



# Cruiser Log

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## New Trophy Designer Is First Winner

Poulsbo Yacht Club (PYC) has taken over the former Rainier/Poulsbo predicted log contest, and PYC trophy chairman Dick Timmerman has crafted a new trophy, known as the Liberty Bay Challenge Trophy. The newly created trophy, which has an old-fashioned compass as the crown, was up for grabs on Saturday, May 12, 2007.

A small field of fifteen boats registered to race, but one was forced to drop out due to engine problems. (This year all contests have suffered reduction in numbers, possibly due to fuel costs, older racers dropping out, or who knows.) The PYC navigation contest circumnavigated Bainbridge Island, a fairly long race by today's standards. There were light winds and confusing current changes, and, with seven control points to find and call, only one contestant scored below the coveted 1%.

That racer was Dick Timmerman, who, with navigator/wife Sylvia, achieved the score of 0.7541% on their classic 1927 Lake Union Dreamboat *Vagabond*. The other top two contestants were Lynn Montgomery of Queen City Yacht Club (QCYC), second with 1.2237% on *Likely Lady*, and PYC's Bob Johnson, third on *Schottische IV* with 1.2288%.

Other winners were new racer Andy Gerde of QCYC on *Windy-I*, first in Class I, Don Larson of Gig Harbor Yacht Club on *Tewasi*, first in Class II and the Novice Class, and Dave Padgett, QCYC, on *Slip Away*, first in Class III.

Contestants were guests at PYC's TGIF at the clubhouse as they arrived on Friday evening and at the traditional Saturday steak fry and awards presentation for racers and observers on Saturday. Breakfast on Sunday morning was hosted by Commodore Larry Elfendahl and his wife Mary Ann.

The next contest will be Filucy Bay on June 2nd, followed by the International Cruiser Contest on July 12th, which boomerangs out of Cap Sante, Anacortes.

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## North American Cruiser Association

For help or information, visit our web site at  
<http://www.predictedlog.org>

It provides a resource for boaters looking for information, to learn more about predicted logging or NACA, or to find a member organization near them.

Feel free to call any of us with your thoughts and ideas!

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## NACA Objectives

The objective of the North American Cruiser Association is to promote the sport of Predicted Log Contests in North America. Pursuant to this objective, NACA will:

1. Publish and distribute a periodic newsletter known as the *Cruiser Log*, which shall contain news and information pertaining to the sport.
2. Schedule and coordinate an annual "North American Invitational" (NAI) Predicted Log Contest.
3. Sanction contests of member associations that are to be scored for NACA points.
4. Maintain and publish scoring and standings of Predicted Log contestants participating in NACA sanctioned contests.
5. Provide perpetual and suitable keeper trophies and other awards for winners of such North American Predicted Log series and events as may be established by NACA.
6. Establish "Recommended Contest Rules" for NACA sanctioned Predicted Log Contests.
7. Generally be responsive to the needs and requirements of member associations and of the sport of Predicted Log Contests.
8. Support boating and Corinthian yachting in general.

### Cruiser Log Publication Deadlines

Submit by:	For publication in:
January 15	February
March 15	April
May 15	June
July 15	August
September 15	October
November 15	December

If you miss a deadline, your article will be published in a future issue.

## Commodore's Corner

Have you made your plans to attend the NAI in Toledo, Ohio, in August? Even if you are not a contestant or crew, attending a North American Invitational is an opportunity to socialize with and, perhaps, learn a thing or two from the best of the best.

The first NAI that I attended was the ill-fated Hurricane Irene event in St. Petersburg, Florida. I was supposed to be crew for the Chicago contestant; we got in the time trials but never got to play the game. In spite of that, I still have fond memories of visiting St. Petersburg Yacht Club and meeting our beloved late Duke Rohrbaugh and his lovely wife Bonnie for the first time.

Since then, I have been from one coast to the other and to three corners of the country to attend, and sometimes participate in, this great sporting event. Each time, I have made new friends and met interesting members of our organization. I have gained the "institutional memory" passed on by some of the organizers and original members of NACA, such as Mel Lurie and Tom Collins.

