MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS

LIFEBOAT MODEL

or the

MAREAN-KIELHORN DIRECTOR



An instrument for determining direction at sea

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CONDENSED INSTRUCTIONS

THIS INSTRUMENT IS TO BE USED WITH THE SUN TO FIND YOUR TRUE COURSE

- Use Correct Dial. Remove transparent cover dial by nut on back. Select paper dial covering your estimated latitude and place if on top of all other dials, making certain the proper and is to "N" on instrument. Replace cover dial.
- 2. Obtain Altifude. Rain all sight vanes. Hold instrument in vertical position, pointing if toward sam. With eye at slotted vane bring the amber vane and frosted center vane score-lines in line with the use horizon, Then robate cover dial until the green vane score-line casts a shadow procisely on the score-line of the center frosted vane. The sun't altitude is then read in degrees on the rim of the dial. Repeat for accuracy.
- 3. Find Orie Line. On back of instrument, under "Data Line," find the number gives for your data, and note its color. Turn instrument over again and find the line having this same number and color feddinimbered lines not shown and must be estimated. As you half the instrument, with "N" uppermost, your red or black number will be right side up. The line marked by this number is your data line.
- 4. Put Altitude Scale on Date Line. Find the point on the altitude scale agoal to the altitude of the Son. Place this point on the date line by turning the cover dial. Note that the right side of the paper dial is for the morning. When the altitude point is on your date line, links the hour matter.
- 5. Direct Boat on True Course. Tals position in ked line of boat. Hold instrument face up and ieved. Turn the whole instrument horizontally until shadow of the green vane score-line falls along the altitude scale line. You now have a TRUE compost. Turn the boat until the scale position of the scale position of the position of the

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MAREAN-KIELHORN DIRECTOR

(Lifeboat Model)

Foreword

The lifeboat model of the Marean-Kishlorn Director is designed to enable you, the lifeboatman, puty your boat on a correct heading with little or no previous knowledge of navigations and repartises of two the magnetic compans heads. It does this; and repartises of the properties of the control of the consecond, by acting as a sun compans. After a boat is one; placed can be considered to the control of the control of the concinate course of the Director, the magnetic compans is only used for reference; that is, you note it is heading when on the proper course and steer by it as you would steer by a cloud or point on

In the operation of the Director there are but two things that must be known beforehand - (1) the day of the year, and (2) the latitude (approximately). If you do not know the latitude (approximately). If you do not know the latitude possible that the latitude (approximately). If you do not know the latitude possible that the latitude of the latitude is the latitude of the latitude is so short and easy that satisfactory results will be attained by any one who reads carefully the instructions in Part 1. If You are a deck officer, or are familiar with navieration, you

may desire to utilize the remarkable advantages of the Director in regular anxigation. Although the lifeboat model is less convenient and not as well united to such work as the navigator model; it is, none the less, an instrument of precision and capable of yielding the accuracy required for ship use, provided the navigator compiles with the instructions contained in part of normal part of the compiles with the instructions contained in part of navigations.

General Observations

The best time to take a bearing of the sun is when it is in the true horizon; that is, at the instant of rising or setting. If the sun cannot be seen when it is thus favorably placed, the bearing should be taken as soon after as it becomes bright enough to cast

In general, the instrument is at its best in low and intermediate latitudes and during the season of summer in the observer's latitude, for in these circumstances a moderate error in the observed altitude will have comparatively little effect of the bearing. During winter, and in high latitudes, however, care in observing altitudes must be taken in order to get the most

satisfactory results.

Besides obtaining the bearing of the sun and getting the latitude, the Director will be found useful in determining, among other things, the sun-time of your locality. This will afford a means of running watches on schedule, (King hours for rationing

water and food, and serving the general purpose of a time piece. INSTRUCTIONS - (Part 1)

Use correct dial.

Remove the clear plantic cover dial by the nut on the back of the instrument. Take the paper dial marked with the lattitude nearest to your position and place it on top of the other paper dials. If you are in north lattitude (that is, north of the equator), place the north end of the dial towards the "N" of the instrument. If you are in south lattitude, hase the south end of the namer dial

to "N" of the instrument. Replace the cover dial.

