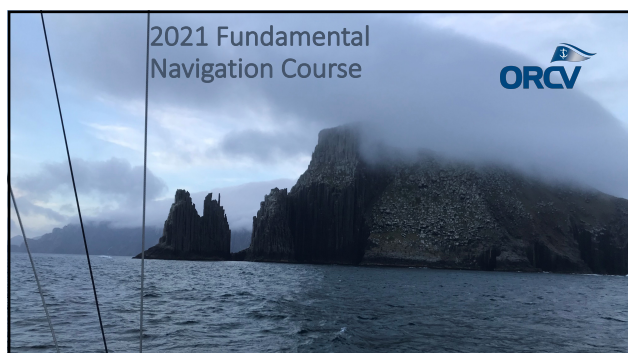


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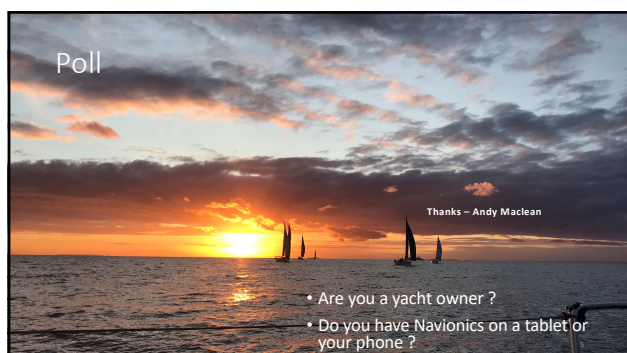
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House rules & explanation

- The sessions will go for approximately 2 hours including presentations, chats and exercises
- There will be a 10 min break in the middle
- **Teams – protocols and tools (Moderator to Explain)**
 - Chat bar
 - Raise hand
 - Audio and Video selections
 - Polls
 - Quiz's

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Poll



Navigation definition

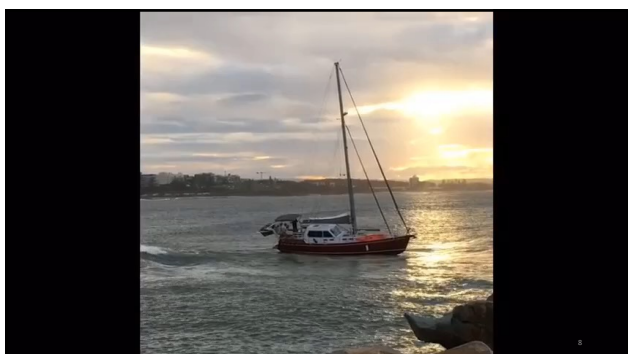
- **Navigation** - the process of monitoring and controlling the movement of a vessel safely from one place to another.

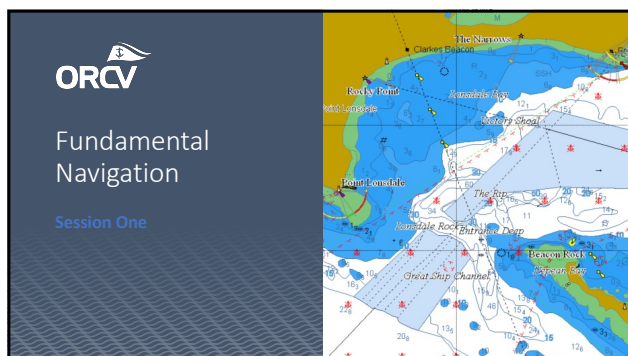
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Course objectives

- The Fundamental Navigation Course introduces the core concepts and skills required for safe yacht navigation in 5 sections
- navigation basics
- use of paper charts – now being phased out so what do you do instead
 - electronic charts
 - navigating with GPS and chart plotters
 - good practice for safe navigation
- These are building blocks for our Intermediate Navigation course