Meeting Martha Miller and John Molchan in Oakland, California, in 2000 made me realize that age does not matter on the water. I don't remember their ages exactly, but they were both over 85 when they won that year. The late Ben Shaw passed his interest to his grandsons, Greg and Chris Yalanis.

### Attention: Association Scorers

Please send your contest scores to Chief Scorer Craig Ryan as soon after a race as possible, so he can compile NACA standings for publication in the next issue of *Cruiser Log*. Please note his new e-mail address. Send to:

Craig Ryan  
2820 Boa Vista Drive  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626-3549  
714.434.3941  
E-mail: his@craigandjan.com

It was so much fun to see them together in Chicago, and they are still working hard to revive the interest in New England.

I could bore you with memories of each of the events I have attended, but I would rather see you in Toledo. The NAI is a great place to make new friends and keep the old.

Lisa Curcio-Gaston  
Commodore

## 2007 NAI

Western Lake Erie Cruiser Association (WLECA) will sponsor the 2007 North American Invitational in Toledo, Ohio. The event will take place from Tuesday, August 14 through Saturday, August 18, 2007. The host club for the event will be Ottawa River Yacht Club in Toledo. Chairing the event will be WLECA Commodore Gary Ryan.

Wyndham Toledo is the host hotel; rooms are reserved under North American Cruiser Association and will cost \$89 per night. Ottawa River Yacht Club is not within walking distance of the hotel, so you may want to plan on renting a vehicle. There is no parking problem at either the hotel or the yacht club.

The address and telephone number of the hotel is:

Wyndham Toledo  
2 Seagate/Summit Street  
Toledo, OH 43604  
419.241.1411

If you have any questions please contact William Stewart at 734.591.0492 or jwstew4@peoplepc.com.

Bill Stewart  
Western Lake Erie Cruiser Association

# Western Lake Erie Cruiser Association

*The Voice of Mid-America's Predicted Loggers*



May 4, 2007

Dear Contestant,

Western Lake Erie Cruiser Association and the Ottawa River Yacht Club would like to welcome you to the Lake Erie to participate in the 2007 North American Invitational Predicted Log Contest. The contest, as well as the accompanying activities, will be hosted by Ottawa River Yacht Club.

The contest date is scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2007. If weather does not permit the running of the contest on Saturday, the contest will be rescheduled for Sunday, August 19, 2007.

This special week will begin with a welcoming cocktail party and boat drawing on Wednesday evening, August 15th, at Ottawa River Yacht Club. The balance of the week, weather permitting, will follow the format of prior years, to include boat speed trials on Thursday morning and skippers meeting and annual NACA membership meeting Thursday afternoon.

The Toledo Riverfront Hotel, formally the Wyndham Toledo Hotel, is located in downtown Toledo at 2 Seagate/Summit Street and has blocked rooms for NAI contestants and guests. Please phone for reservations at 419.241.1411. Rooms are reserved under North American Cruiser Association and will be \$89/night.

Travel arrangements can be made with connections to Detroit International Airport or Toledo Express Airport. Car rentals and inexpensive valet hotel parking are the best travel alternatives for the Toledo area.

The schedules for future mailings are as follows:

- Contest and nautical charts - June
- Activities, meeting schedules, and area activities - July

Please return the enclosed application form and apparel information with entry fee to:

William M. Stewart  
14147 Barbara  
Livonia, MI 48154

Should you have any questions or need information, please contact William Stewart at 734.591.0492 or [jwstew4@peoplepc.com](mailto:jwstew4@peoplepc.com).

Sincerely,

Gary Ryan  
Chairman, NAI 2007

**North American Cruiser Association**  
**2007 NORTH AMERICAN INVITATIONAL**

**Registration Information**

Please complete this form and return no later than June 15, 2007 to:

William M. Stewart  
 14147 Barbara  
 Livonia, MI 48154

Please print clearly, as this information will be used for all contestant materials.

