

Professor Airy's method of sweeping an arc of a Great Circle on a Mercator chart is simple and valuable and deserves greater publicity than it appears to have met with.

It is as follows:—

Join the place of the ship and the place bound to by a straight line, and find the middle of that line. At the middle point erect a perpendicular towards the Equator, and if necessary continue the line beyond the Equator.

With the middle latitude between the two places (place of ship and place of destination) enter the Table below and take out the "Corresponding Parallel" Then with the dividers on the point of intersection of the "Corresponding Parallel" and the perpendicular line as centre and the "position of the ship," or the "position of destination" as radius, sweep an arc passing through both places.

This will be the Great Circle Track required.

Great Circle
Track on a
Mercator
Chart,
Professor
Airy's
Method

PROFESSOR AIRY'S TABLE FOR GREAT CIRCLE TRACK

Middle Latitude	Corresponding Parallel Opposite name to Lat. of Place.	Middle Latitude	Corresponding Parallel Opposite name to Lat. of Place.
20°	81° 13'	52°	11° 31'
22	78 16	54	6 24
24	74 59	56	1 13
26	71 26	58	4 00
28	67 38	60	9 15
30	63 37	62	14 32
32	59 25	64	19 50
34	55 05	66	25 09
36	50 36	68	30 30
38	46 00	70	35 52
40	41 18	72	41 14
42	36 31	74	46 37
44	31 38	76	52 01
46	26 42	78	57 25
48	21 42	80	62 51
50	16 39		