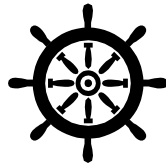


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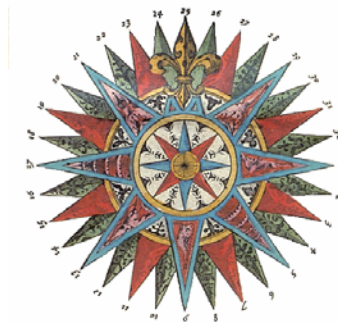
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FOREWORD

This course is meant for anyone who asks himself how can anyone find out where he is when the horizon forms a circle of 360° degrees around him.

We will try to give him some tools and explain how these tools operate. The calculation methods will be explained as being part of a general system, so mathematical developments and astronavigational explanations will be given only where they are needed to contribute to general understanding.

The author assumes that the reader has elementary knowledge of trigonometry and space geometry, of which a brief recapitulation is given in the appendix.

We are confident that the understanding of this course will increase your self-confidence at sea and that you will be able to face any critical situation without being the slave of your GPS.

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