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1 football field around the boat *(2 football fields)*

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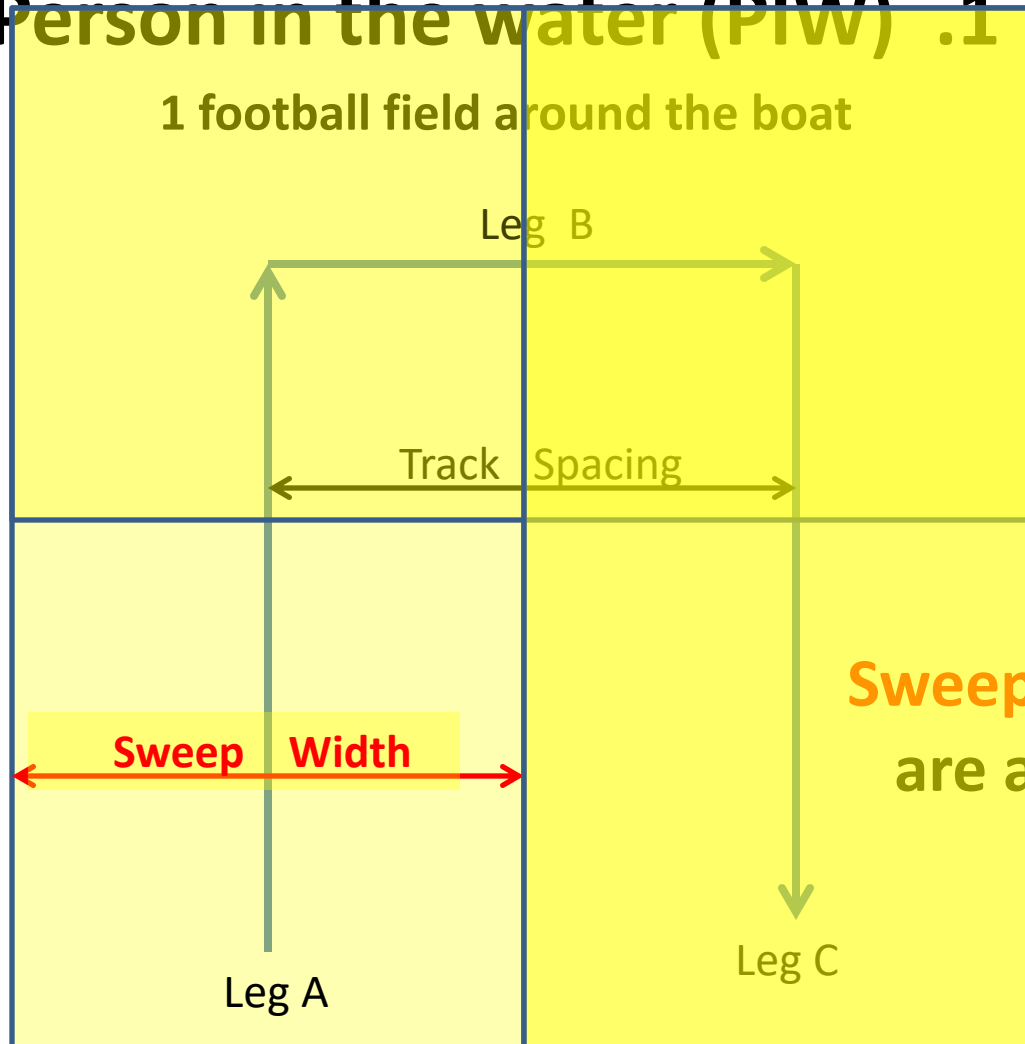
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Track of the vessel

