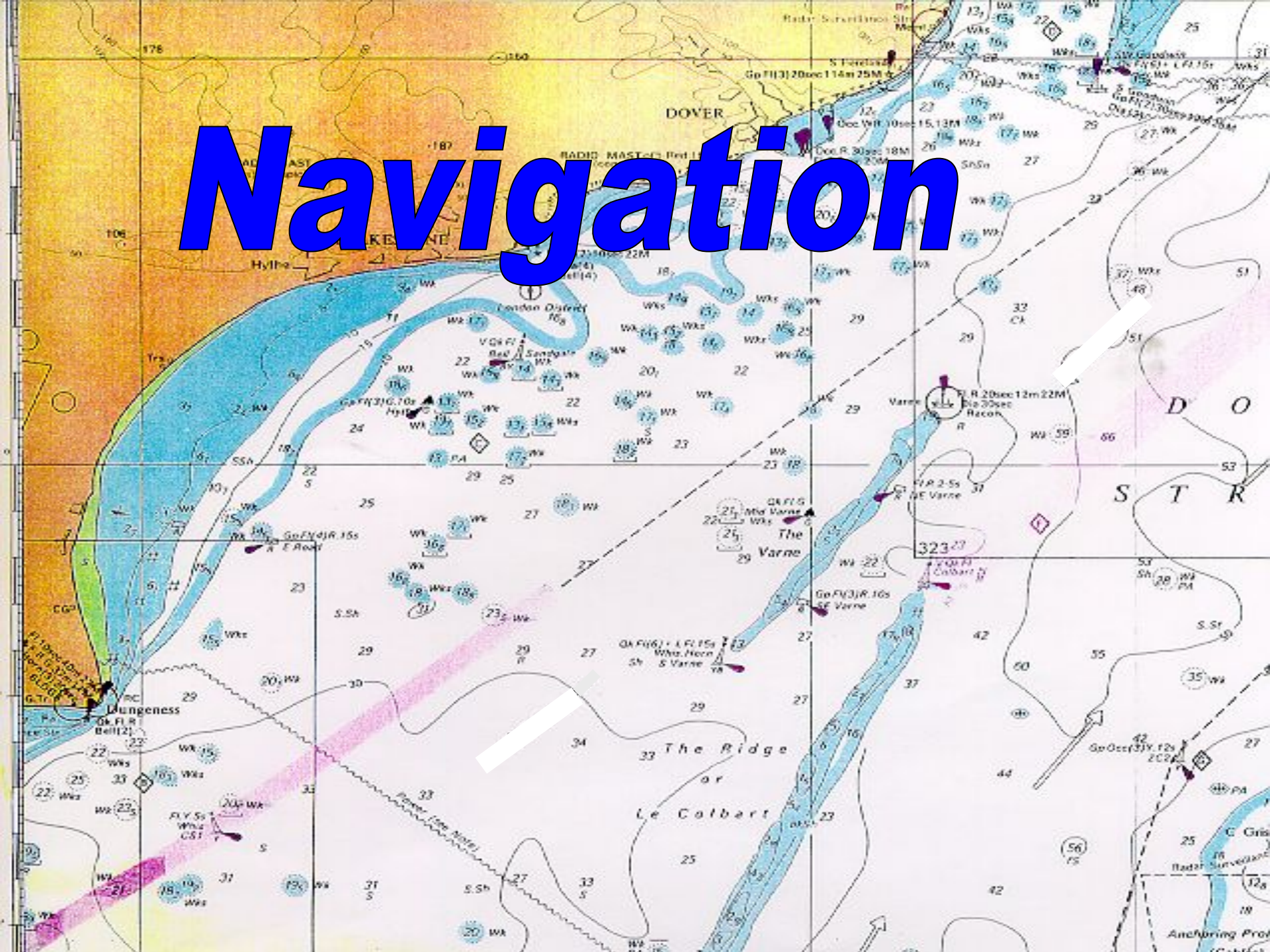


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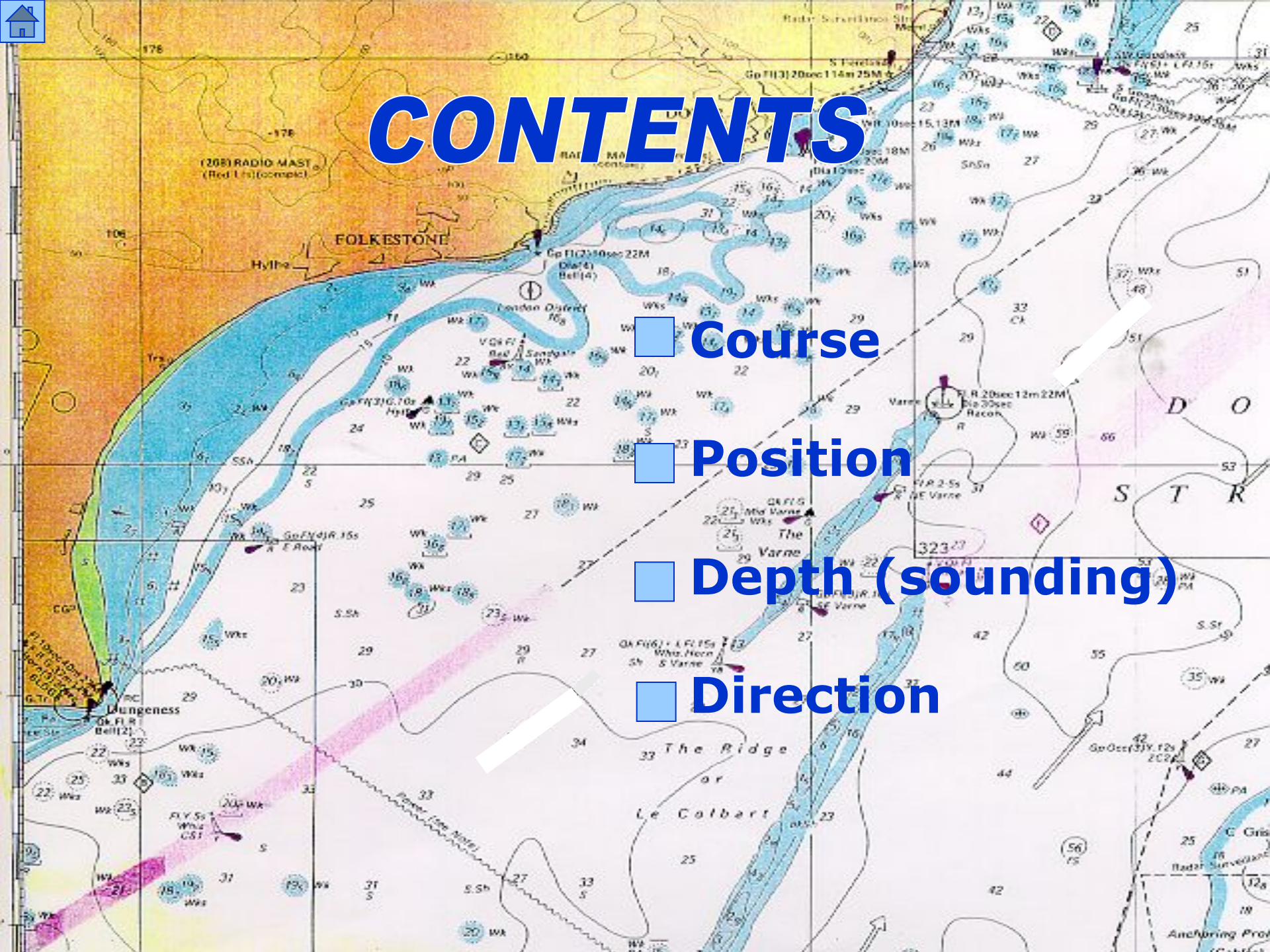
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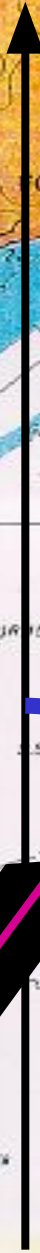
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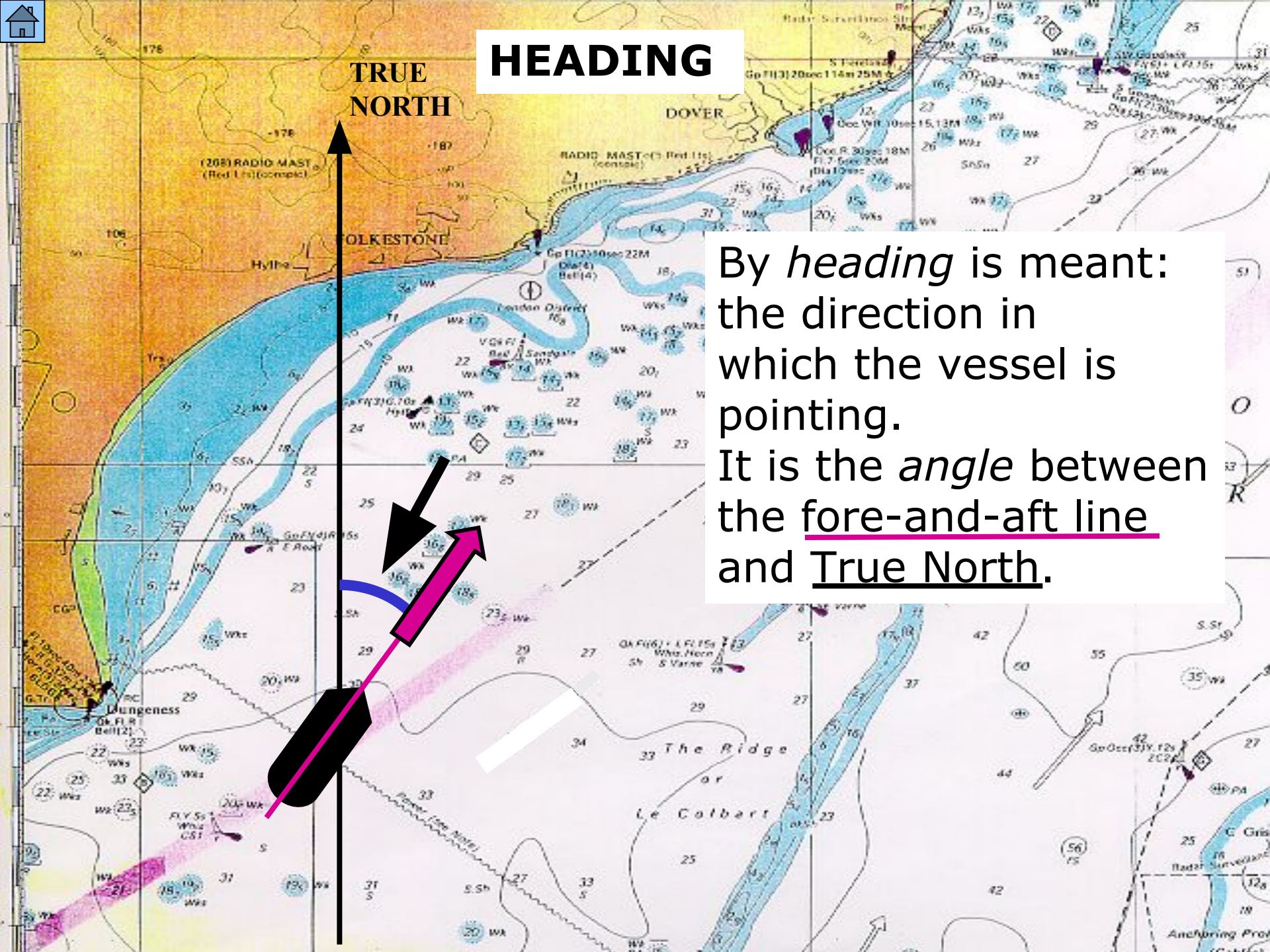


