

After selecting Body, visualize that you are standing at the center of a 12 hour clock face and the vertical circle from your zenith passing through Body<sub>1</sub> intersects the horizon at the 12 o'clock position. Select Body<sub>2</sub> from a vertical circle that intersects the horizon at or near either the 3 o'clock or 9 o'clock position, this will produce the optimum crossing angle of about 90° at the intersection of the 2 LOPs.

## Two Body Fix Using Intersections of Circles of Equal Altitude

Body<sub>1</sub>  Limb  GMT

**Enter Data Into Yellow Cells**

GHA<sub>1</sub>  deg.  min

Dec<sub>1</sub>  deg.  min.

Ho<sub>1</sub>  deg.  min

Body<sub>1</sub> is  of the observer

Radius of the Circle of Equal Altitude  n. mi.

Body<sub>2</sub>  Limb  GMT

GHA<sub>2</sub>  deg.  min

Dec<sub>2</sub>  deg.  min.

Ho<sub>2</sub>  deg.  min

Body<sub>2</sub> is  of the observer

Radius of the Circle of Equal Altitude  n. mi.

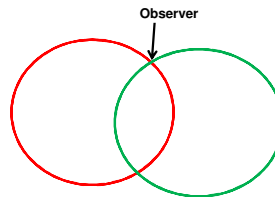
Date @ Greenwich 

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text" value="30"/>	<input type="text" value="Dec"/>	<input type="text" value="2017"/>

Latitude of Fix  deg.  min

Longitude of Fix  deg.  min

Click to view 3 Body Fix Using Intersections of Circles of Equal Altitude



### A Circle of Equal Altitude

A Circle of Equal Altitude is centered at the Geographic Position (GP) of a Body. The Latitude of the body's GP is defined by the body's Declination (Dec). The Longitude of the body's GP can be determined from the body's Greenwich Hour Angle (GHA). The radius of a Circle of Equal Altitude in nautical miles is  $60 \times (90^\circ - Ho)$ . When two bodies are observed, the two Circles of Equal Altitude will have two intersections. If the sights were "accurate" one of the intersections will be at or near the observer's geographic position. A Line of Position (LOP) is a short segment from a Circle of Equal Altitude.

### Intersections of Circles of Equal Altitude

This worksheet assumes all sights were taken from the same geographic position.

Intersection	Use intersection in Calculating Fix
Intersection 1	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Body <sub>1</sub> & Body <sub>2</sub>	Lat <input type="text" value="7"/> deg. <input type="text" value="57.01"/> min <input type="text" value="S"/>
	Lon <input type="text" value="14"/> deg. <input type="text" value="20.90"/> min <input type="text" value="W"/>
Intersection 2	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Body <sub>1</sub> & Body <sub>2</sub>	Lat <input type="text" value="28"/> deg. <input type="text" value="59.34"/> min <input type="text" value="S"/>
	Lon <input type="text" value="56"/> deg. <input type="text" value="21.45"/> min <input type="text" value="E"/>