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United States of America. Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River.

Change of characteristics of certain lights in Chesapeake Bay and in the Potomac River.

Notice is hereby given that on and after April 15, 1888, the characteristics of the following named lights will be as follows, viz:

Cape Henry, Va.— Fixed white with a fixed red sector which covers the shoals outside of Cape Charles and the Middle Ground in Chesapeake Bay. The light will show red from a seaward bearing of S.W. by W. extending northward to S.S.E.

Wolf Trap, Va. Fixed white varied by a white flash or fixed red varied by a red flash. The light will show red from a seaward bearing of N. ¾ E. extending westward to S. ¾ W.

Smiths Point Va. Flashing white with two flashing red sectors. The light will show red from a seaward bearing of N. ½ W. extending westward to N.N.W. ½ W. This sector covers the shoals off Smiths Point. The light will also show red from a seaward bearing of W. extending northward to S. ½ E.— This sector covers the shoals abreast Lookout Point, on the eastern side of the bay and its lower edge marks the turning point abreast of Smiths Point Light.

Point Lookout, Md. Fixed white or fixed red. The light will show red from a seaward bearing of N.W. by W. ½ W. extending eastward to S.W. This red sector covers the shoals on the eastern side of the bay.

Sharps Island, Md. Fixed white or fixed red. The light will show red from a seaward bearing of W. ½ S. extending eastward to S. by E. ½ E.— This red sector covers the shoals off Poplar Island.

Bloody Point Bar, Md.— Fixed white or fixed red. The light will show red from a seaward bearing of N.N.E. ½ E. extending eastward to N.W. by W. ½ W.— This

sector covers the shoals off Poplar Island.

Thomas's Point Shoal, Md. Flashing white or flashing red. The light will show red from a seaward bearing of N. by E. ½ E. extending westward to S.S.W. ½ W. This red sector covers the shoals off Horse Shoe Point, Tally's Point, Hacketts Point and Sandy Point.

Sandy Point, Md. Fixed white varied by a white flash or fixed red varied by a red flash. The light will show red from a seaward bearing of N. by E. ½ E. extending westward to a line joining the light to Black buoy No. 1. entrance to the Braighill Channel. This red sector covers the shoals off Hacketts Point, Tallys Point, and Thomas's Point and its northern edge marks the entrance to the Braighill Channel.

Potomac River.

Blackistone's Island, Md. Fixed white or fixed red. The light will show red from a seaward bearing of W extending to S.W. This red sector covers the shoals off Herons Island.