HEADING

TRUE NORTH

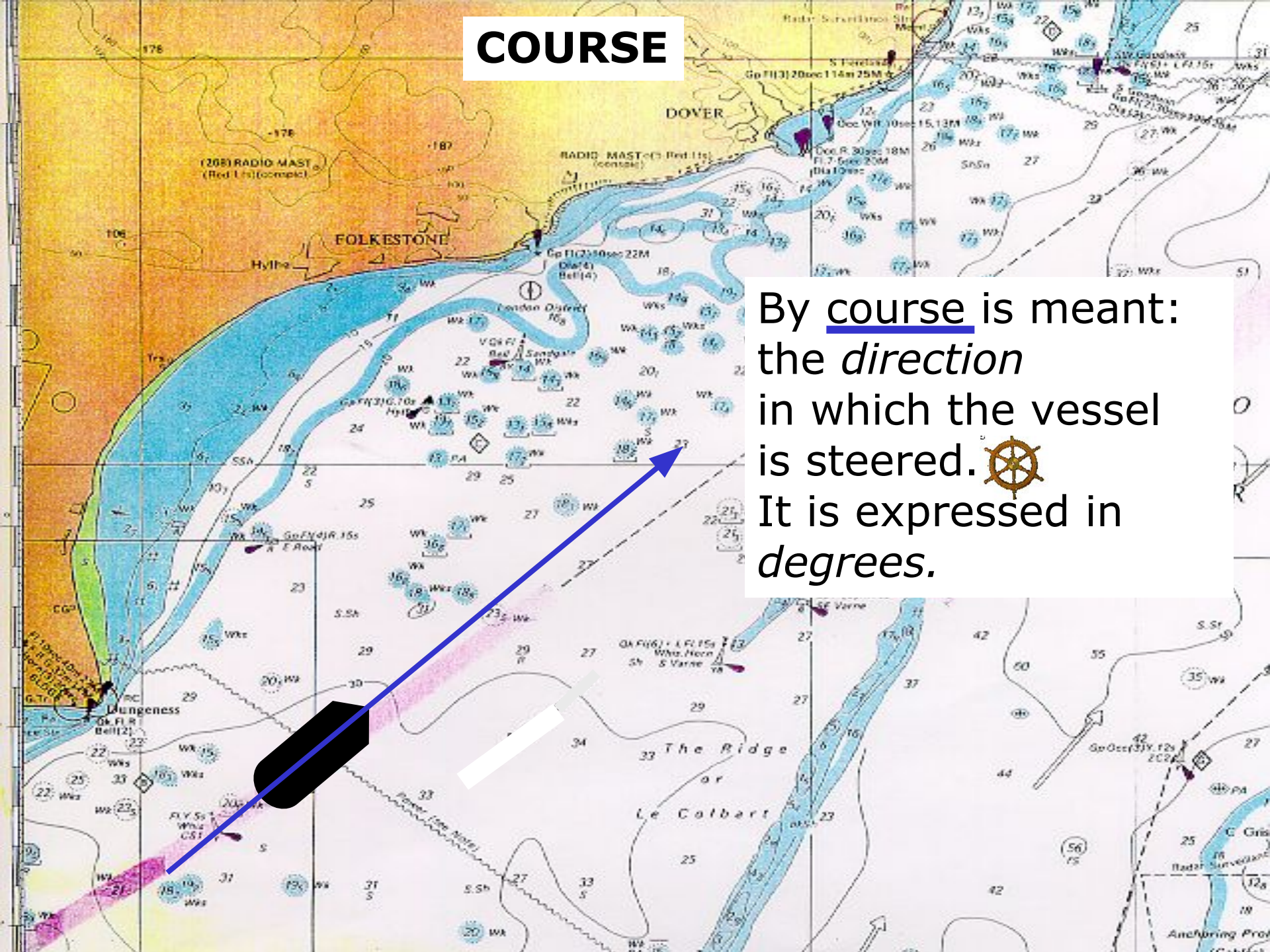


By *heading* is meant: the direction in which the vessel is pointing. It is the *angle* between the fore-and-aft line and True North.



COURSE

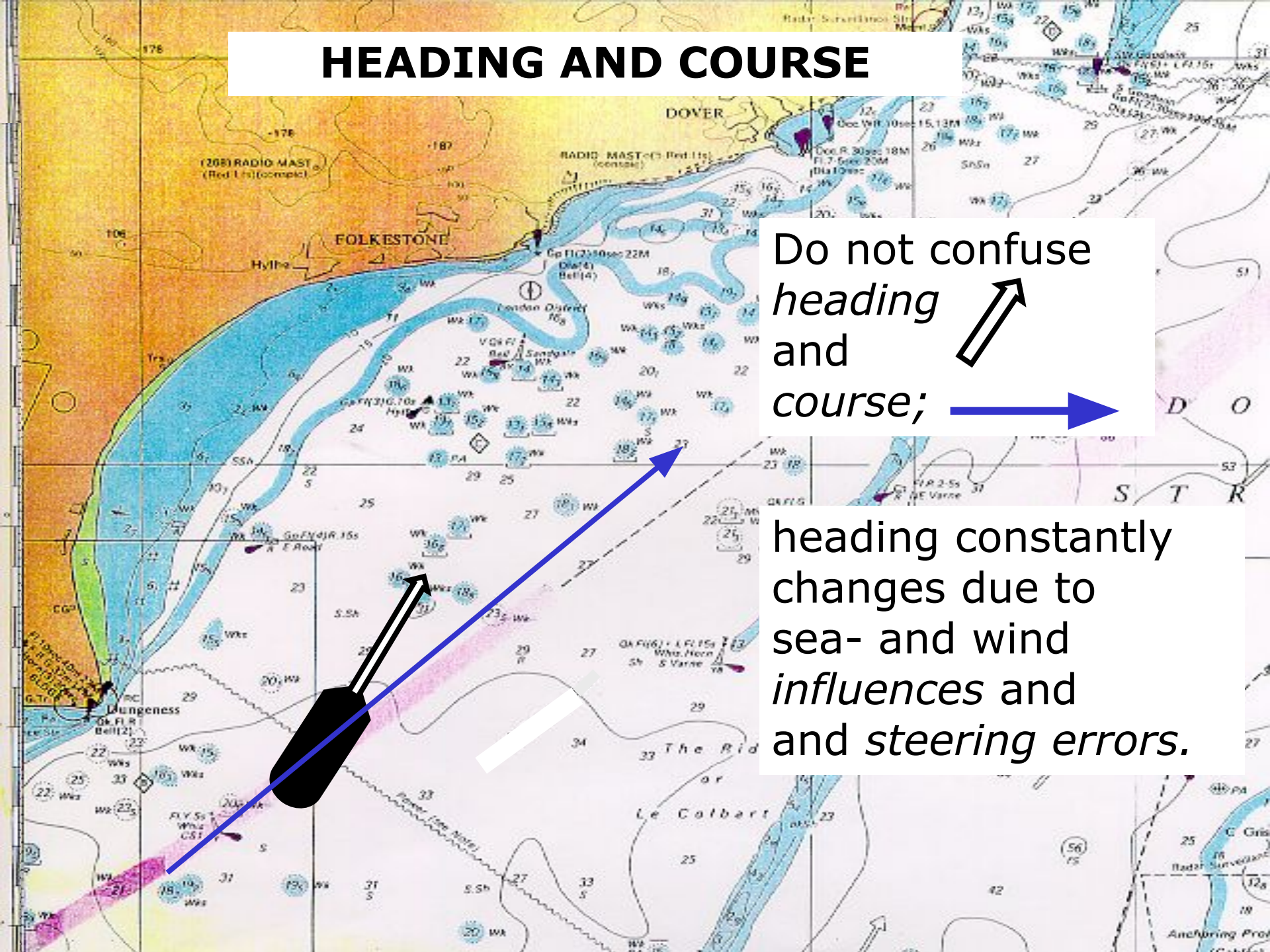
By course is meant:
the *direction*
in which the vessel
is steered. 🚢
It is expressed in
degrees.



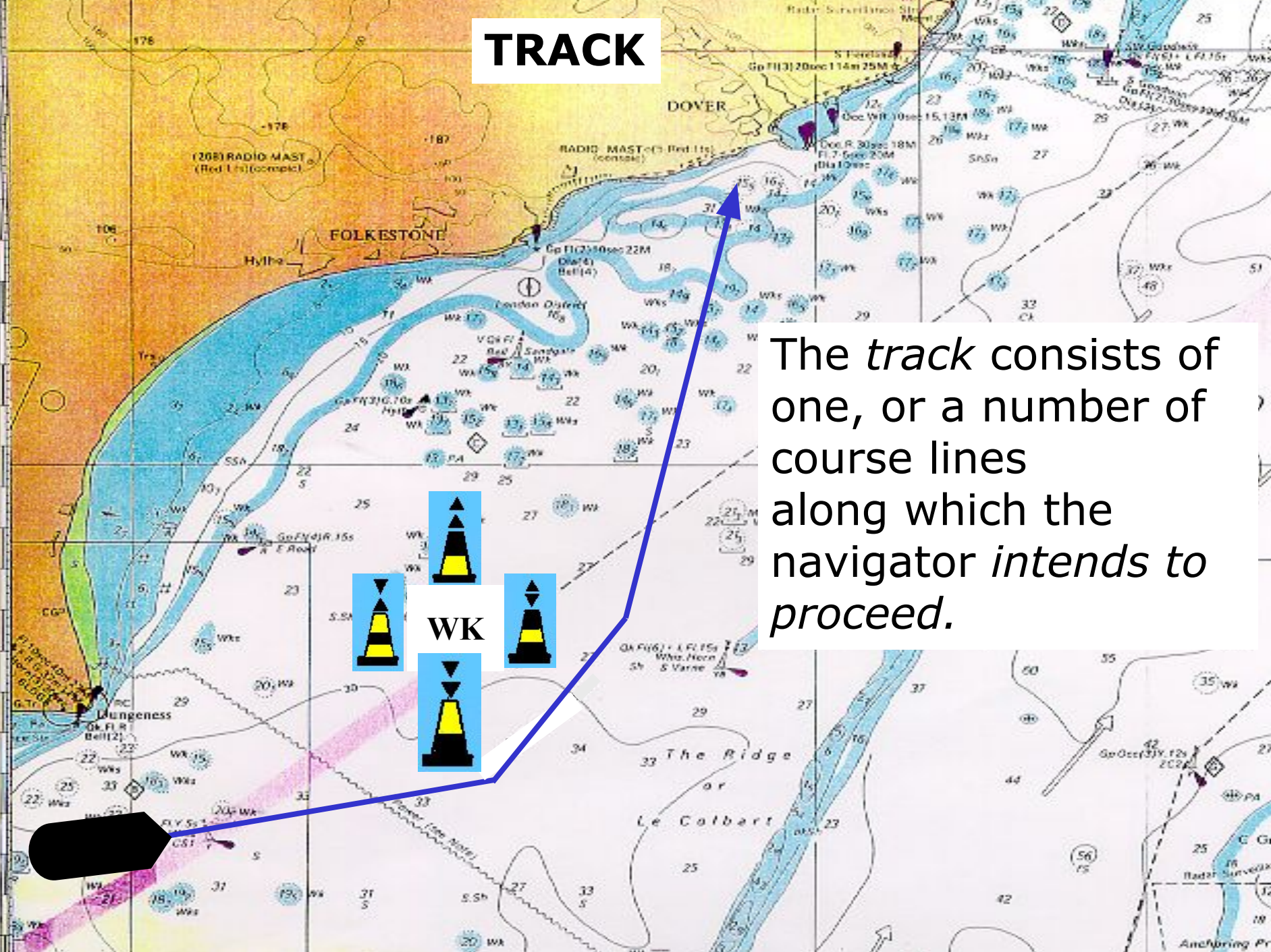
HEADING AND COURSE

Do not confuse
heading ↗
and
course; →

heading constantly
changes due to
sea- and wind
influences and
steering errors.