Area you look on leg A

Sweep Width

Sweep width & Track Spacing
are always the same value

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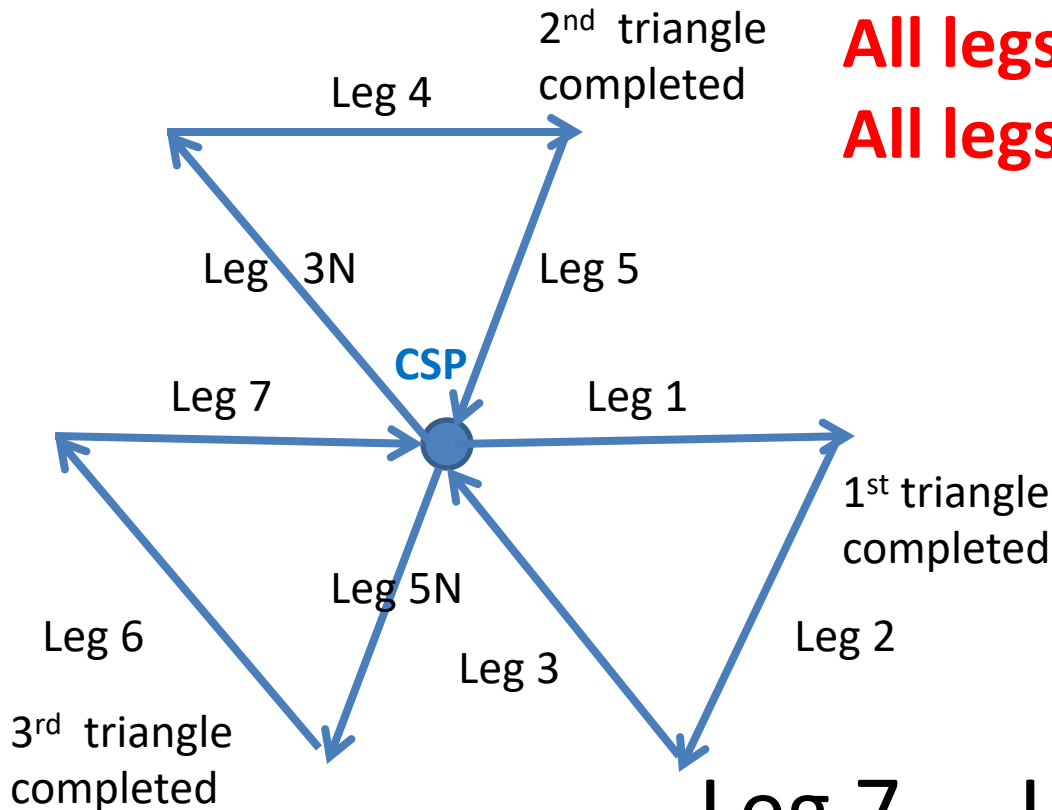
All Turns are 120 deg to the right (3 equilateral triangles)

Sector Search (VS)

Current
090 →

120 deg turns to the right

All legs are track spacing long
All legs are equal run times



3 equilateral triangles

Only 3 courses

Leg 7	Leg 4	Leg 1	<u>090</u>
Leg 5N	Leg 5	Leg 2	<u>210</u>
Leg 6	Leg 3N	Leg 3	<u>330</u>

Sector Search (VS)

1. CSP (starting point is Sally Rocks Buoy)
2. Current is 220 deg ~ Track spacing .1 NM

Length of each leg

Speed of your vessel is 6 kts.

Turn time 10 sec. ~ *take ½ the time out of each leg*

3. You start your search pattern at 1800

4. Start time	Leg	Course	Time to start turn
18h 00m 00s	1	_____	____h____m____s
	2	_____	____h____m____s
	3	_____	____h____m____s

End of **1st** triangle

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____h____m____s	3N	_____	____h____m____s
	4	_____	____h____m____s
	5	_____	____h____m____s

