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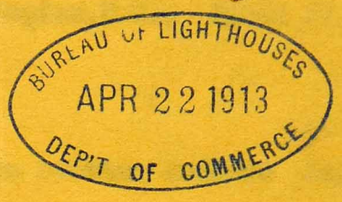

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Key West, Flo., April 22nd, 1913.

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington, D. C.

Recommend letters H. B. Hillsboro Bay buoys be omitted as unnecessary and giving too much prominence to white color numbers to be retained buoys will be relieved shortly, new ones being painted.

Dibrell.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT

Washington, D.C., April 22 3.

Lighthouse Inspector Key West, Florida.

May 16, 1913

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 30 1913

Your telegram twenty second Omit letters retain numbers Hillsboro Bay Buoys approved

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COMMISSIONER

Some months ago at the time the Hillsboro River Entrance Range Lights were established to mark the axis of the dredged cut leading to the wharves at Tampa, the two lights at the turn into this cut at the outer end, #2, red, and #4, white, were discontinued, owing to the fact that the front range light (red) was placed close to the channel at the turn.

This office has received some complaints against the discontinuance of the white light at the turn (#2), and I would be pleased to have the opinion of your maritime committee as to the desirability of reestablishing this light. Possibility of confusing it with the rear range light, which is of the same color but of lower candle power, should be taken into consideration, and unless there is an actual need for the light its restoration will not be favored by this office, not only as a matter of economy, but on the general principle that too many lights confuse rather than assist the navigator.

W. C. Dithmill

Inspector.

C. S. Cht filed in E. C. Div.

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Date 10/7/13

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

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May 16, 1913

Tampa Board of Trade, Tampa, Fla.

Gentlemen:-

Some months ago at the time the Hillsboro River Entrance Range Lights were established to mark the axis of the dredged cut leading to the wharves at Tampa, the two lights at the turn into this cut at the outer end, #8, red, and #9, white, were discontinued, owing to the fact that the front range light (red) was placed close to the channel at the turn.

This office has received some complaints against the discontinuance of the white light at the turn (#9), and I would be pleased to have the opinion of your maritime comittee as to the desirability of reestablishing this light. Possibility of confusing it with the rear range light, which is of the same color but of lower candle power, should be taken into consideration, and unless there is an actual need for the light its restoration will not be favored by this office, not only as a matter of ecomomy, but on the general principle that too many lights confuse rather than assist the navigator.

W. C. Dimmick

Inspector.

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Tampa Board of Trade,

Tampa, Fla.

Gentlemen:

We your committee beg leave to make the following report in reply to the letter from Mr. W. C. Dibrell, Inspector Light House Service, Key West, Florida, of the 16th instant, referring to the re-establishing of the white light on No. 9 Beacon at the turn of the dredged cut leading to the wharves at Tampa, as follows:

We consider the restoration of the said light very necessary for the following reasons: 1st. Coming up the channel on a dark and hazy night from #7 Beacon the red entrance range light can not be seen, nor can #9 beacon, until a vessel gets close to them. 2d. A vessel leaving Tampa on the same kind of night #5 beacon light can not be seen, #9 beacon light in range with #7 beacon light will be of great help to make the turn in the channel. 3d. Vessels coming in to the anchorage, (between #7 and #9 beacons to the westward of the channel) on a dark night they use #9 beacon light as a range or mark for anchoring, without the white light on #9 beacon it makes navigation very difficult in and out of Tampa as well as vessels coming to an anchor.

For the above reasons we your committee most respectfully request your earnest consideration of our report, and trust that your honorable body may, after due deliberation, concur with us, and urge the re-establishment of this light, as there will not be any danger or possibility of confusing it with the rear range light.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) C. J. Belgau,
" W. M. Phillips,
" J. W. Morris,
" Philip Shore,

Marine Committee.

May 31, 1913.

Adopted by Tampa Board of Trade June 4, 1913, as per letter to Inspector.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, SEVENTH DISTRICT,

KEY WEST, FLA. JUN 27 1913 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted for the consideration of the Bureau:

1. Name of aid: Hillsboro Bay Light 9.
2. Locality: Hillsboro Bay, Fla.
3. Proposed action: Relight.
4. Necessity: To assist vessels in making the turn in dredged cut.