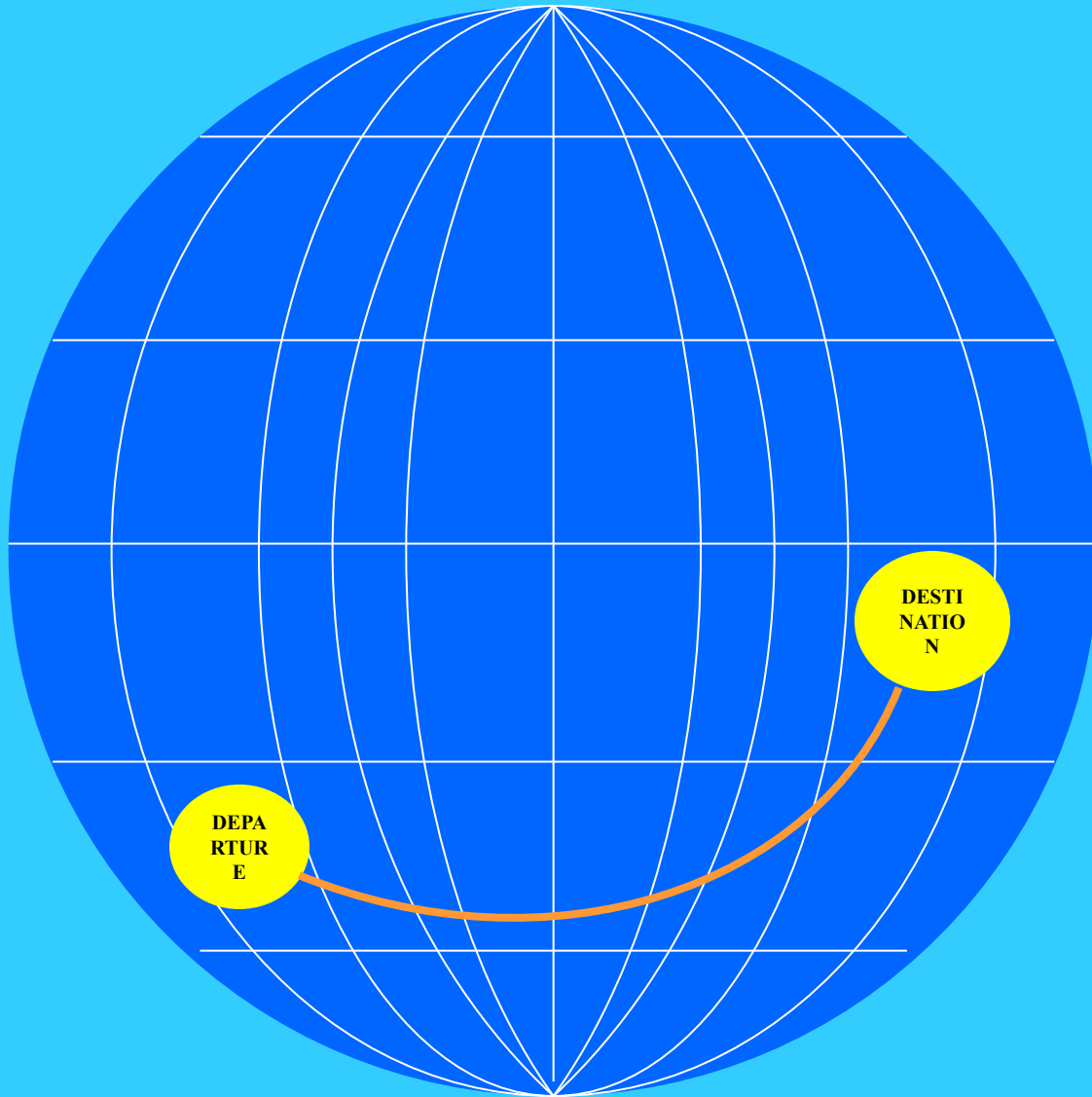


TRACK



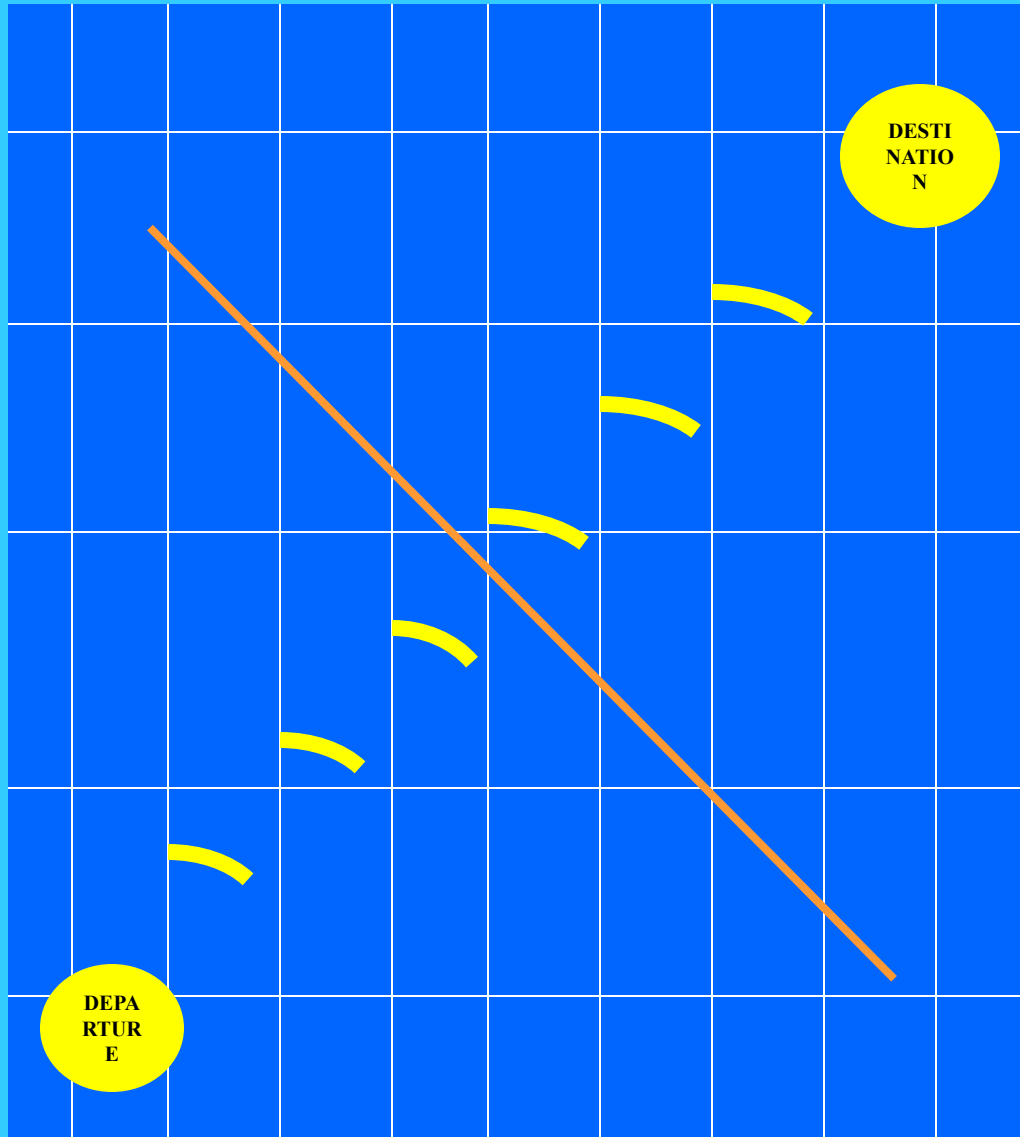
The *track* consists of one, or a number of course lines along which the navigator *intends to proceed*.

GREAT CIRCLE COURSE (TRACK)



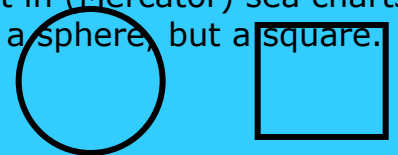
A great circle course forms the shortest connection between two places on the earth.

RHUMB LINE (*loxodrome*)

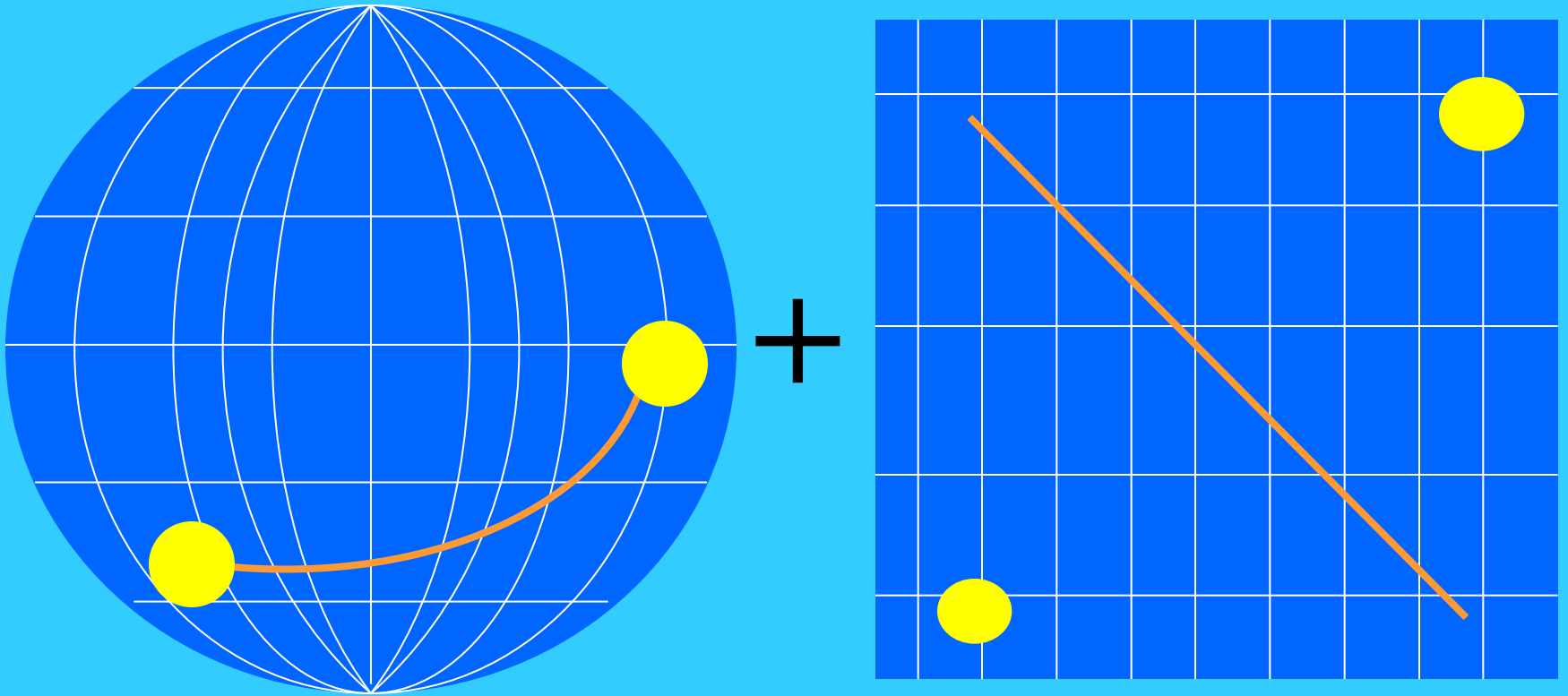


A *Rhumb line* is a line whereby all the angles made by the Meridians and the course line are *equal*.

This implies that in (Mercator) sea charts the earth is not a sphere, but a square.

