

Example for Position Fix

Source: Helmut Knopp, Astronomische Navigation,
BusseSeewald Ed., Beispiel II, S. 78 ff.

Date 19 Oct 1989

Position DR1 = 49°17' S 90°38' E

Position DR2 = 49°47.1' S 91°37.3' E

Observation:	DR1=	DR2=
	SUN low	SUN low
Sextant	27°02	49°11
Index corr	2'	2'
Height of Eye	20 m	20 m
UT1	1h45m11s	5h00m50s
h-observed	27°10.4	49°20.4
h-calculated	27°16.7	49°25.2
Delta-h	-6.3 nm	-4.8 nm
Az	72.4°	14.4°

Course 128° Distance 48.9 nm
= from DR1 to DR2 !

Position Fix:

Latitude 49°51' S

Longitude 91°27' E

Deviation from DR2:

236.3° 6.5 nm

(Position-Fix was evaluated graphically)

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Astronomische Navigation Examples: p. 70, 72
 by Helmut Knopp, Verlag Busse Seewald Herford 1996
 (grafical evaluation of position on the sea-chart)

Date	1989 july 31	Height-of-Eye: 2.0m	
DR-position	Latitude: N 43°18.6' Longitude: W 55°28.3'		
Celestial Body:	Venus	Moon (low)	Arcturus
Hor.Parallax	0.1'	56.7'	0'
Time UT1	19h04m13s	19h08m42s	19h09m59s
Sextant Angle	52°28.2'	35°52.4'	53°45.6'
+/- Index corr.	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0
Gb	-3.2	57.6	-3.2
Altitude obs.	52°23.0'	36°48.0'	53°40.4'
Altitude calc.	52°24.3'	36°46.4'	53°43.1'
Azimuth	211°	268°	121.3°
Δh	-1.3nm away	1.6nm towards	-2.7nm away

----- now calculate the Position-Fix for the 3 pairs, and plot the result:

POSITION FIX:	Latitude	Longitude	Deviation	Direction
Moon-Arcturus:	43°21'	-55°30.6'	3 nm	325°
Venus-Moon	43° 21.1'	-55°30.6'	3 nm	326.3°
Venus-Arcturus	43° 21.1'	-55°30.6'	3 nm	326.8°
AVERAGE:	43°21' N	55° 31' W	3 nm	325° (plotted)

The ASTRONOMICAL ALMANAC for the year 1989
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 and HMSO Publication Center, London, UK .-page D14.
 The **MOON**. - For 00h Dynamical Time (i.e. **Delta_T=0**).

July 31, at time 00h:

apparent Right Ascension	Declination
7h 18m 03.9sec	N 25° 30' 56"

compare:

for comparison: AstroPositionMax-V05.html:	
7h 18m 03.90sec	N 25° 30' 55.6"