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5. Estimated cost: $109.34
6. Appropriation: General Ex. L.H.Service, 1914.
7. Payment: To be made from funds allotted, to be allotted.
8. Maintenance estimated, annual cost: $38.70
9. Additional description and information: This light was discontinued at the time Hillsboro River Entrance Range light was established. A light on the inside of the turn is greatly needed however for the assistance of large vessels, especially on entering, in which case the range must be brought on astern. Complaint has been made by masters of vessels on account of the discontinuance of this light. I inclose copies of correspondence with the Tampa Board of Trade in regard to the matter.

It is proposed to screen the light from the northern part of theHillsboro River Entrance Dgedged Cut, as shown on accompanying chart, as Alfia River Light also shows from there, and the navigator in starting out might be confused by seeing three white lights, two in addition to the rear range. The care of the light will be assigned to George C.Warner, keeper of other Hillsboro Bay Lights, as it is believed that his preser compensation, which is the largest in the district ($1464), is sufficient to cover this additional light.

The light will be a lens lantern burning oil. F.W.

Lecl Instr to Dept in Form 73a when Hfx Jews. & Warner assumes care addl light. Hwr OK HRW 7/2

Am Inspector 7/13/13

Inspector 7th L. H. District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Washington, JUL 19 1913

Returned to the Inspector, authorized as requested, except as noted. You will proceed with the work, report its status, until completed, in your Monthly Report of Operations, and place in commission after proper Notice to Mariners has been issued. To be paid for from funds heretofore allotted.

Inclosed is Department letter of July 14, 1913, changing the designation of the station in question so as to include Hillsboro Bay Light No. 9, Florida.

Report effective date of the change referred to on form 73a.

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~~Acting~~ *Commissioner.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Washington DC November 11 1914

Lighthouse Inspector Key West Florida

Yours eleventh Authority granted move buoy thirteen A Hillsboro Bay

PUTNAM

COMMISSIONER

Sent Department, 4:25 p.m.,
J.E.H.
11/11/14.

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9 WU. GS. 28 Paid G. R.

Key West, Florida, November 11, 1914.

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington, D. C.

Recommend that request of engineers be granted to temporarily move buoy thirteen A Hillsboro Bay about one hundred feet westwardly to facilitate dredging.

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11:19 am-

OK 11/11

McC-VWH.

Hillsboro Bay Light No. 4, discontinuance.

October 14, 1915.

Secretary of Commerce:

It is stated that considerable difficulty has been experienced by vessels entering and leaving the dredged cuts leading up through Hillsboro Bay, Tampa, Florida. Steam vessels have frequently grounded in this locality, and it is therefore proposed to establish a set of range lights to guide vessels from Cut F Range up to and through Section A of Hillsboro Bay dredged cuts. The front light will also act as a port aid and will be numbered 4 in place of the present one of that number which will then be discontinued.

The 7th Inspector states that as it is proposed to change Light No. 2 from oil to acetylene gas, and discontinue the present No. 4 Light, no change will be made in the Keeper's present compensation.

It is therefore recommended that authority be granted under the Regulations, 1914, Par. 44, to discontinue Hillsboro Bay Light No. 4.

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October 16, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Bureau's letter of the 14th instant, and in accordance with its recommendation, the Department hereby authorizes the discontinuance of Hillsboro Bay Light No. 4, Florida, effective upon the lighting of the front light of the same number to be established as one of a set of range lights to guide vessels from Cut F Range up to and through Section A of Hillsboro Bay dredged cuts.

It is noted that the changes referred to above will not necessitate any change in the salary of the keeper.

(SIGNED) A. L. THURMAN

Acting Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1915

Returned to the Inspector, authorized as requested, except as noted. You will proceed with the work, report its status, until completed, in your Monthly Report of Operations, and place in commission after proper Notice to Mariners has been issued. Furnish the Bureau information as to the type of illuminating apparatus to be used in these proposed lights, as well as the characteristics of the same.

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LIGHT OCT 8 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Key West, Fla., Oct. 2, 1915.

The following recommendation is submitted for the consideration of the Bureau:

1. Name of aid: Hillsboro Bay Entrance Range Lights.
2. Locality: Hillsboro Bay, Fla.
3. Proposed action: Establish.
4. Necessity: To mark the axis of Section A of Hillsboro Bay dredged cut.

5. Estimated cost: $3175.00
6. Appropriation: General Expenses L.H.S.1916.
7. Payment: To be made from funds allotted.
8. Maintenance estimated, annual cost: $50.00 additional
9. Additional description and information:

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in entering and leaving the dredged cuts leading up through Hillsboro Bay to Tampa, Fla. Steam vessels have frequently grounded in this locality, and it is therefore proposed to establish a set of range lights to guide vessels from Cut F Range up to and through Section A of Hillsboro Bay dredged cuts. The front light will also act as a port aid, and will be numbered 4 in place of the present one of that number, which will then be discontinued. As this aid will be near the edge of the channel and subject to damage or destruction, it is proposed to erect a structure similar to 7th Dist. Dr. No. 165. The rear structure will be of a permanent type similar to 7th Dist. Dr. No. 163.