<b>Participants</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Contestant		
Navigator		
Crew Member		
Crew Member		
Crew Member		
Guest		
Guest		
Guest		

If you would like to be an Observer or Scrutinizer for this contest, contact William Stewart before June 1, 2007 at 734.591.0492 or jwstew4@peoplepc.com.

**NAI Event Reservation**

<b>Events</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total</b>
2007 NAI Contest Entry Fee	\$175.00		= \$
Wednesday Cocktail Party – ORYC	NC		NC
Friday – Mexican Dinner – HVYC	\$15.00		= \$
Saturday – Procure Box Lunches	\$5.00		= \$
Saturday – Awards Dinner	-----	-----	-----
- Prime Rib	\$25.00		= \$
- Perch	\$25.00		= \$
		Total	= \$

Please make checks payable to **Western Lake Erie Cruiser Association**

Plan to place your order (with payment) for box lunches at the reception desk during the Wednesday cocktail party at ORYC.

Note: Contestant packages will be mailed on June 15, 2007 after receipt of contest fees.

## 2007 NORTH AMERICAN INVITATIONAL

### NAI Logo Shirt Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

NAI Logo Shirt \$35.00

Size: Small Medium Large XXL

Please place order for the following:

<u>How Many</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Western Lake Erie Cruiser Association and send to:

Gary Ryan  
P.O. Box 423  
Holland, OH 43628

**COASTAL EXPLORER TROPHY\*  
(NACA Championship)**Best eight of first eight or nine contests entered

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<u>Place</u>	<u>NACA#</u>	<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Assn.</u>	<u>Total Contests</u>	<u>Avg Points</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	800	Garry Adalian	JONATHAN	SDCA	5	4599	920
2	6135	Dale King	KINGS X	SCCA	6	4564	761
3	739	Craig Ryan	BLACK JACK	SCCA	6	4490	748
4	755	George Jackman	SPECIAL EFFECT	SCCA	5	4271	854
5	296	Paul Pettit	ROSIE	SDCA	5	4024	805
6	771	Tom Scott	SCOTT'S IN! WATER II	SCCA	5	3864	773
7	370	Mike Henry	PEACHY KEEN	IPBAN	5	3698	740
8	2123	Bill Anderson	THE TILLIE	IPBAN	5	3636	727
9	921	Bob Alberts	SANDBAR	SDCA	5	3539	708
10	937	Edward Denaci	MICROSHIP II	SDCA	5	3462	692
11	348	Dean Lentgis	KALOS FILOS	IPBAN	4	3442	860
12	933	Dave Weimer	JUST DESERTS	SDCA	5	3435	687
13	591	Robert Erly	LOIS	SDCA	5	3383	677
14	936	Bob Ehlers	JB & ME	SDCA	5	3323	665
15	352	Russell Knapp	KARU	IPBAN	4	3317	829
16	839	Fred Cole	MOUSE TRAP	IPBAN	5	3240	648
17	782	Dick Timmerman	VAGABOND (IPBA N)	IPBAN	4	3232	808
18	909	Scott Strandjord	REDEMPTION	IPBAN	4	3118	780
19	761	Richard Devlin	IRISH MIST	SDCA	4	3108	777
20	655	Rupert Hansen	VIKING	SDCA	5	3108	622
21	677	William Doherty	ALDEBARAN	SDCA	5	3076	615
22	844	Irving Rubinstein	LORELEI	SDCA	5	3071	614
23	724	Lynn Montgomery	LIKELY LADY	IPBAN	4	3042	760
24	453	Jerry Goldman	HOMBRE ORO	PLRANC	4	3013	753
25	2057	Bonnie Diefendorf	TIME OUT	PLRANC	4	2996	749
26	959	Bruce Cullen, MD	CAROLINE II	IPBAN	4	2919	730
27	2071	Noel Diefendorf	TIME OUT	PLRANC	4	2903	726
28	982	Mike Schachter	SOBRE EL MAR	SCCA	3	2896	965
29	919	Bob Lindal	SUZY Q	IPBAN	4	2845	711
30	2095	David Padgett	SLIP AWEIGH	IPBAN	4	2818	704
31	2081	James Lonergan	CASA DEL PERRO DOS	SDCA	5	2747	549
32	2007	Michael Fontaine	TUFFY	SDCA	4	2616	654
33	955	Bill Grady	THOR	IPBAN	3	2457	819
34	981	Michael Elovitz	LOVIT	SDCA	5	2431	486
35	898	Dick Spence	KICHIGAE	IPBAN	3	2385	795
36	842	Team Klett/Elbon	KLETTITAT/PUKA KAI	IPBAN	4	2222	556
37	732	Bill Findley	ANOTHER PROMISE	SCCA	3	2125	708
38	5002	Paul Williams	MYSTIFIED	SCCA	4	2120	530
39	49	Haluk Akol	LEYLA	PLRANC	3	1910	637
40	941	Tom Chandler	RM II HYDE	SCCA	4	1833	458
41	736	J D Smith	SAFARI	SCCA	3	1823	608
42	803	Fred Schreuder	FAIR LADY	PLRANC	3	1818	606
43	5024	John Walker	PRIME TIME	SCCA	3	1784	595
44	619	Don Larson	TEWASI	IPBAS	3	1760	587
45	704	Pete Healy	JINKIES	SCCA	3	1756	585
46	765	Jim Hutchinson	BET-T-ANN	SDCA	4	1747	437
47	6208	Steve Black	SWEET AGNES	SCCA	3	1746	582
48	976	Dave Lewis	DAVEY'S LOCKER II	SMBPF	2	1739	870
49	5177	Schell Harmon	HALF SCHELL	IPBAN	4	1700	425
50	805	Ralph Salerno	ANCORA	SDCA	4	1698	424
51	5070	Darrel Wood	DOUBLE IMAGE	IPBAN	2	1651	826
52	2115	Jeff Calabrese	LIVING WELL	SDCA	3	1640	547