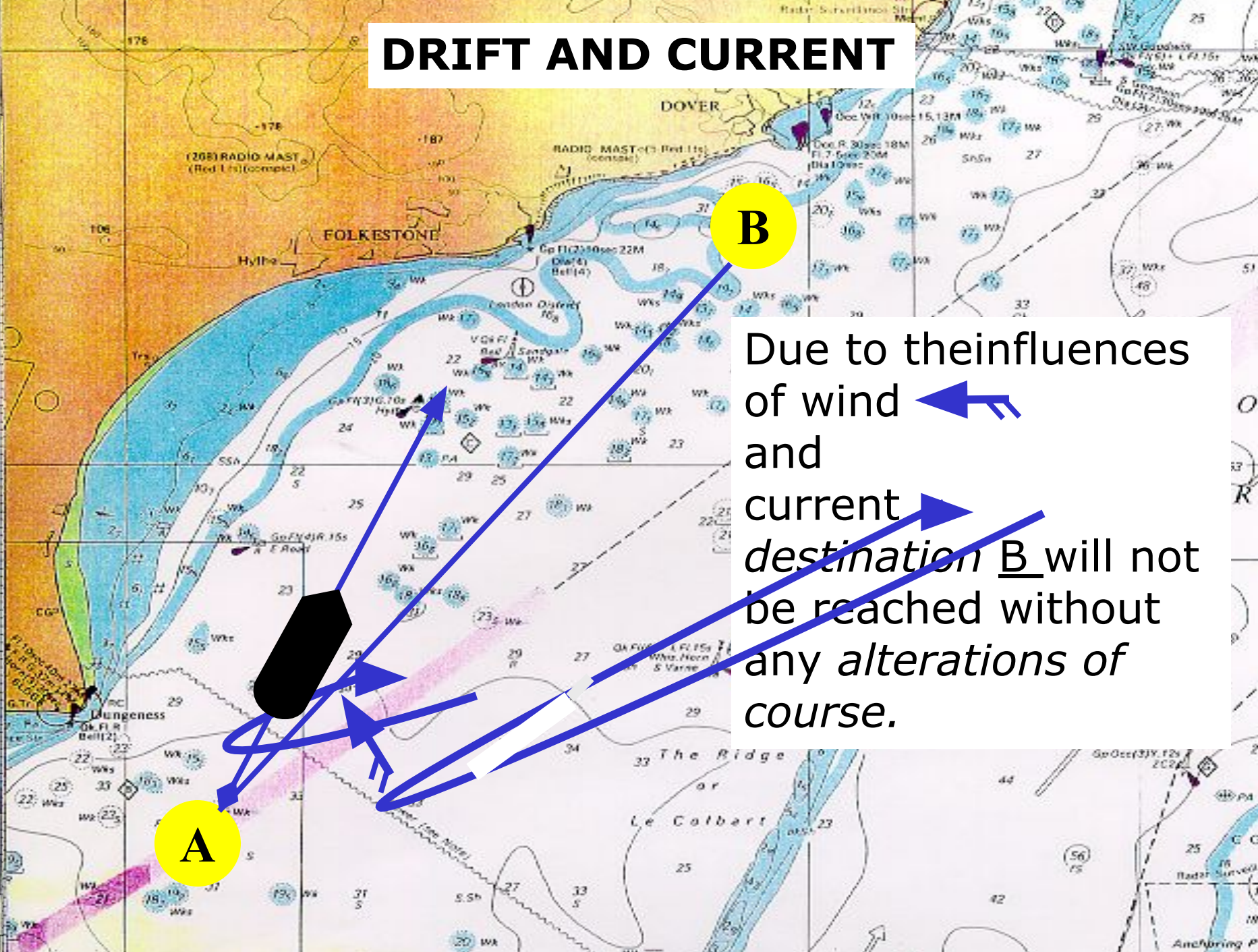


COMPOSITE SAILING



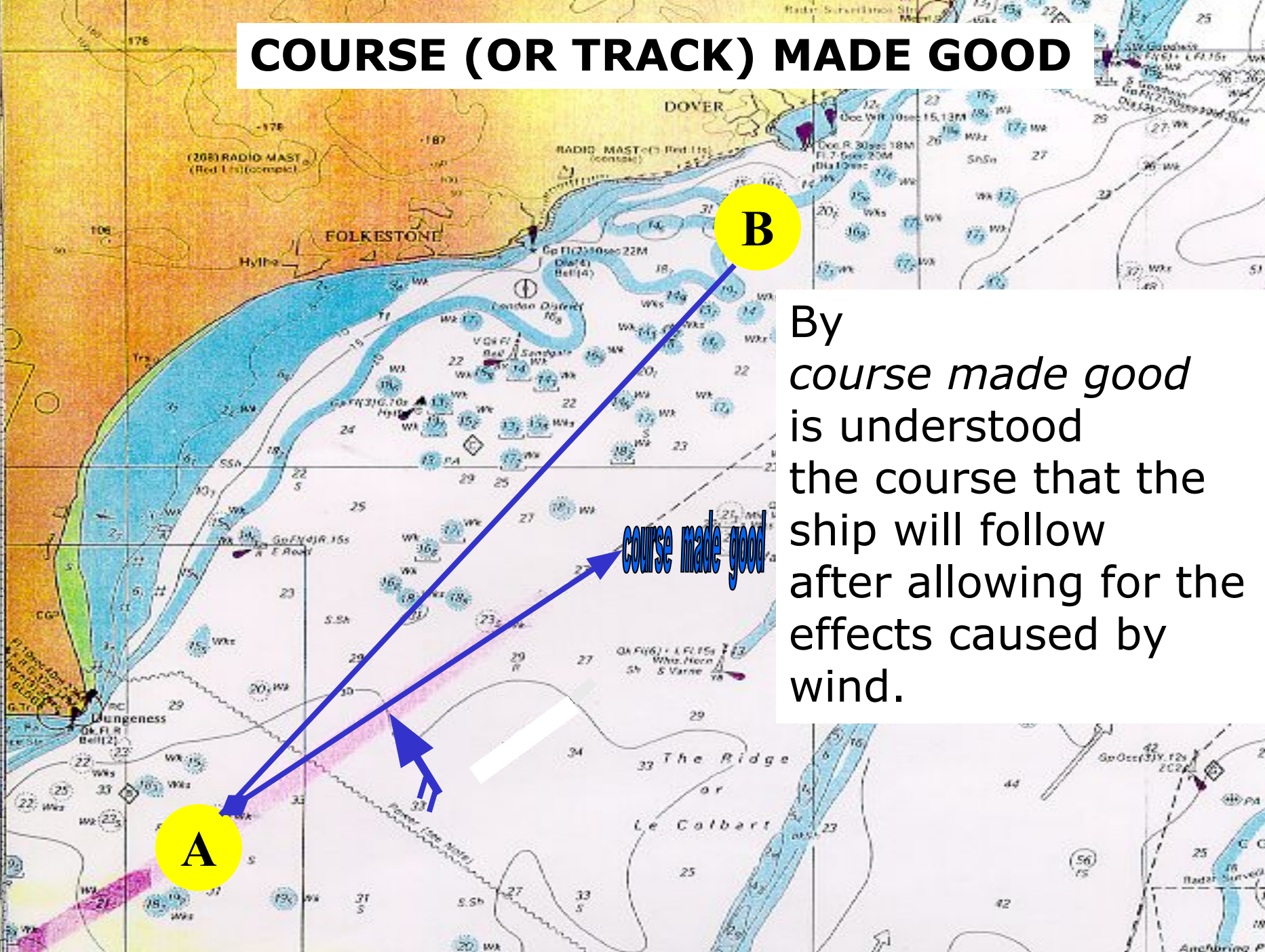
Composite sailing combines the *advantages* of the *great circle* and the *rhumb line*: it will offer the *shortest possible route*, and the vessel can keep *constant true directions*.

DRIFT AND CURRENT



Due to the influences of wind and current *destination B* will not be reached without any *alterations of course*.

COURSE (OR TRACK) MADE GOOD



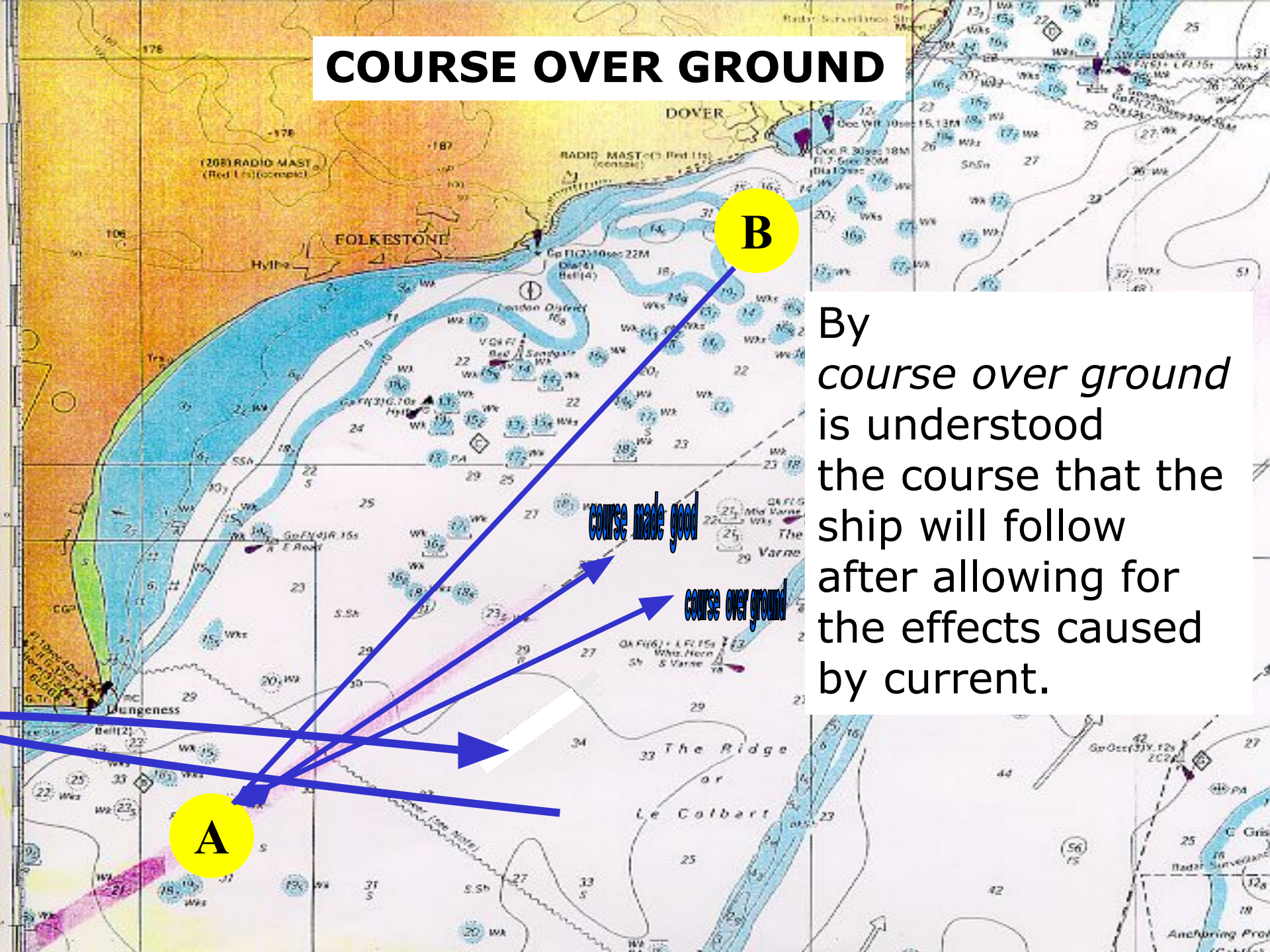
B

A

By *course made good* is understood the course that the ship will follow after allowing for the effects caused by wind.

course made good

COURSE OVER GROUND



By *course over ground* is understood the course that the ship will follow after allowing for the effects caused by current.