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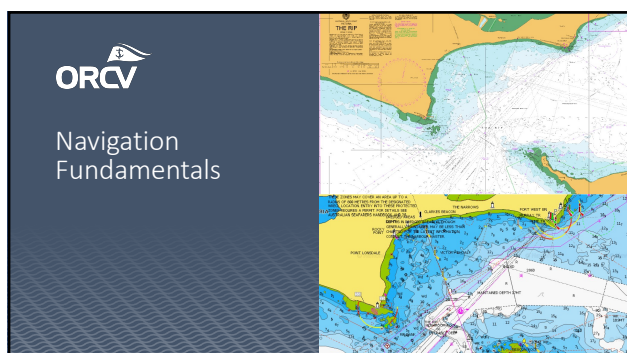




Fundamental Navigation – session one outcomes

- To provide an understanding of navigation theory and systems such that participants will be able to:
- understand common navigation terms, including the ability to interpret a nautical chart
- Use both paper and electronic charts
- calculate bearings and plot positions
- recognise nearby risks and visual references
- plan simple passage routes

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Essential Requirements for Safe Navigation

- You need.....
- to know your current position on the globe
- the direction in which you are moving and speed.
- a good chart – where is the land, how deep is the water – relative to my position
- Sounds simple but its been a 500 year quest. For yachts:-
 - GPS and chart plotting technology now largely addresses the first 2 requirements
 - Chart quality and user errors are currently the weakest links.

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The Global Positioning Grid

- Our positioning grid was developed 500 years ago and reflects the technology of the past when:
 - boat positions North and South of the equator were determined by celestial sightings – measuring the elevation of sun and stars
 - for East – West positions, time was critical (earth's rotation)
- The navigators had their work cut out for them since:
 - the earth is not round,
 - clocks were not reliable
 - the earth is inclined so the stars being observed move north and south as the year progresses
 - sightings subject to numerous errors – refraction, height above water,

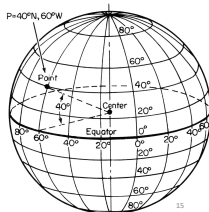
Latitude and Longitude

- We define our position by:-
- **Parallels of Latitude**
 - Rings around the globe **parallel to the equator** spaced through 180 degrees
 - 90 degrees north and 90 degrees south of the equator
- **Meridians of longitude**
 - Each meridian is half of a great circle around the globe - running from North Pole, through the equator to South Pole
 - Spaced through 360 degrees (east 180 [+] and west 180 [-] from Greenwich)
- This grid system incorporates a time - distance dimension
 - 15 degrees of earth's rotation = 1 hour of time (360 degrees/24 hours=15)
 - 1 degree of longitude = 4 minutes
 - Each degree along a meridian (and other great circles) = 60 Nautical miles

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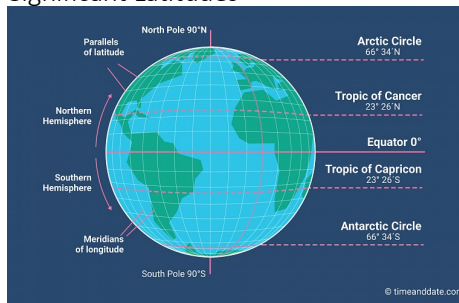
Latitude & Longitude

- **Parallels of Latitude** – lines running parallel to the equator (north or south) angled from the polar axis. Each degree is 60 nautical miles.
 - The 40 degree arc shown is 2400 nautical miles
- **Meridians of Longitude** – perpendicular to the equator, angled around the globe (360 degrees but counted 180 degrees East and 180 degrees West from Greenwich).
- Tradition units were used Degrees, Minutes,
- But be careful reading your GPS:
 - It will also offer
 - Degrees, Minutes, decimal minutes
 - or Degrees, decimal degrees



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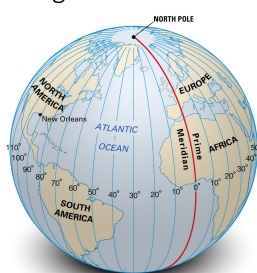
Significant Latitudes



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Significant lines of Longitude



FACTS ABOUT LINES OF LONGITUDE

- Are known as meridians.
- Run in a north-south direction.
- Measure distance east or west of the prime meridian.
- Are farthest apart at the Equator and meet at the poles.
- Cross the Equator at right angles.
- Lie in planes that pass through the Earth's axis.
- Are equal in length.
- Are halves of great circles.

