

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° true to "Lachlan Island light"

0.7nm @ 107° true 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° true 60 to **cardinal mark** south of "Point Lesueur"

1.3nm @ 154° true to "Lachlan Island light"

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

0.6nm @ 116° true to "Green Bluff"

1.9nm @ 168° true 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° true to "Darlington Jetty light"

1.8nm @ 66° true 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° true to "Point Home light"

3.1nm @ 84° true 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!