End of 2nd triangle

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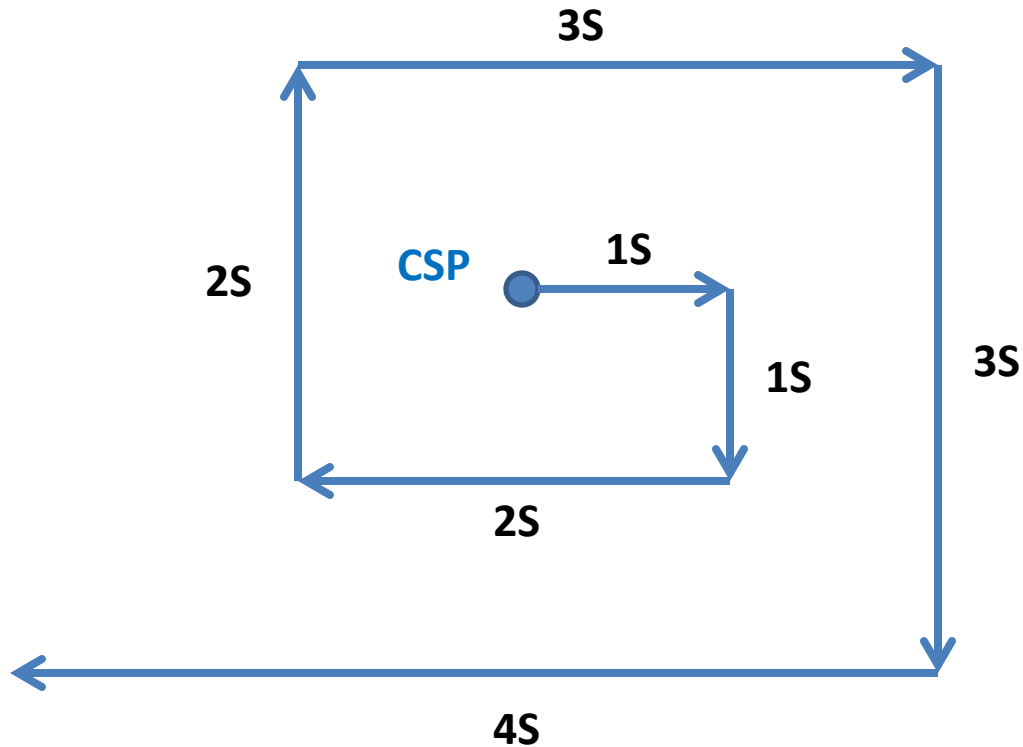
5. Start time	Leg	Course	Time to start turn
____h____m____s	5N	_____	____h____m____s
	6	_____	____h____m____s
	7	_____	____h____m____s
End Time			

End of **3rd** triangle

Expanding Square (SS)



Track Spacing &/or Run Time = S

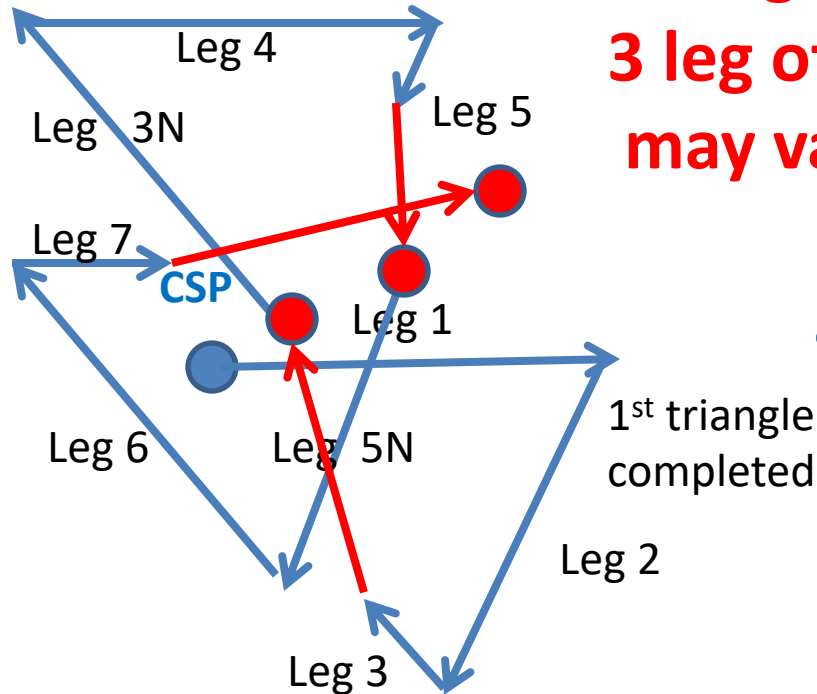


**All turns are
90 degree
right turns**

Sector Search (VS)

Current
090 →

120 deg turns to the right
2nd triangle completed



All legs are track spacing long
3 leg of each triangle
may vary in length (run time)

On the 3rd leg of each
triangle steer for the
datum marker

Only 3 courses

3rd triangle completed

Datum marker is drifting
while you are making the
triangle

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	5	_____	____h____m____s

End of 2nd triangle