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Significant lines of Longitude

- 0° Prime Meridian runs through Greenwich and is "Zulu time". That is how we set the world time
- 180° is the International date line (after adjustment to avoid unnecessarily "splitting countries")
- This is where, if you are traveling from west to east across the line, you would go back in time to the previous day

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What is a Nautical Mile?

- The Nautical Mile was standardised at an International Convention at 1852 meters
- This differs slightly from the theoretical definition (1 minute of arc) - earth isn't round and the theoretical length varies by some 20m depending on latitude
- Note that a minute of longitude is only a nautical mile at the equator - the distance covered by one degree of longitude decrease towards the poles because the meridians converge at the poles.
- Accordingly, you should not use the longitude scale of your chart to measure distance.

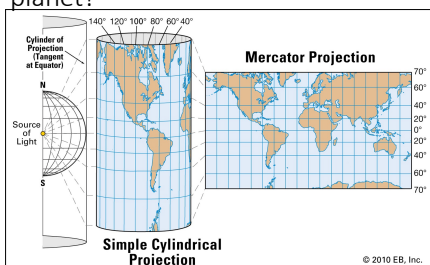
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Measuring Distance on a chart



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How are flat charts made of our round planet?



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Advantages of Mercator Charts

- Parallels and meridians on the Mercator chart are straight and perpendicular to each other
 - The grid lines on a Mercator chart run true north and true south
- It became the standard map projection for navigation because of its unique property of representing any course of constant bearing as a straight segment.
- The disadvantage is that land masses are distorted

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Quick Quiz 1

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Navigation Basics - Review

- Major global lines
- Latitude
- Longitude
- Measurements
- Mercator charts

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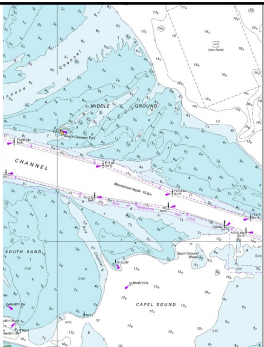


Chart Basics


Chart Basics

- Depth – Metres
- ZOC ~ Zone of Confidence
- Lights
- Leads
- Channel Markers
- Traffic Separation Schemes
- Tides
- Features
- Admiralty Chart 5011



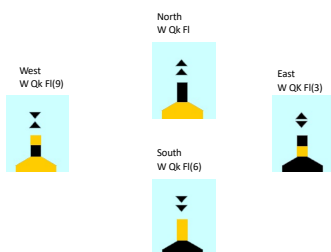
Reading Lights from chart

- eg West Channel Pile
- Fl.WR.6s 14 / 11M
- Fl = Light type
- WR = Color (White Red)
- 6s = cycle period (6 sec)
- 14 & 11 = vertical sectors (Nm)



Description	Characteristic	Chart Abbreviation
Alternating		Alt. R.W.G.
Fixed		F.
Flashing		Fl.
Group flashing		Gp Fl (2)
Occulting		Occ.
Group occulting		Gp Occ(2)
Quick flashing		Qk Fl.
Very quick flashing		V.Qk Fl.
Isophase		Iso.
Morse		Mo (letter)

Cardinal Marks



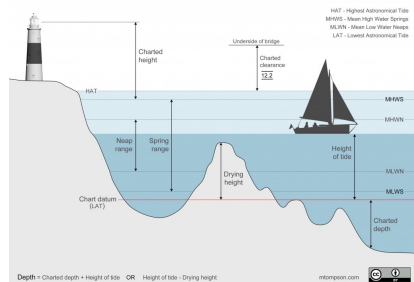
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Other Key Marks



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About tides and depth



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Multitude of Sources for Tide Predictions

