad if he will have
prepared a typewritten or printed warning of rocks (in
 $43^{\circ} 21' S + 46^{\circ} 12' W$) for notices of vessels calling here.
A pending warning may open by Admiralty +
Board of Trade to whom, I enclosed, Capt O'Brien
has made a report.

15 August 1925.