As it is proposed to change Light No.2 to an AGA. LP-150 and discontinue the present No.4, no change will be made in the Keeper's present compensation.

Rec approval awT 10-11

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Inspector.

OK Oct 12

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

October 18, 1915.

Returned to the Inspector, authorized as requested, except as noted. You will proceed with the work, report its status, until completed, in your Monthly Report of Operations, and place in commission after proper Notice to Mariners has been issued. Furnish the Bureau information as to the type of illuminating apparatus to be used in these proposed lights, as well as the characteristics of the same.

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Key West, Fla., Oct. 5, 1915.

The following recommendation is submitted for the consideration of the Bureau:

1. Name of aid: Hillsboro Bay Light No. 4.
2. Locality: Hillsboro Bay, Fla.
3. Proposed action: Discontinue.
4. Necessity: It will not be required after Hillsboro Bay Entrance Range Front Light, No. 4, is established.
5. Estimated cost: _____
6. Appropriation: _____
7. Payment: To be made from funds allotted. _____
8. Maintenance estimated, annual cost: _____
9. Additional description and information: _____

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Oct. 18, 1915.

Returned to the Inspector, authorized as requested, except as noted. You will proceed with the work, report its status, until completed, in your Monthly Report of Operations, and place in commission after proper Notice to Mariners has been issued. Inclosed is Department authority of October 16, 1915, discontinuing Hillsboro Bay Light No. 4.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, SEVENTH DISTRICT,

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LIGHT OCT 8 1915 HOUSES

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Key West, Fla., Oct. 2, 1915.

The following recommendation is submitted for the consideration of the Bureau:

1. Name of aid: Hillsboro River Entrance Range Lights.
2. Locality: Hillsboro Bay, Fla.
3. Proposed action: Change position of and improve aids.
4. Necessity: The present lights are not on present axis of channel nor are they of a suitable type for channels of such importance.

5. Estimated cost: $3175.00 for the set.
6. Appropriation: General Expenses L.H.S.1916.
7. Payment: To be made from funds allotted.
8. Maintenance estimated, annual cost: No additional expense.
9. Additional description and information:

The dredged cut through which this range is used has been increased in width, and the present single pileaids are now twenty-five feet off of its axis.

Single pile stakes do not make very satisfactory aids where used as ranges. As this channel has now about reached its maximum width more suitable structures should be erected on the present axis of the cut.

The rear structure is to be of a permanent type as shown on 7th District Dr. No. 163. As the front light for this range also acts as a port light, it is placed near the edge of the channel where it may be damaged or destroyed, therefore a cheaper type of structure similar to 7th Dist. Dr. No. 165 will be used if approved by the Bureau.

The illuminating apparatus will be changed to five-day lens lanterns. with fog attachment

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Returned to the Inspector, authorized as requested, except as noted. You will proceed with the work, report its status, until completed, in your Monthly Report of Operations, and place in commission after proper Notice to Mariners has been issued.

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT,

LIGHT OCT 8 1915 HOUSES

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Key West, Fla., Oct. 5, 1915.

The following recommendation is submitted for the consideration of the Bureau:

1. Name of aid: Hillsboro Bay Light, No. 2.
2. Locality: Hillsboro Bay, Fla.
3. Proposed action: Change from fixed to flashing.
4. Necessity: To remove any possibility of mistaking it for Hillsboro Bay Entrance Range Front Light, No. 4.
5. Estimated cost: $450.00
6. Appropriation: General Expenses L.H.S. 1916.
7. Payment: To be made from funds allotted.
8. Maintenance estimated, annual cost: $75.
9. Additional description and information:

It is not considered advisable to discontinue this aid and in order that it may not be mistaken for the front light of the proposed range, it should be changed from fixed oil to flashing acetylene.

It is proposed to us an AGA L.P-150 lantern with a 0.2"L -0.8"D. characteristic.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Uncharted Reef.
Report of -

November 20, 1915.

12/22/15 1 set enclosures.

Note Luckenbach Co.
Copy to 7th.

Received

OK NC Nov 23

The Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

There is enclosed herewith correspondence relative to an uncharted reef. Further report will be made on receipt of information from the Commanding Officer of the tender Arbutus.