- We recommend

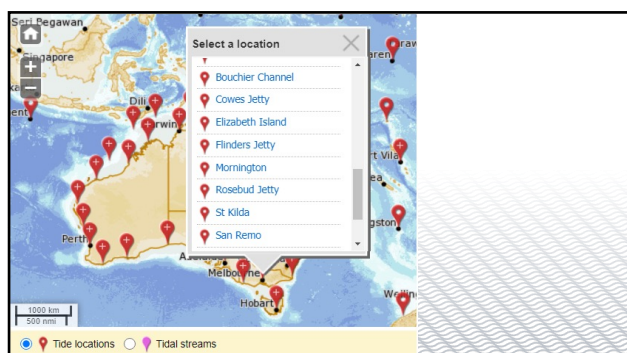


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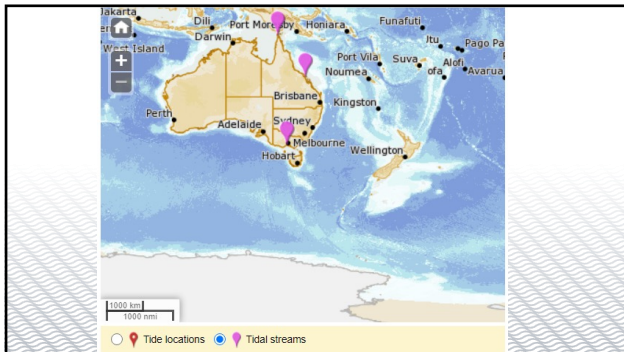
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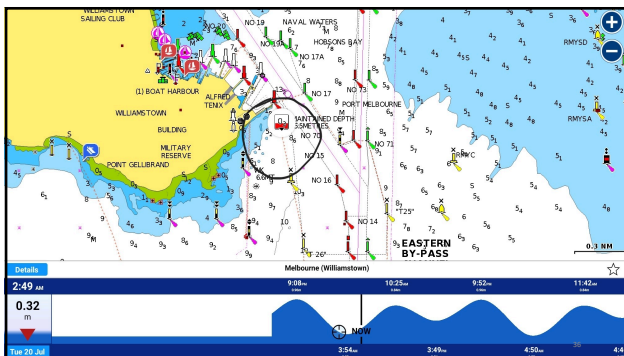


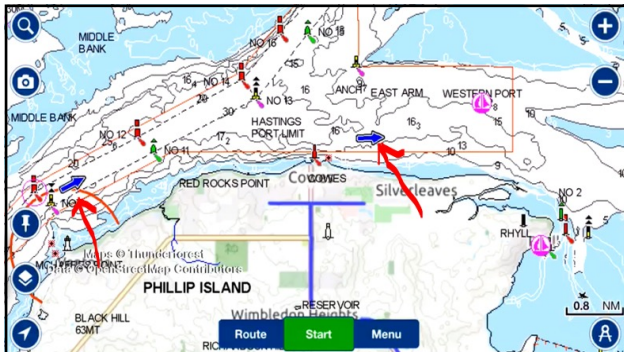
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LOW 9:02 am 0.22 m	LOW 9:49 am 0.18 m	LOW 10:34 am 0.16 m	LOW 11:16 am 0.17 m	HIGH 5:26 am 0.79 m	HIGH 6:22 am 0.79 m	HIGH 7:17 am 0.79 m		
HIGH 4:22 pm 0.88 m	HIGH 5:00 pm 0.87 m	HIGH 5:32 pm 0.88 m	HIGH 6:03 pm 0.85 m	LOW 11:58 am 0.20 m	LOW 12:39 pm 0.24 m	LOW 1:21 pm 0.23 m		
LOW 10:05 pm 0.56 m	LOW 10:45 pm 0.50 m	LOW 11:25 pm 0.46 m		HIGH 6:36 pm 0.87 m	HIGH 7:11 pm 0.90 m	HIGH 7:47 pm 0.93 m		

