

need that I fear I must be ignorant of some strong reason why it has not been done.

This excellent account of what is surely one of the most successful round the world trips ever made will be of more general than strictly navigational interest, but navigators like a great many others will find it fascinating reading.

Francis Chichester

Letter to the Editor

REPORTED RADAR RANGES

SIR,—Supplements to the Sailing Directions which are issued by the Hydrographer of the Navy now contain an Appendix which shows the ranges at which particular land features in the area concerned may be detected by radar.

The information from which the tables are compiled is collected by the Radio Advisory Service from the Radar Logs (Part II Log of Targets) which are sent in by ships through the courtesy of many shipping companies.

In order to make the information as useful as possible to the mariner, ranges are reported under three headings, Poor, Good and Identifiable. The meaning of the first two terms will be obvious, while 'Identifiable' indicates that the echo by its own character has permitted identification with charted features. These headings call for more detail than is necessarily included in the Radar Log but many ships have appreciated that these terms if properly interpreted greatly increase the value of the information sent in.

The Sailing Directions have a very wide distribution and the importance of obtaining fresh information and confirmation of published reports from as many sources as possible will be obvious, and the Radio Advisory Service will therefore be pleased to receive reports from any user of marine radar in any part of the world.

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