

## **SBBC Virtual sailing marks – 2026 v2 05/01/26**

Short Code, General location, Co-ordinates, bearings to landmarks and mud-map

**PR** virtual mark off Point Return, 42°37.599'S 148° 0.589'E

1.7nm @ 233°<sup>true</sup> to “Lachlan Island light”

0.7nm @ 107°<sup>true</sup> to “Point Return”

**PL** virtual mark off Point Lesueur, 42° 39.999'S 147°59.499'E

(previously South Maria shorten course)

1.0nm @ 93°<sup>true</sup> 60 to cardinal mark south of “Point Lesueur”

1.3nm @ 154°<sup>true</sup> to “Lachlan Island light”

**SM** virtual mark off Green Bluff/unfortunate cove, 42°42.999'S 147°59.999'E

0.6nm @ 116°<sup>true</sup> to “Green Bluff”

1.9nm @ 168°<sup>true</sup> to “Boy in the boat”

**D** virtual mark off Darlington, 42°34.549'S 148°1.999'E

approximating NE corner marker of former fish lease

1.4nm @ 100°<sup>true</sup> to “Darlington Jetty light”

1.8nm @ 66°<sup>true</sup> to “Isle du Nord light”

**NW** 42°34.120'S 148°0.040'E

virtual mark approximating NW corner buoy of former fish lease

2.4nm @ 293°<sup>true</sup> to “Point Home light”

3.1nm @ 84°<sup>true</sup> to “Ile Du Nord light”

Expanded view Mercury Passage – pins show the general location of virtual marks.



### **Notes on plotting GPS points eg. Virtual marks**

Any GPS enabled consumer computer/phone/tablets are likely to be able to run the nautical *chart and navigation subscription program* “Garmin Boating” formerly “Navionics”. Owned and overseen by Garmin, it is the basis of most consumer-oriented nautical navigation programs. Alternative GPS-based nautical navigation programs of varying usefulness are available.

#### **Plotting a coordinate in “Navionics” on a phone, tablet or computer.**

*Firstly, access to the plotting capability is from the “Garmin Boating” home page, not the menu. After that it is more self-explanatory. If you’re having trouble get help before race day.*

*Secondly, “Garmin Boating” may not, in my experience on multiple devices, plot .000 seconds, and will mostly round down to .999 seconds in the preceding minute. It is a quirk, but of no consequence in locating the virtual mark. At our latitude, the discrepancy is 1 meter north to south, and less east to west, which is less than the likely movement of a laid mark in open water!*