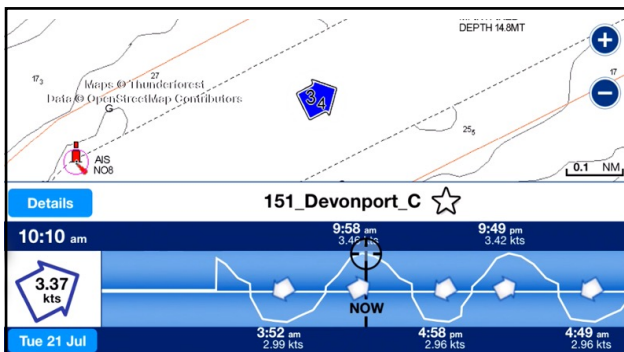
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HIGH 12:40 pm 1.59 m	LOW 6:11 am 0.38 m	LOW 6:59 am 0.35 m	LOW 7:45 am 0.34 m	LOW 8:31 am 0.35 m	LOW 9:18 am 0.40 m	LOW 10:06 am 0.47 m		
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SLACK MAXIMUM	SLACK MAXIMUM	SLACK MAXIMUM	SLACK MAXIMUM	SLACK MAXIMUM	SLACK MAXIMUM	SLACK MAXIMUM					
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More on tides

- More detailed information on tides is discussed in the intermediate course
- If you are not participating in the intermediate course, it is highly recommended that you become very familiar with tides and currents
- ORCV – fundamental navigation resource page
- <https://www.orcv.org.au/fundamental-navigation>

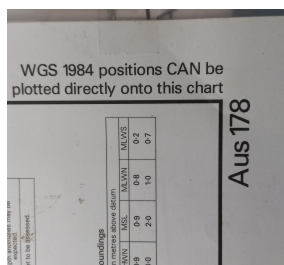
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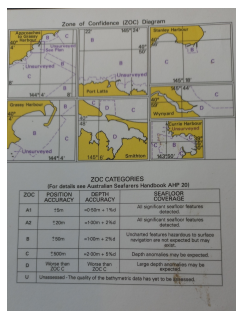
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Things to look for



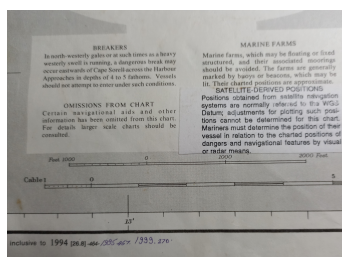
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Zones of Confidence "ZOC"



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Other useful Information....



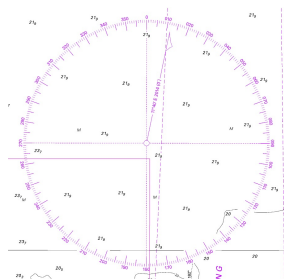
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Breakers at entrance to Macquarie harbour.... don't attempt to enter when...

GPS positions cannot be plotted on this chart..... (if you do you will run into the groin)

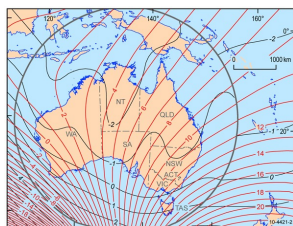
Compass

- Charts show "True" direction
- Compasses show "Magnetic" direction
- The difference is "magnetic variation" (declination)
- If the declination is East, "compass is least". So, if you want to head due north steer less than 360 magnetic
- Magnetic variation varies across the globe



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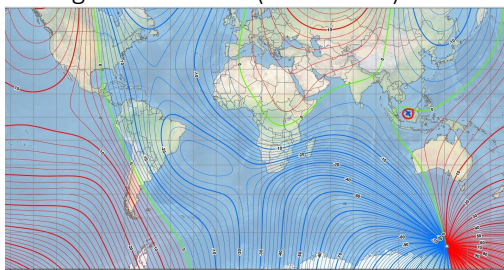
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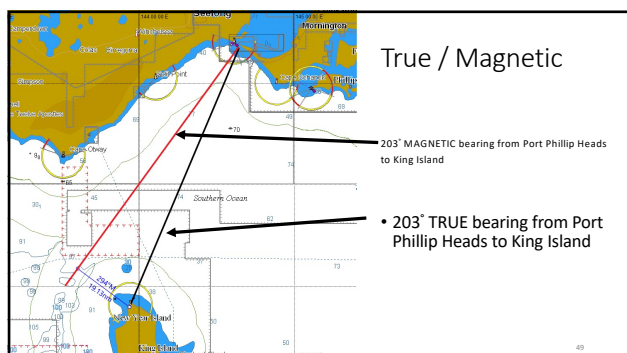
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Magnetic variation (declination)