The only trouble you may encounter in this first step is in deciding what dial to use. It may be that the navigator has not informed you of your latitude, or it is possible the chart is at marked with your position. Perhaps you lack a good understanding of what latitude is. In such a predicament, refer to the appendix of this pamphlet, which will explain very simply an easy way to find latitude with the Margan. Kielborn Discrete.

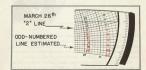
Remember your date,

Refer to the white calendar on the back of the instrument and find the period of days that includes your present date. As an example, take March 26th as your date. First find March, and then the days "Mar 25 to Mar 27". Refer to the drawing:



For the 26th of Marchyon will find a black numbered "2". Rottee that the same number also applies to September 18th). Now refer to the paper dial in the front of the instrument. Holding the instrument is other "8" is away from you, you will see that black numbered lines are above the red numbered lines. Read only in the committee that are upright and find the insmarined with a time of the part of th

If your date number is odd, you must estimate its position between the even-numbered lines. In the drawing, the oddnumbered line estimated is a red 19, which lies half-way between the printed 18 and 20 line.



It is along this line that you will place the varying altitudes of the sun during the day, by rotating the cover dial so the point registering your altitude on the altitude scale will coincide with

To find the sun's altitude.

Raise all the sight vanes to a vertical position. Hold the instrument in your right hand, puting your whole hand within the handle, finger spread out. This allows a tight, sure grip. Refer to the photograph of how the black lines on the amber vane and on the frosted center vane are slighted along the sea-horizon, your eye being placed at the vane with a slot in it. Note that the line on the amber vane is exactly in line with the horizon.

Rotate the cover dial until the green vane line casts a shadow precisely on the line of the center frosted vane. When you have



placed the shadow of the green sight vane exactly along the line of the frosted vane, return the instrument to a horizontal position, faceup, taking care the dial doesn't move in the meantime. Read the altitude on the rim of the dial to the nearest tenth of a degree. Repeat the altitude in order to wet a more accurate result.

When taking an altitude of the sun from a small boat, try to do so when the boat is on top of a sea, so that the horizon will be as



far away as possible. By all means avoid making the mistake of using the crest of a wave close by as your horizon, for in that case the altitude, very probably, will be badly in error.

To find the sun's bearing.

Having found the attitude of the sun above the sea horizon, find the exact point on the altitude scale corresponding to this altitude. Then rotate the plastic cover dial until this point lies exactly on top of your particular date line, and tighten the brass nut to hold it there. You will note that there are two places where



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you can do this, one on the side of the dial labeled "AM", and the hoo other on the side "PM". If the altitude was taken in the moral the "AM" side, of course, is used; likewise the "PM" side is used the "AM" side, of course, is used; likewise the "PM" side is used of afteration. This being done, the bearing of the sun is red directly on the circumference of the dial, as the illustration. on the preceding page shows,

To place the boat on any true course.

Having found the bearing of the sun as described in the foresoping paragraph, take a position in the beat over the keel line, to provide the property of the property of the property of it in this position, user, it can be allowed to the same three the it in the state of the disk, i.e., show the allitude scale line. You now have a true, or sun, compass. Still keeping the same shadow of the allitude scale into, place the write clip in some shadow of the allitude scale into, place the write tip in a sun shadow of the allitude scale into, place the red if you destree to change your course at this time, place the red input at the new destreet course, and direct the beat to turn until sacktime as the bow in in less with the red clip, in the measures that the scale of the same as to keep the shadow falling souther that ittles exactly.



During the foregoing procedure it is probable that some time has elapsed since the taking of the altitude, and that the sun has changed its bearing noticeably. You should, therefore, cheek your work by taking another altitude and bearing while the boat is on the new course.

To find the time of day.

In looking at the dial you have, no doubt, observed that certain lines cross the date lines at right angles to them. These lines show the hours and ten minute subdivisions, and are marked in clock time. Thus "11h" means 11 a.m., and "3h" stands for 3 p.m., meaning your time of day. Since this time is obtained from the sun, it is known to navigators as "local apparent time". Each time you find the sun's bearing, you automatically find your own time by reading on your date line the hours and minutes indicated by the point where your altitude point touches the date line. Therefore, if you have a watch that is running, set it to this time unless it is adjusted to Greenwich time. If, indeed, you should be so fortunate to have a watch reading Greenwich time; and you are familiar with navigation, you ought to be able to get a fairly approximate longitude by applying the time you thus find to the Greenwich time, after the latter has been changed from mean to apparent time,

Examples:

In order to make sure that you understand what you have read, test your knowledge by working the following examples;

Problem: Latitude 40° North, April 16, sun's altitude is 25.5°.