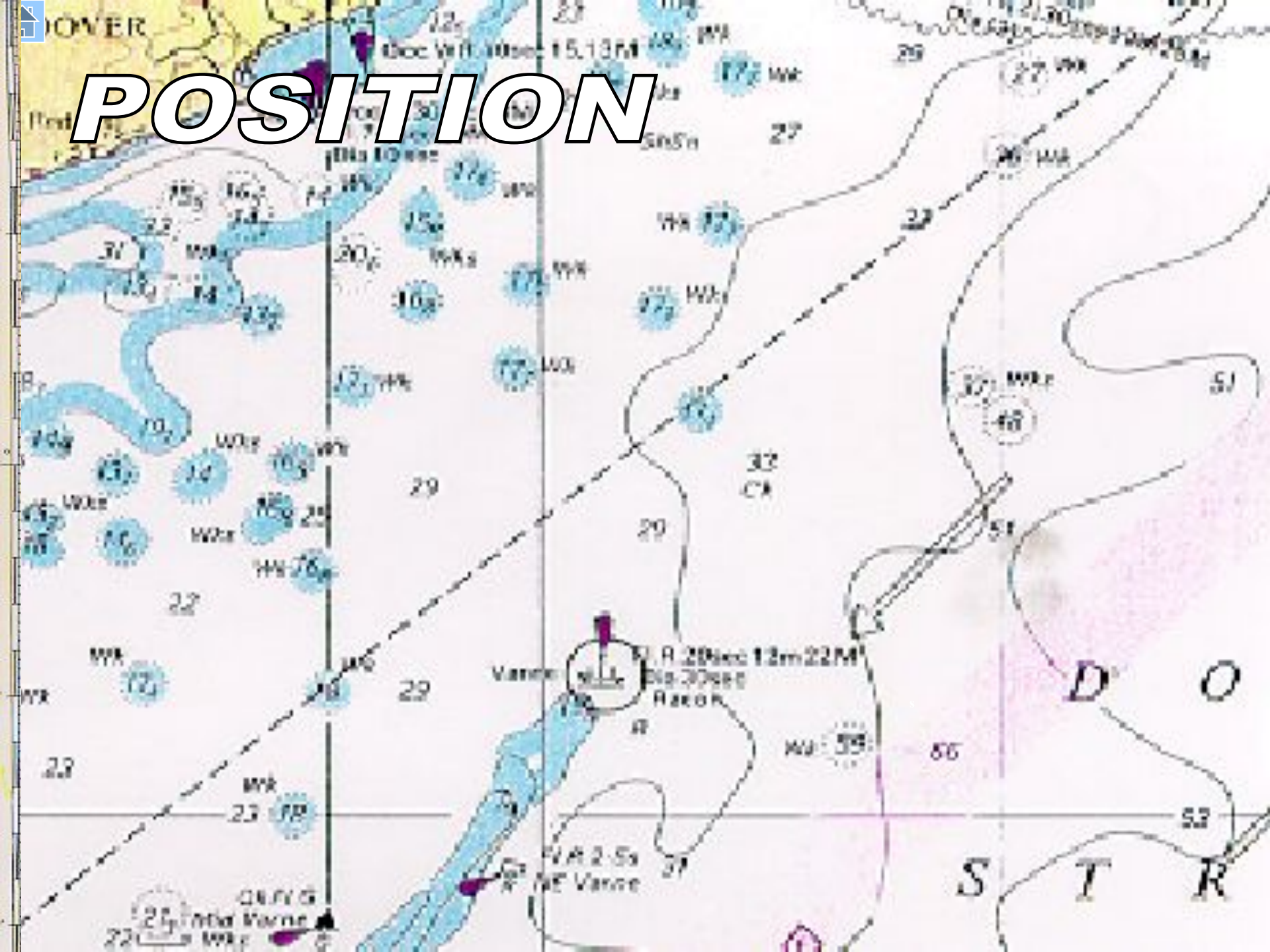
course made good

course over ground

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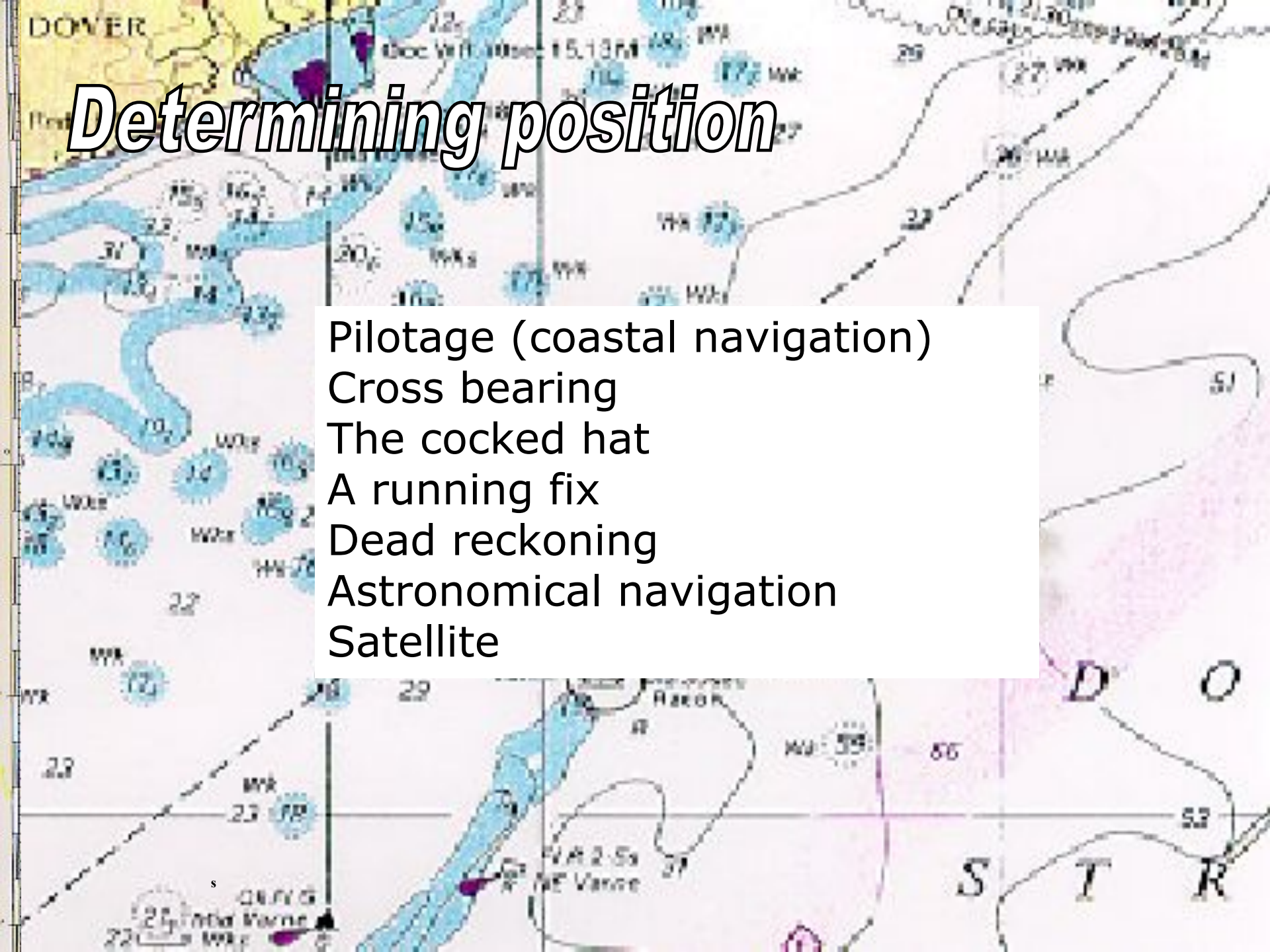
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POSITION




Determining position

Pilotage (coastal navigation)
Cross bearing
The cocked hat
A running fix
Dead reckoning
Astronomical navigation
Satellite



PILOTAGE

An aerial view of a large cargo ship with a white hull, red lower section, and a green deck, sailing on a dark green sea. The ship is moving from the bottom left towards the top right, leaving a white wake. In the background, a dark, forested coastline with a prominent mountain peak is visible. A yellow lighthouse stands on the shore. A white arrow points from the ship's bridge area towards the lighthouse. The word 'PILOTAGE' is written in large white letters in the top left corner. A text box with a white border is positioned in the middle right of the image, containing text about compass bearings.

When sailing along the coast, compass-bearings of *conspicuous objects* are taken at regular intervals.

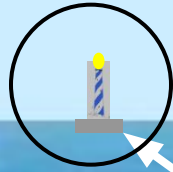
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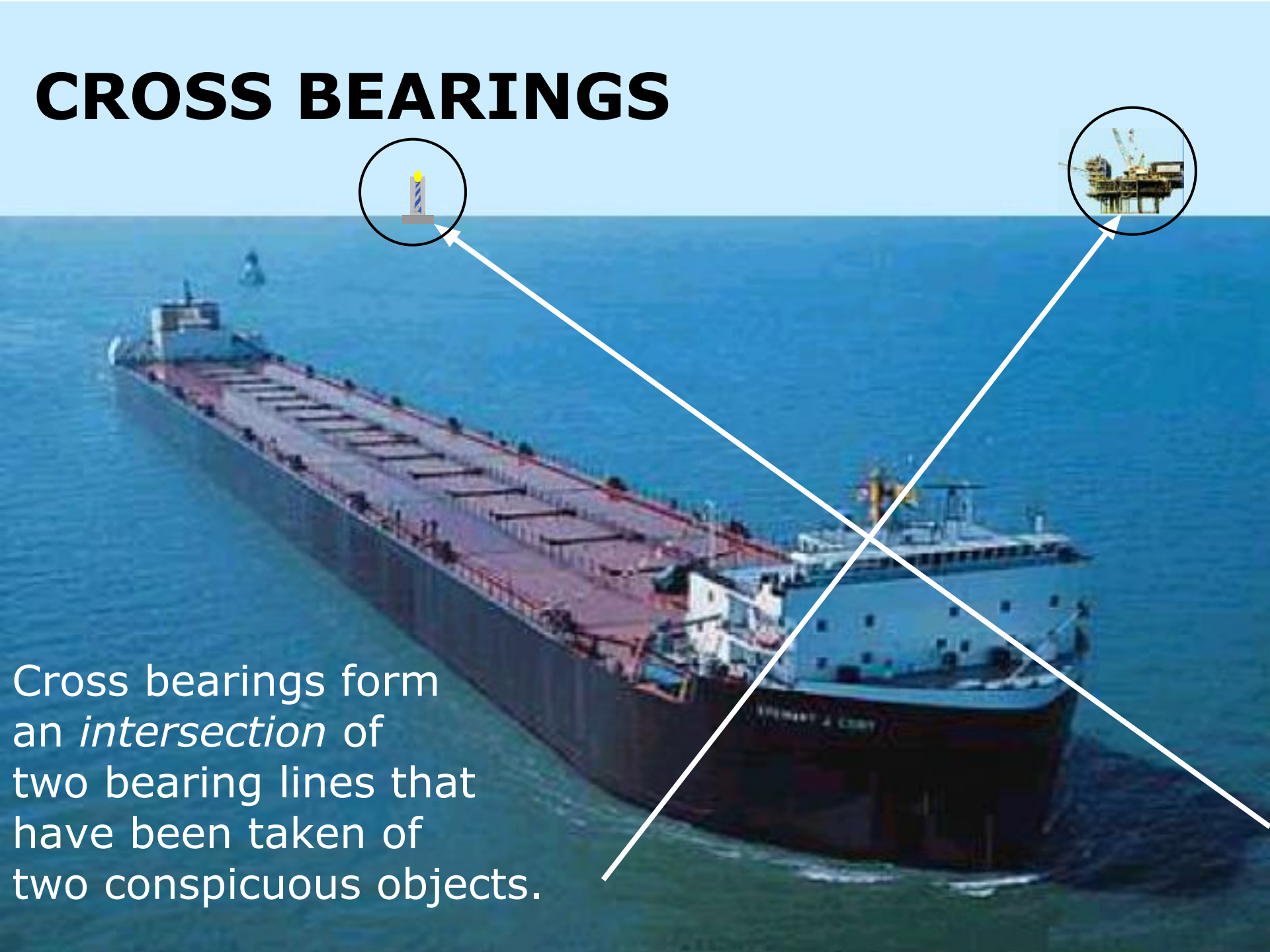
A CONSPICUOUS OBJECT (CONSPIC) is an object on land or at sea, which is *mentioned and described* in the pilot book.



