

A photograph of a desk setup for navigation. It features a large nautical chart map, a black calculator, a pair of black binoculars, and a magnifying glass with a wooden handle. The items are arranged on a light-colored surface, likely a desk or table.

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My name is Jeff Merrill and I have raced all sized sailboats – from Sabots to Maxis. I spent three years in full-time competition for the 1987 America's Cup. My entire working career has been with the recreational marine industry, including seven years as a boatbuilder and 14 years as a sales executive for Nordhavn, one of the premier offshore cruising brands. Along the way, I've amassed 20,000 offshore miles, delivering boats and training customers.

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