

CHAPTER 2

THE LIGHTS

All land and sea marks fitted with lights are mentioned in lists of lights. Depending on the scale, these lights are also shown on charts.

2.1 HOW TO LOOK UP A LIGHT IN THE LIST OF LIGHTS

Each list of lights has an alphabetical index where the name of each light is followed by a number. This number can easily be looked up in the list of lights (Plates I, IV, V, VI and VII).

The numbers assigned to the lights figuring in the Admiralty List of Lights are the "international numbers". Other lists of lights than British, generally give a list of their numbers with the corresponding international numbers, prefixed by the volume letter to which they belong. Some lists of lights (e.g the French, Dutch, American and others) mention the corresponding international number in italics under the number of important lights.

2.2 NAMES OF LIGHTS

Rapid identification or classification of the lights according to their type or their degree of importance is made easy by the use of different styles of printing for their names.

This may vary according to the nationality of the list of lights.

2.2.1 English list of lights

CAPITALS : names of places.

Bold type : the names of lights having a range of 15 miles and over.

Roman type : the names of lights having a range of less than 15 miles.

ITALIC CAPITALS : the names of light-vessels.

Italics : the names of lighted buoys and other floating lights.

2.2.2 American Light Lists

BOLD CAPITALS : the names of important sea-coast lights and lightships.

Bold type : the names of secondary lights, lanbys, and radio beacons.

Roman type : the names of unlighted fixed aids and unlighted buoys.

SMALL CAPITALS : the names of lights on rivers and in harbours, and all other lights.

Italics : the names of lighted buoys.

2.2.3 French list of lights

CAPITALS : the names of landfall lights and lights important for navigation.

Roman type : the names of all other non-floating lights.

ITALIC CAPITALS : the names of light-vessels.

Italics : the names of buoys.

2.2.4 Dutch list of lights

Bold type : the names of landfall lights.

Roman type : the names of sea-coast lights.

ITALIC CAPITALS : the names of light-vessels.

Italics : the names of lighted buoys and other floating lights.

2.3 LOCATION OF LIGHTS

Lists of lights usually describe the approximate location of each light. The American light lists use a separate column for this purpose. All other lists of lights usually give the location of the light in the same column as the name and usually beneath it.

EXAMPLES

English list of lights - Vol. A

0902 DOVER HARBOUR
-INNER HARBOUR
Prince of Wales Pier
Head

Belgian list of lights

364	Oostende Hoofdlicht	0,5 M beSE haveningang
428	Zeebrugge Binnenhaven S-lijk geleide- licht1971	188m 193° van N-lijk licht Binnenhaven

French list of lights - Serie C

	Boulogne	
14538	—DIGUE SUD (Carnot) Extr. Nord	
A 1170	A19mdumusoir	
	Tour blanche, sommet vert 20 m	

Dutch list of lights

0272	Westkapelle
B 0174	Bij het dorp

American Light Lists

1740-	Junction Lighted Buoy I.Qk.FI.W.	In 39 feet, at junction of cutoff and Raritan River Channel 40 29.4 74 16.2
1738	Buoy 2	In 21 feet

NOTE

For buoys the depth of water in which they are anchored is also given. See also Plates I, IV, V and VI,

Below the number 14538, the French list of lights gives in italics the number A 1170, which is the corresponding international number from the English list of lights, volume A. The same system is used in the Dutch list of lights which, however, now refers to volume B.

2.4 GEOGRAPHIC POSITION OF LIGHTS

The positions (latitude and longitude) given in the lists of lights are approximate and are to be used only to locate the lights on the chart.