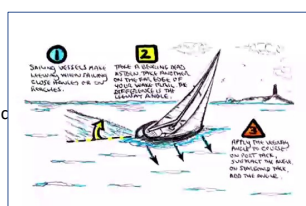


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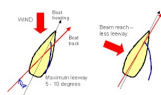
Leeway

- How can we Estimate it?
- How can we Measure it?
- How can we Apply it to predict



Leeway

- Leeway – estimate typically 5 to 10° (for a yacht when the wind is forward of the beam)
- Measure
 - Sight wake with hand compass
 - Use GPS course over ground vs compass heading.
- Predict:
 - Wind from Port side: Water track - Leeway angle = course to steer.
 - Wind from Starboard side: Water track + Leeway



Leeway

- A handy thing to remember is that;
- 5 degrees is roughly 5/60 or 1/12 meaning that for every 12 miles forward you slip one mile to leeward.
- 3 degrees is roughly 3/60 or 1/20 so then for every 20 miles forward, one mile slipped to leeward.
- You get the idea! Works best for small angles

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Plotting

- Note scale on Lat/Long
- To plot a position on to a chart:
- Mark desired latitude on side scale (pencil)
- Use parallel ruler or Portland Plotter to transpose to approx. location
- Do similar with longitude, where lines cross is your position
- To read off a position from a



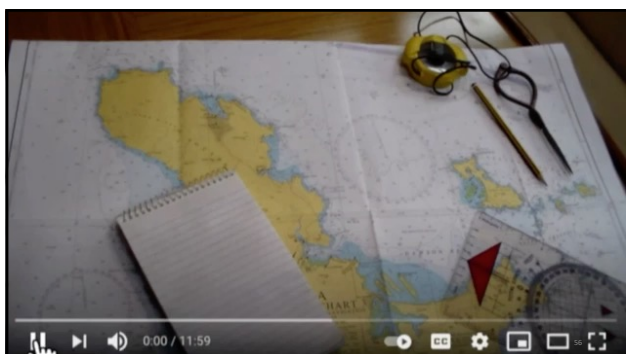
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Plotting

- We are now going to show you three short videos:-
- Plotting a position using a Portland Plotter and
- Using dividers to measure distance
- Using a Portland Plotter to take a bearing
- A general compass (how to parallel rule)



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Discussion

- It's a simple 3 step process with the Portland Plotter
- Put the plotter, pointing in the right direction along the line you wish to sail
- Turn the dial so that the grid on the dial lines up with the Latitude grid on the map



you can use to

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Discussion (plotting position)

- In that video he was using a norther hemisphere chart so latitudes increase as you go up the chart towards the North Pole.
- In our waters the opposite is true.... latitude increases as you move south.

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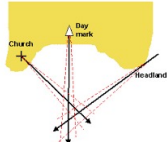


Multi point fix

- If you can take a bearing to two or more (ideally three) landmarks that are on your chart (for two points, at 90 degrees, three points, 60 degrees between each)



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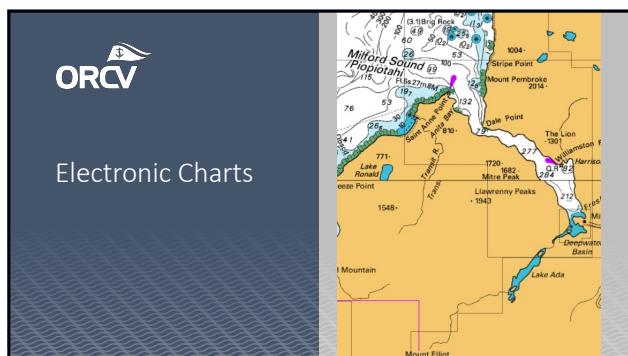
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Exercise 1