CROSS BEARINGS



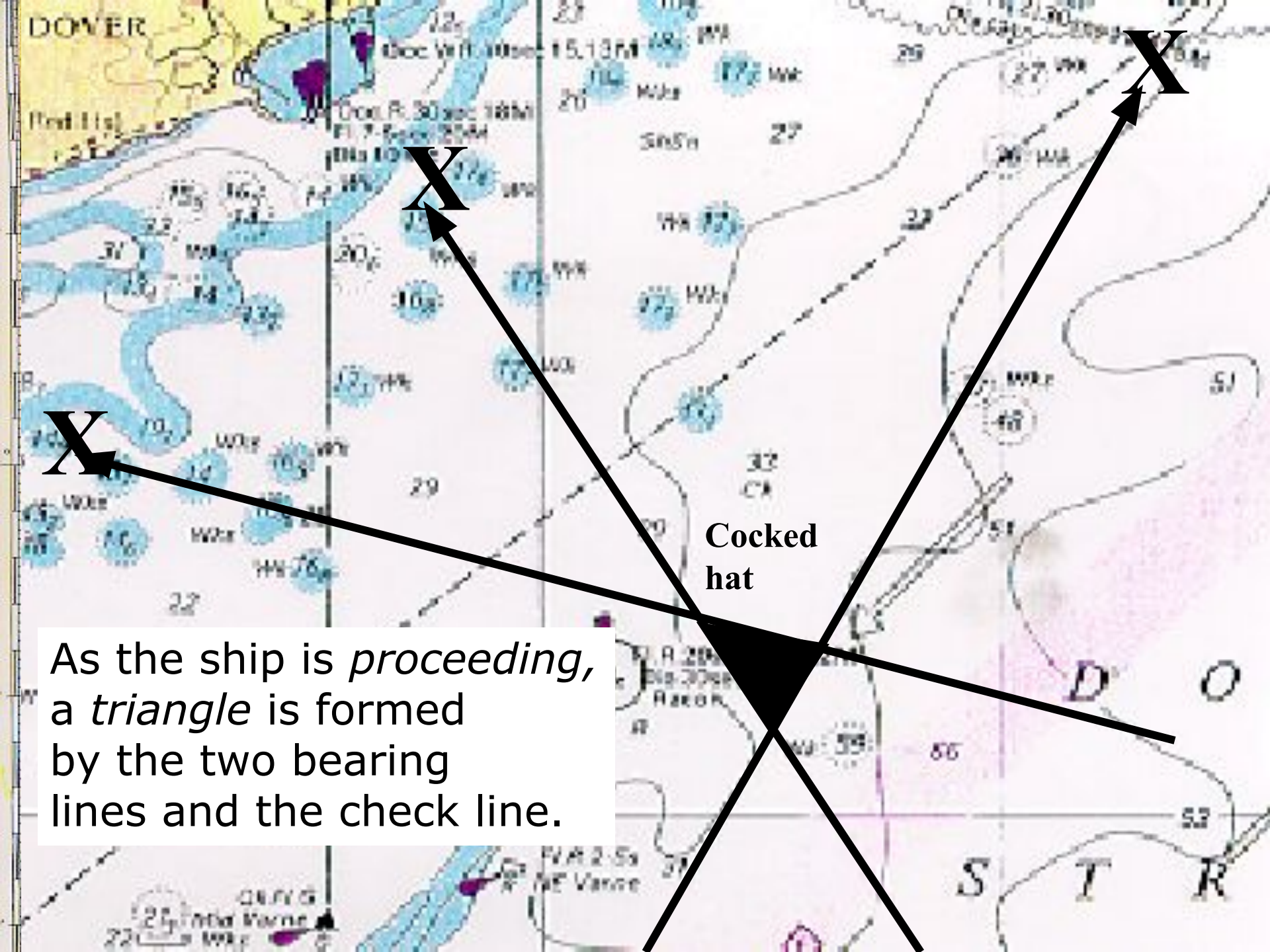
Cross bearings form an *intersection* of two bearing lines that have been taken of two conspicuous objects.





If a third conspicuous object is available, a third bearing ("*check line*") is taken.





Cocked hat

As the ship is *proceeding*, a *triangle* is formed by the two bearing lines and the check line.

running fix

When there is only one conspicuous object, a *position fix* is made by taking two bearings of that same conspic at interval.



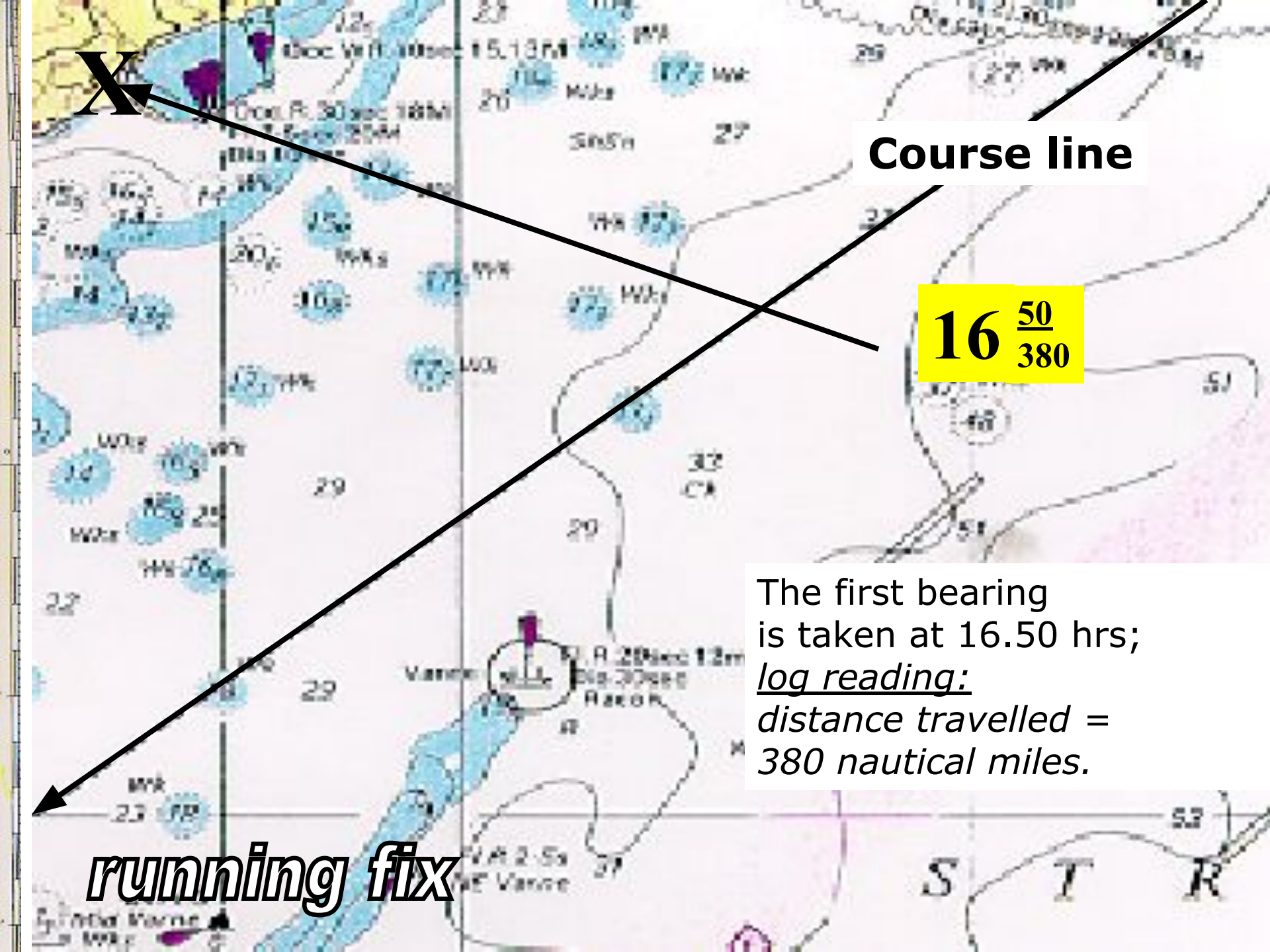
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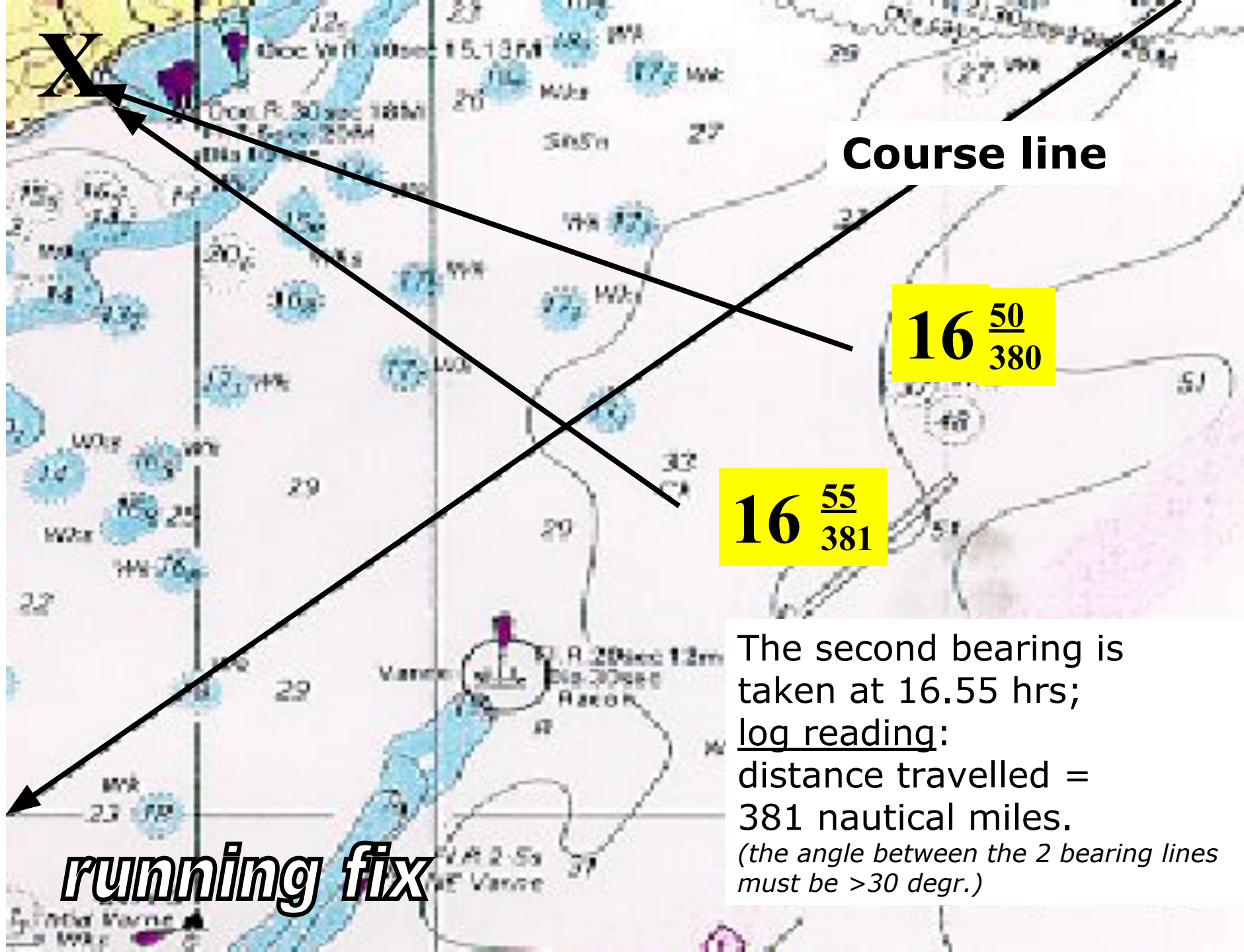
Course line

16 ⁵⁰/₃₈₀

The first bearing is taken at 16.50 hrs;
log reading:
distance travelled = 380 nautical miles.