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# COASTAL EXPLORER TROPHY\* Best eight of first eight or 9 contests entered

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Place	NACA#	Contestant	Boat	Assn.	Contests	Total Points	Avg Points
53	2018	Chuck Silvernail	SOLMAR	IPBAN	3	1634	545
54	725	Michael S. Chiles	CHILES PLAY	SCCA	2	1465	732
55	2140	Team Lurie/Livingston	SUNRISE QUEEN/EXODUS II	SMBPF	2	1309	654
56	889	Owen Ritter	OUTBOUND	IPBAN	2	1227	614
57	705	Herb Dover	COASTWATCHER	SMBPF	2	1214	607
58	6109	Bob Yates	SEA DAWN	IPBAN	2	1083	542
59	4058	Terry Baker	CHOPPERS II	IPBAN	2	1054	527
60	983	George Babbit	GENERAL QUARTERS	IPBAS	2	1039	520
61	6225	Jim Gould	MUTUAL FUN	SMBPF	2	1030	515
62	6209	Andy Gerde	WINDY-I	IPBAN	2	996	498
63	6216	Chuck Irwin	LAUGHIN PLACE	IPBAS	1	990	990
64	891	Leo Longenecker	REALITY CHECK	IPBAN	1	958	958
65	958	Jim Anderson	FIDALGO	IPBAS	2	953	476
66	132	Robert Johnson	SCHOTTISCHE IV	IPBAN	2	949	474
67	6217	Ron Morse	TORTUGA	IPBAS	1	940	940
68	3424	Bob Bruins	OCEAN PEARL	IPBAN	1	827	827
69	6220	Carl Tenning	QE TOO	IPBAS	1	806	806
70	6223	Joe Roubal	SWELL DANCER	SCCA	2	794	397
71	951	Mike Leedy	SEA TRUST II	IPBAN	1	789	789
72	818	John Murphey	MADERA	IPBAN	1	773	773
73	6212	Mike Burton	ROYAL CHINOOK	IPBAS	1	760	760
74	851	Bob Wheeler	CAROUSEL	IPBAS	1	751	751
75	2085	Kim Lorenz	TIRELESS	IPBAN	1	737	737
76	6136	Mike Thomas	INTRIGUE	IPBAS	1	733	733
77	6205	Mary Baird	FAIR LADY	PLRANC	2	713	356
78	865	Bill Rumbold	SUNDANCE	IPBAN	1	676	676
79	857	Jerry Downer	NOR!WESTER	IPBAS	1	668	668
80	2143	Ray Jessen	TARNHELM	IPBAN	1	657	657
81	6224	Team Frankel/Terris	KINDRED SPIRIT	SMBPF	2	649	324
82	821	Jerry Wellnitz	VENTANA	SDCA	1	602	602
83	6101	Bill Baxter	MY LIZZY TOO	IPBAN	1	584	584
84	671	Jack Hensley	JUBILEE	IPBAN	1	545	545
85	2144	Don Merritt	ANN MARIE	IPBAN	1	521	521
86	6140	John Rodgers	NIRVANA	IPBAN	1	519	519
87	6207	John Brown	SLIP AWEIGH	SCCA	1	506	506
88	6210	Glenn Ryan	AMNESIA	IPBAN	1	489	489
89	2004	John Adair	PACIFIC STAR	IPBAS	1	488	488
90	6114	Frank Iannuzzi	TUTTA BENE	SCCA	1	487	487
91	6213	Jim Chiles	INTRIGUE	IPBAS	1	432	432