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Electronic chart types

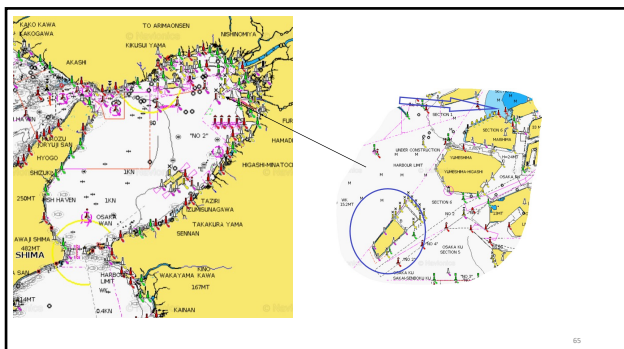
- **ENC**
 - Electronic Navigational Chart
 - Vector
 - S-57: S63(encrypted) and in a few years S-101
 - ONLY official charts can be called ENC
- **RNC**
 - Raster Navigational Chart
 - Essentially a photocopy - georeferenced
- **C-map & Navionics**
 - Vector charts similar to ENC's but seamless



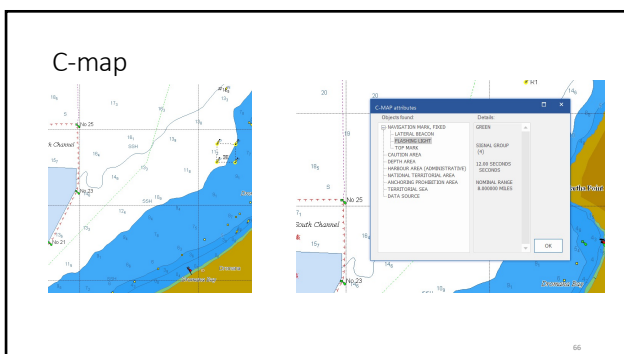
Why should you have more than one source ?

Why should they be up to date ?

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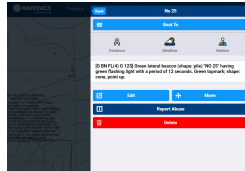
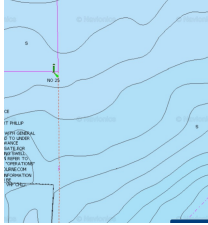


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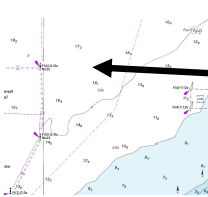
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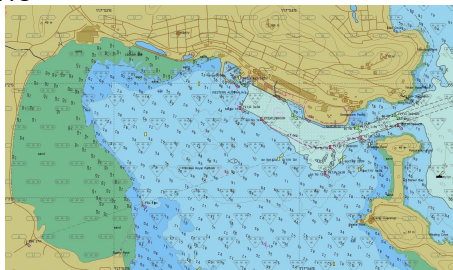
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RNC



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ENC



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ENC and the Phase out of Paper Charts

- The Australian Hydrographic Office is phasing out paper charts – partly due to cost, also needs of commercial shipping, update capacity and ability to display more information on ENC.
 - The AS requirement for Paper charts will also be dropped
 - ENC charts not published in Android so the change will cause some inconvenience for sailors
 - The following recording provides a good insight into the need for improved information display.