running fix





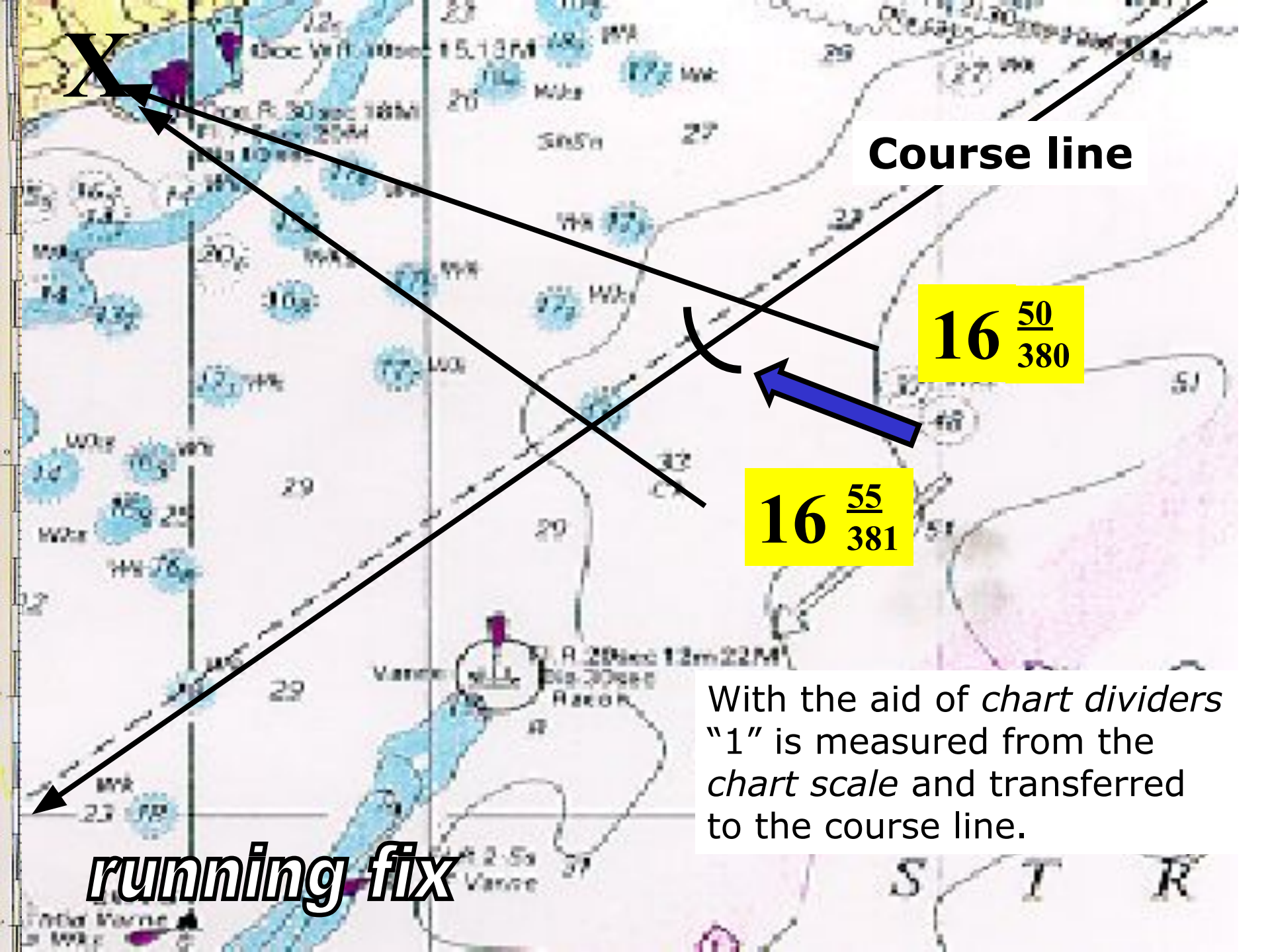
Course line

16 ⁵⁰/₃₈₀

16 ⁵⁵/₃₈₁

The second bearing is taken at 16.55 hrs;
log reading:
distance travelled = 381 nautical miles.
(the angle between the 2 bearing lines must be >30 degr.)

running fix



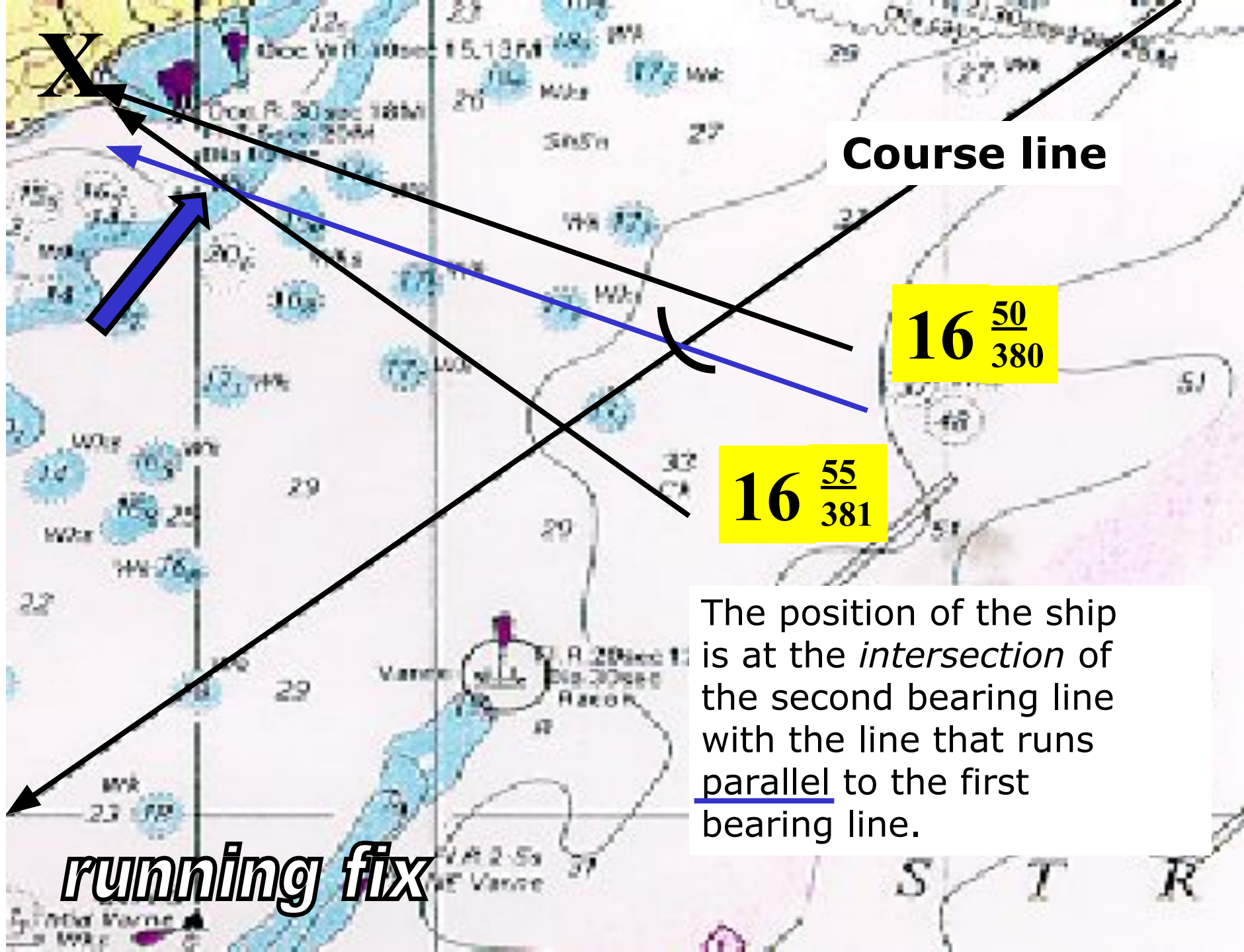
Course line

16 $\frac{50}{380}$

16 $\frac{55}{381}$

With the aid of *chart dividers* "1" is measured from the *chart scale* and transferred to the course line.

running fix



Course line

16 $\frac{50}{380}$

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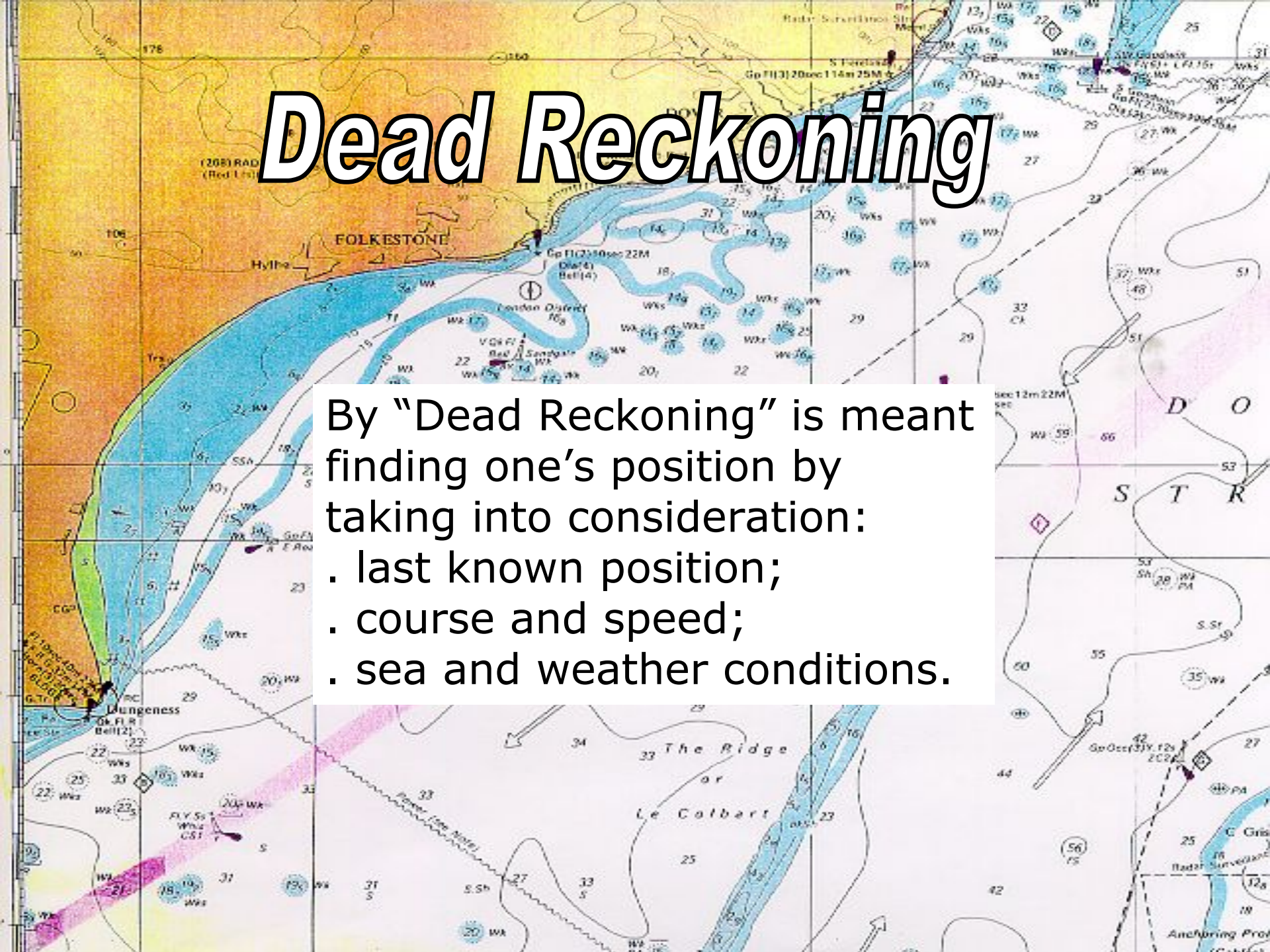
The position of the ship is at the *intersection* of the second bearing line with the line that runs parallel to the first bearing line.

running fix

Dead Reckoning

By "Dead Reckoning" is meant finding one's position by taking into consideration:

- last known position;
- course and speed;
- sea and weather conditions.



ASTRONOMICAL NAVIGATION

With astronomical navigation (*celestial navigation*) observations are taken of the sun, the moon or the stars (*celestial bodies*) with the aid of a sextant.

SEXTANT-BEARING



The angle between a *celestial body* and the horizon is measured.



With the *aid* of the chronometer and the tables in the nautical almanac the ship's position can be *determined*.







Sounding

With the aid of the echo sounder the depth of the water can be determined.

