

## **Three Points Make a Straight Line**

Low tech methods of navigation often give instant results on the success of the crews' efforts to sail the proper course. A good example is the approach to a mark of the course with lights or land behind the mark. Have the crew or navigator observe the movement of the land behind the mark. For a starboard tacked boat going to weather on its lay line, the movement of objects beyond the mark to the right indicates you are overlaying the mark; this is a good thing. Objects moving to the left of the mark means you are not going to lay the mark and need to start preparing to tack the boat. The opposite movement would be true on port tack boats. So just remember simple is always better.

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