• Cut down version of mikes talk here

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Exercise 2

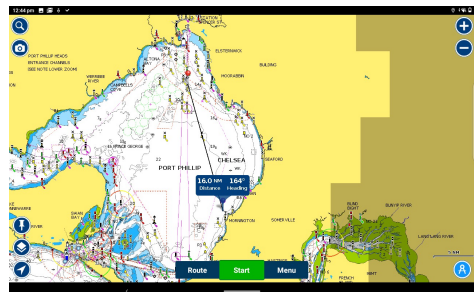


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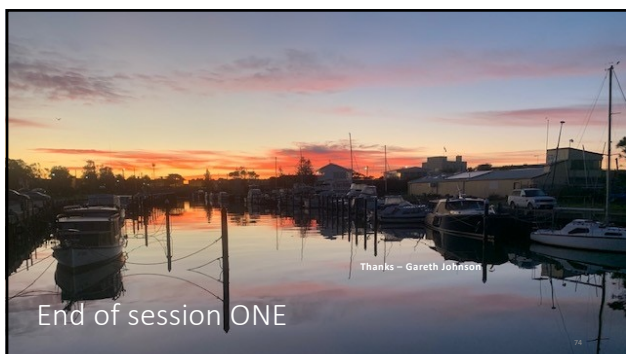
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End of session ONE

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Fundamental Navigation Homework

Exercise 1

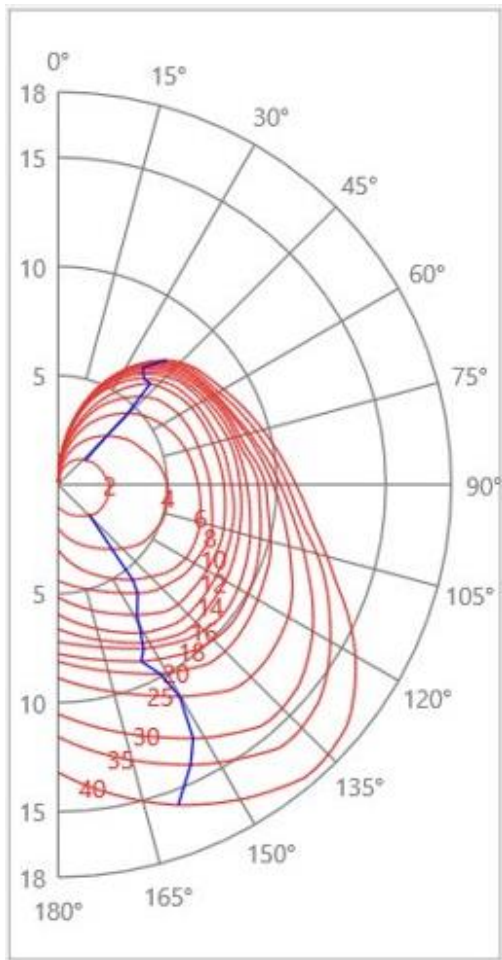
You are entering the Apollo Bay race; you have the locations of all the marks. You must now enter these waypoints in your Navionics. Then make a route using those waypoints. Take screen shot of the whole course then a magnification of the start and finish. Email those pictures to training@orcv.org.au

Latitude	Longitude	Location	Leave to
S38 16.409	E144 40.145	Drapers Reef	Starboard
S38 16.90	E144 38.90	ORCV A	Port
S38 17.95	E144 37.74	ORCV B	Port
S38 18.50	E144 36.80	ORCV C	Port
S38 45.362	E 143 40.734	Mark AB	Port
S38 45.206	E143 40.988	Finish Mark	Between
S38 45.362	E143 40.734	Finish Mark	Between

Exercise 2

You are leaving from you pen at the RYCV and you are going to the start of the Apollo Bay Race. Use the automatic routing function on Navionics.

1. Carefully exam the route and screen shot the any issues that you find on the route.
2. The start of the race is Saturday 31st July at 7am take the weather into account and determine what time you should leave using the boat polar below. If you have to motor you boat motors at 6 knots.
3. What effect will the tide through West Channel effect you timing
4. Email your answers to training@orcv.org.au



Question 3

Please do a “reverse multi-point fix” using the measuring device in your Navionics App to find the bearing and distance of the points given below from the position 37deg 59.047min S, 144deg 53.021min E.

The points are:-

- The South Cardinal Mark off Ricketts point
- Point Cook
- Prince George Bank (off the Bellarine Peninsular)



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