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Inspector.

A.B.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR SEVENTH DISTRICT NOV 18 1915 KEY WEST, FLORIDA

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Key West. Fla.,
Nov., 16, 1915.

Mr, -W. DEmeritt, Lighthouse Inspector;

Dear Sir,

We have to report that this ship struck a reef of coral and sand 15 miles south of Hillsbore Lt. HouseFLA., Coast, and one and onehalf miles off, Extending East and west about half the size of the ship, and having about 19 to 20ft. of water on it and 7&8 fathomsaround it.

We thru quite a large pile of coal overboard which nearly reached the surface of water, this should make it easy to find .

Had bearings on flag staff of coast guard stationbelow or south of New River Inlet, but cannot locate it, however Hillsbore LT, bore North 2° West,

Writer has passed inside of this place . We ask for a mark to this sheal suitable to give a warning day or night.

Yours Respt.

S. S. D. N. Luckenbach D. Adams Master.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Uncharted Reef.
Report of-

November 18, 1915.

Captain D. Adams,
Commanding S.S.D.N.Luckenback,
Key West, Fla.

Sir:

Receipt of your letter dated November 16, 1915 reporting that your ship struck an uncharted reef fifteen miles south of Hillsboro Inlet Lightstation, Fla. is hereby acknowledged.

The matter will be immediately investigated, and should any obstruction be found, it will be properly marked.

It is requested that you advise this office of the date and length of time that you were aground.

Respectfully,

Wm. W. Demeritt

Inspector.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR SEVENTH DISTRICT NOV 30 1915 KEY WEST, FLORIDA

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Key West, Fla.
NOV. 19, 1915

Mr. W.W. Demeritt, Inspector 7th, District.

Dear Sir,

Yours 18 and am pleased to state in regard to grounding, south of Hillsboro, that we were aground some 39 hours, from Sept. 9th 5P.M. to SEPT. 11th, at 8A.M.

Thanking you for past favors

RESPT.

D. Adams
Master
D.N. Luckenbach

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

REF

November 19, 1915.

The Commanding Officer, Tender Arbutus, Miami, Fla.
(Through the Superintendent on board).

There is enclosed a copy of a letter from Captain Adams of the Steamship D. N. Luckenback which is self explanatory.

While at the upper end of the Florida Reefs, if weather conditions will permit, investigate this matter, and should you find any reef in the locality mentioned which would be a menace to navigation, then clean the bell buoy which you have relieved at Miami and paint and establish it so that the buoy will serve the best interests of navigation.

Captain Adams states that the Keeper of the Coast Guard Station at New River Inlet (Ft. Lauderdale House of Refuge) boarded his ship. It is therefore believed that more definite information as to the actual position of the vessel when aground can be secured from him.

Inspector.

NEW YORK NORFOLK SAN FRANCISCO

LUCKENBACH STEAMSHIP COMPANY

LIGHT DEC 2 1915 HOUSES

GENERAL OFFICE:
No. 8 BRIDGE STREET
NEW YORK

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Dec. 1, 1915

Lighthouse Service,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

S. S. "D. N. LUCKENBACH"

Our letter of November 22nd. Kindly advise as to whether or not you received letter, and as to whether or not you consider the matter of sufficient importance to warrant further attention.

Thanking you in advance for reply, we are,

Yours truly,

C S Parker

CHP/M

Manager.

Ackgmt ltr 11/22 overlooked by CC/room. Ans to 11/22 ltr prepared

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LIGHT DEC 9 1915 HOUSES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES Acknowledged 12/9/15 Cy. to 7th Inspector DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Lighthouse Service,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES ANSWERED DEC 22 1915 Copy to 7th DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Gentlemen:

The S. S. "D. N. Luckenbach" on Sept. 9, 1915, struck a reef of coral and sand 15 miles south of Hillsboro Lighthouse, Florida Coast, and one and one half miles off, extending East and West about half the size of the ship, and having about 19 to 20 feet of water on it and 7 and 8 fathoms around it. Steamer threw quite a large pile of coal overboard which nearly reached the surface of the water. This should make it easy to find.

Captain reports had bearings on flag staff of Coast Guard station below or south of New River Inlet, but cannot locate them, however, Hillsboro Light bore North 2° true West. Captain has previously passed inside of this place, and asks for a mark to this shoal suitable to give a warning day or night.

No doubt you will agree with us that this is a most dangerous situation, and the fact that the steamer has passed inside and outside of this reef would indicate