What is bearing and time? Sight made in forencon.

Ans. 98.6° 7h-40m A.M.

Problem: Latitude 40° North, October 19th, sun's altitude in afternoon is 30.5°. What is bearing and time?

Ans. 221° 2h-20m'P.M.

Problem: Latitude 40° South, May 12th, sun's altitude in the

morning is 18.5°. What is bearing and time?

Ans. 45° 9:00 A.M.

To find the compass error.

In order to determine the compass error follow this procedure: Align the instrument correctly for the present altitude. keeping the boat on the desired course by means of the white clip. Place the red clip on the outer rim for the course the compass reads. This will give the difference between the two courses and hence, the compass error. If the red clip is to the left of the white clip, as viewed from the center of the paper dial, the error is east; if the red clip is to the right of the white clip the error is west.

INSTRUCTIONS - (Part 2)

The following instructions are primarily for the navigator who desires to make accurate use of the Marean-Kielhorn Director in azimuth work

There are two principal methods generally used for determining the azimuth of a body. The one known as "altitude-azimuth" requires a knowledge of the latitude, declination, and altitude of the body for solution, and is the method described in Part 1 of these instructions. The other is the "time-azimuth", which requires latitude, declination, and the hour angle of the body. Both methods are orthodox and may be computed from formulae given in the chapter on azimuth in "The American Practical Navigator" (Bowditch), The Marean-Kielhorn Director permits a graphic solution of either with equal facility.

The dials furnished with the Director form a series of projections of the celestial sphere in the plane of the horizon, with the observer at the center of the projection. The curved lines running in a northerly-southerly direction are bour circles: those running in an easterly-westerly direction are diurnal circles, showing the apparent paths of celestial bodies as they sweep across the sky. The diurnal circles are spaced north and south of the equator for each two degrees of declination, beginning with the equator, and resemble parallels of latitude. The hour circles are spaced for each ten-minute interval, and resemble meridians on the earth's surface. Thus a celestial body may be plotted in its correct position relative to the observer by means of its declination and local hour angle, just as a terrestrial position is marked upon a chart by its latitude and longitude. For accuracy the table on the inside of the back cover should be used for declinations instead of the one on the back of the instrument

When the time-azimuth method is employed the body is plotted as explained in the foregoing paragraph. Its direction from the center of the projection, as measured on the periphery. is the azimuth; its distance from the center, as indicated by the altitude scale, is the altitude.

Altitude-azimuths are to be preferred in low and intermediate latitudes. Time-azimuths are better in high latitudes, especially during the winter months (of the observer).

The Director may be used for solving graphically nearly all the problems of the astronomical triangle, including the identification of stars, great circle courses and distances (within the limits of the projection), and in checking computations. These uses are fully described in the manual of instructions for the navigator model.

It is to be observed that when the latitude of the observer is the same as the projection he uses, the solution is rigorous, with an accuracy limited only by the correctness of the projection and the care taken in plotting. Should the observer be in a latitude not greatly different (one degree, for example), two simple and quickly made adjustments will afford a correct solution for any such interim latitude. In the navigator model these operations are facilitated in the construction of the instrument, but they may be made quite satisfactorily with the lifeboat model by referring to the tables on the outside of the back cover

The first correction is to the altitude. The observer notes the approximate bearing of the body, and whether his position is northor south of the latitude of the projection he uses. With this information he applies the correction to his altitude from Table 1. He then proceeds to find his azimuth in the usual way. General, ly this single correction is all he needs, for the sole effect of a change of latitude on azimuth is small. At zero altitude there is no correction; at five degrees altitude the maximum effect is a tenth of a degree of azimuth for a degree difference in latitude, and this effect increases at the rate of a tenth of a degree for each interim latitudes:

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five degrees of altitude up to forty degrees. It is obvious, therefore, that if he sun is low no additional correction is required in usual cases. However, should the navigator desireciose work, the final correction is taken from Table 2 and applied to the aximuth. If the time azimuth method is used, the single correction

from Table 2 is all that is required.