TAKING SOUNDINGS

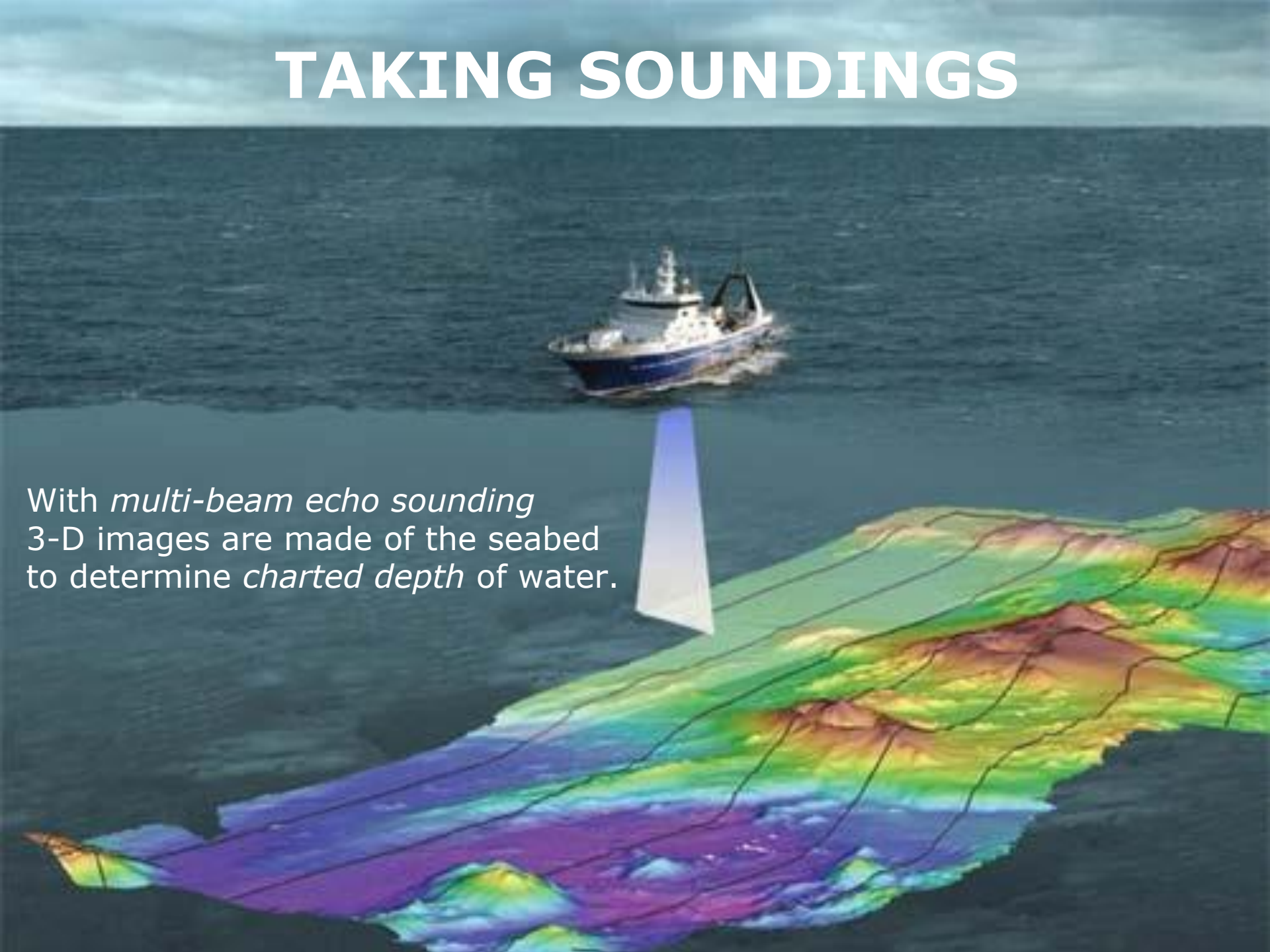
A signal is transmitted to the sea bed. This signal “bounces back” and is received again by the echo sounder.

From the *time elapsed* between *transmission* and *reception* of the signal, the depth of the water can be determined.



TAKING SOUNDINGS

With *multi-beam echo sounding* 3-D images are made of the seabed to determine *charted depth* of water.



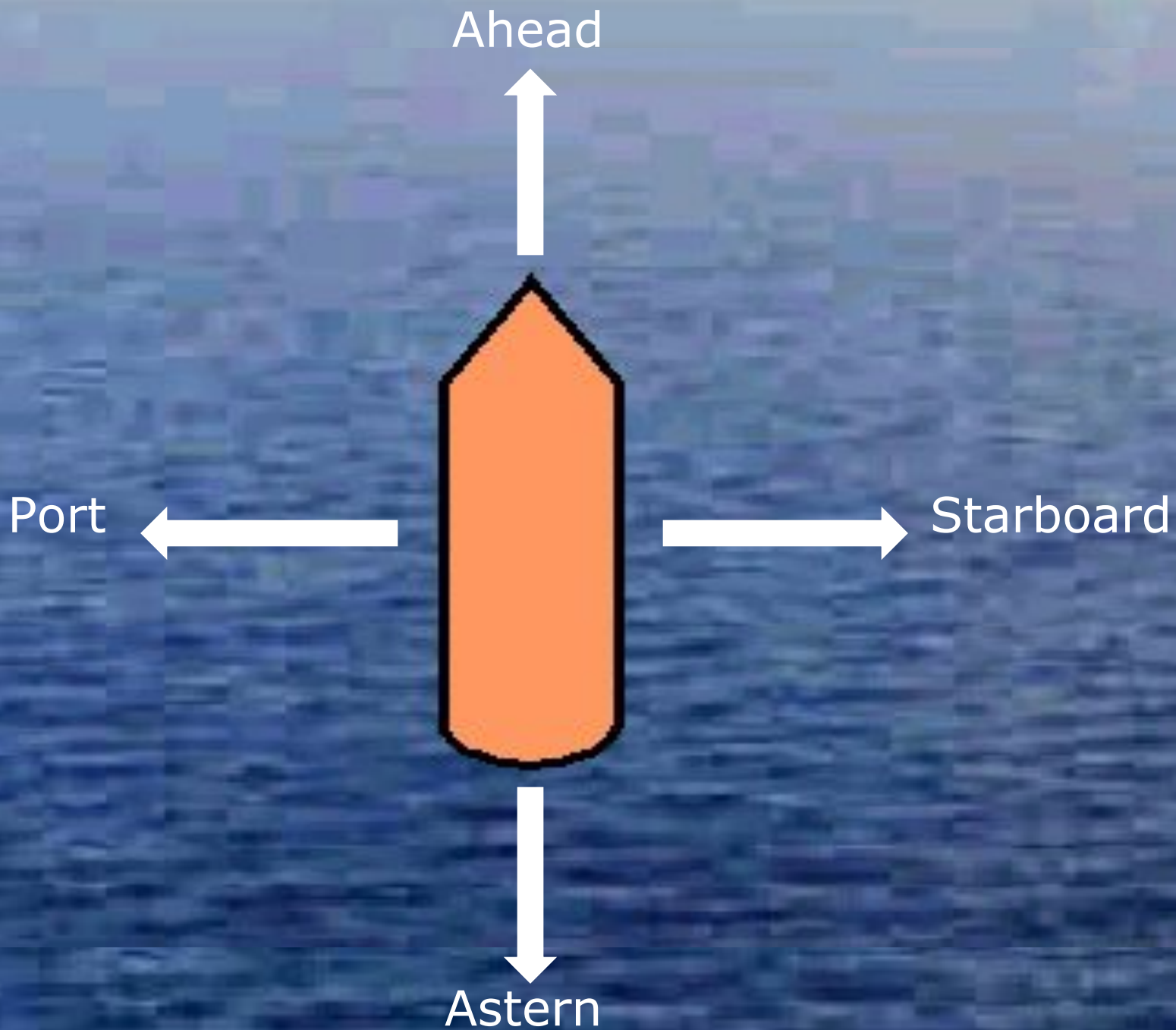
WIRE SWEEPING

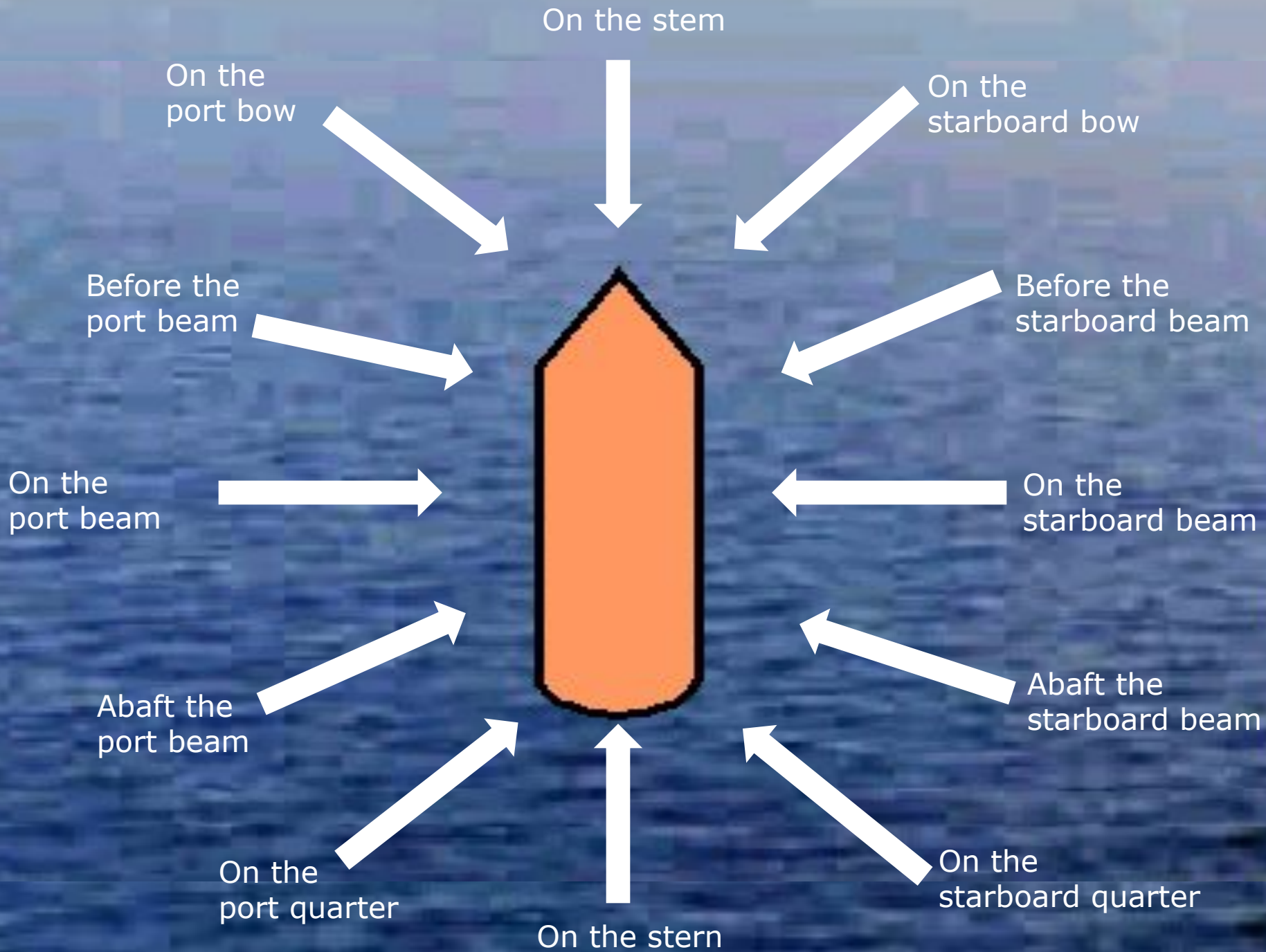
Depth over a *protruding obstacle* can also be obtained by *wire sweeping*, whereby a cable is *swept* over the sea bed between two survey vessels. However, this method of determining depth is *obsolete*.





Directions





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