92	963	Dan Robinson	LUCKY GIRL	IPBAN	1	413	413
93	5133	Neville Lambert	NIMUE	IPBAN	1	409	409
94	6142	Charles Billings	NOBSKA	IPBAN	1	394	394
95	6113	Alan Leingang	CAMELOT	IPBAS	1	392	392
96	2976	Tex Dominy	AFTER 5	IPBAN	1	375	375
97	442	Cliff Casad	TAURUS II	IPBAN	1	363	363
98	6211	Steve Brett	PRINCESS MOKIHANA	IPBAS	1	356	356
99	6218	Dick Sapp	CASCADIA	IPBAS	1	346	346
100	6214	JR Collier	SPELLBOUND	IPBAS	1	338	338
101	6107	Vern Smith	PATTY WAGON	IPBAN	1	330	330
102	6215	George Gregg	NOBLE	IPBAS	1	319	319
103	2121	Bill Catlett	LISA MICHELLE	SCCA	1	300	300
104	6221	Seth Cneil	YANKEE CLIPPER (IPBA S)	IPBAS	1	300	300

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105	6222	Ran Wyder	FAIR LADY	PLRANC	1	300	300
106	54	Edward Jepsen	ROUGH & READY	PLRANC	1	300	300
107	6219	Dennis Sheehan	40 CUBITS	IPBAS	1	300	300

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### *New Trophy Designer is First Winner* (Continued from page 1)

Boat handling, seamanship, navigation, and piloting are all by-products of entering and running these contests. Now, if we just had a few more boats running...

**Bob and Pat Johnson**  
**Poulsbo Yacht Club**



Winners Dick and Sylvia Timmerman  
with Liberty Bay Challenge Trophy

**NACA FLAGS**  
NACA flags are available for purchase.  
Only \$25.00 each  
Call Bob Ehlers at 619.222.9446

### **FUTURE NAI EVENTS** (Tentative)

- 2007 Toledo, Ohio
- 2008 San Diego, California
- 2009 Newport, Rhode Island
- 2010 San Francisco, California



Dick and Sylvia Timmerman's  
Classic 1927 Lake Union Dreamboat, *Vagabond*

## More from Bill Stewart

All is going pretty well in the planning of the NAI 2007, but I am wondering, between the NAI contest, the yacht club, and the United States Power Squadrons, how I ever had time to work!

We received a pleasant surprise from an umbrella organization with which we are involved here in Western Lake Erie. The Inter-Lake Yachting Association, composed of over one hundred yacht clubs, is a strong supporter of predicted logging and runs two logs a year. They gave us a very generous check towards the cost of the NAI 2007.