The following examples illustrate the use of the tables for

Problem: Lat. 310 N, morning of May 20, sun bearing east, roughly, has an altitude of 33.20. Find correct

Solution:
Use dial marked Lat. 30°. From table 1, corr. to alt. is zero. Using alt. of 33.2° azimuth is found to be 84.6°. From table 2 corr. to azimuth is +.6°. Therefore correct azimuth for 31° N is 85.2°

Problem: Lat. 17⁰ South, afternoon of June 13, sun bearing NW roughly, has an altitude of 13.4^b. Find correct azimuth.

Use dial marked Lat. 189. From table 1, altitude corr. is -5, making corrected attitude 12,99°. Now, using attitude of 12,99° asymuth is found to be 300°. From table 2, correction for latitude difference of 19° is -2. Therefore correct azimuth for Lat. 170° South is 299.8°

APPENDIS

A method for finding the approximate latitude,

Lattinde is a term given to indicate the number of degrees or offstance a point is north or soult of the equator. One degree of lattinde is equal to sixty nuntical miles. Therefore, a point in Lattinde 409 North is 40 x 80 miles, or 2400 miles north of the equator; similarly a point in Lattinde 190 South is 600 miles soult of the equator; similarly a point in Lattinde 190 South is 600 miles soult of the equator. A point that is tweety degrees north of Lattinde 400 N is in Lattinde 609 North; a point fifty degrees south of Lattinde 409 North; is Lattinde 109 South.



How Latitudes are Shown

The point on the earth exactly under the sun is known as the goographic position of that body. Since any point on earth may be measured by its distance from the equator, it follows that the arm a geographical position has a slittles. Thus, if a ship be from the table on the inside of the back cover, will be the sittles of the ship. Let us any, however, that a ship is not directly under the sun; that it is nixty miles north of it. Then the nixty-is sittle is one degree are syror to the lattited of the sun's geographic position. Thus, if we know the lattitude of the sun, and also or distance, the sun's supposition of the sine, we may it was determine our hillstude.

Now, it is a very simple matter to find how far a vessel is away from the geographic position of the sun. We have merely to subtract the sun's altitude from 90° to find it. We call this difference between the sun's altitude and inselt degrees, the zenith distance, and once found we arrive at our latitude by appriving it to the latitude of the secorabilic position.

Accordingly, to find latitude, take the sun at its maximum daily elevation, for at this time it bears either north or south of the observer. In practice this is done by repeating observations before noon until the sun no longer gains altitude, being sure by auting until it begins to descend. Then, having subtracted the altitude from alney degrees, look in the table on the inside of the abock cover and take the sun's latticed for the date in question. If you are north of the sun, your latticed will be north of the sun's latticed by the amount of the zenth distance; if you are south of the sun your latticed by the amount of the result distance; if you are south of the sun your latticed will be to southward by the amount of the zenth distance if it is as simple as that!

The following examples will increase your confidence in working these sights:

Problem: Sept. 2 - maximum alt. is 60.30, sun bearing south. Find your latitude.

Lat, of sun on Sept. 2 is 8° N. Zenith Distance 190 - 60.3 - 29.7° Since sun bears south, observer is north of sun's lat, by 29.7°. Therefore he is in Lat, 37.7° N.

Problem: May 1 - maximum alt. is 650, sun bearing north.
Find your latitude.

Problem: Dec. 11 - maximum alt.is 80°, sun bearing south. Find your latitude.

Lat. of sun on Dec. 11 is 23° South. Zenith Distance (90 - 80) = 10°. Since sun bears south of observer, he is north of sun's latitude by 10°. Therefore he is in Latitude 13° South.

The observer will find that he can estimate divisions of a degree of altitude closely, and with but little practice he should be able to read altitudes to a tenth of a degree (6 miles).

The table of sun's latitudes on the inside of the back cover has a maximum error for any year of about .25 of a degree (15 miles). This error, which is largest in March and September, decreases to nearly zero in June and December. A small additional error is introduced unless a correction is made for longitude, because of the daily difference in the sun's latitude. Dip and refraction errors may be considered neelicible.

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