In addition to the registration forms that are in this issue of *Cruiser Log*, they are also posted on the NACA web, as well as the Western Lake Erie Cruiser Association web.

**Bill Stewart**  
Western Lake Erie Cruiser Association

### NEW COMPETITORS

Order copies of "Enjoy Log Racing"  
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Call Bob Ehlers  
619.222.9446

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## Sea and Swell

The following is an excerpt from National Weather Service's *Observing Handbook No. 1, Marine Surface Weather Observations*.

*The arrival or absence of swell provides a clear distinction between the advance of a local thunderstorm and an approaching well-developed storm center.*

*A threatening sky with increasing and thickening clouds, but without any swell, cannot be part of a large storm system, so any bad weather will probably be short lived. However, increasing swell from the direction of advance of the storm clouds would suggest an approaching storm with a large area of strong winds.*

*The appearance of a heavy, rolling swell often indicates the approach of a tropical storm. Such swell are the remains of huge, decayed waves generated by the storm, but which travel faster than the storm.*

*The presence of swell for a long time without any significant change in weather conditions is difficult to interpret. A storm system may be approaching, but very slowly, or it may have already passed by.*

### NACA BLAZER BULLIONS

NACA has replenished its supply of blazer badges and added to its inventory staff commodore badges, with three embroidered silver stars.  
Really good looking!  
Only \$25 (includes shipping and handling)  
Call Bob Ehlers  
619.222.9446

I want this epitaph on my tombstone:  
Tried everything twice...loved it both times!  
Madame (of Wayland Flowers and Madame)

Let us be thankful for the fools.  
But for them the rest of us could not succeed...  
Mark Twain



## Encourage a friend to join the North American Cruiser Association... *Today!*

Membership in NACA keeps everyone who is interested in Predicted Log Contests well informed about the sport throughout North America. Competitors from thirteen member Associations compete for National Trophies simply by competing in their local contests. The champion from each organization competes in the North American Invitational, hosted by a different organization each year.

Your dues entitle you to receive *Cruiser Log* (the NACA newsletter), the Annual Yearbook that lists all NACA members and their addresses, along with information about the member organizations, and the NACA Handbook that details the national rules for Predicted Log Contests as well as the perpetual trophies.

To join the North American Cruiser Association or renew your membership, complete this membership form and mail it with your check to:

Bob Ehlers, Acting Executive Secretary  
1135 Alexandria Drive  
San Diego, CA 92107

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Office Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club or Other Boating Organizations \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your check payable to: NORTH AMERICAN CRUISER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DUES:           \$10.00

CONTRIBUTION:       \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED:     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your contributions enable us to maintain the perpetual trophies and provide other services to our Member Associations.



# Cruiser Log

*The Newsletter of North American Cruiser Association*

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## Get Serious!

*With the only navigation software that includes features designed specifically for Predicted Log Racers*

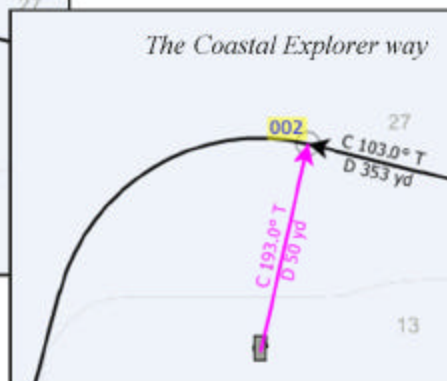
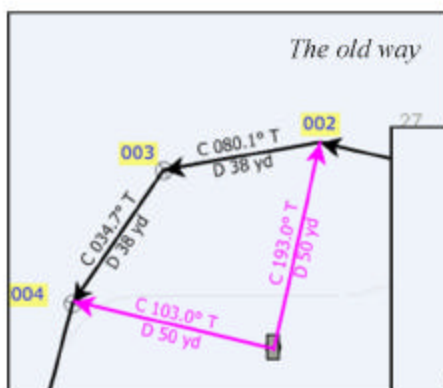
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