

**Celestial Navigator of the Year Competition**  
**Sponsored by the St Johns N Club**

**Purposes:**

- To promote the practice of celestial navigation as an ongoing activity within D23
- To encourage JNs to become Ns
- To provide N Club members with a sense of purpose
- To open a venue for D23 members to exercise their knowledge beyond the N course.
- To instill a pride of having and maintaining expertise in celestial navigation
- To encourage “older” N graduates to reestablish forgotten skills

**Eligibility:**

All D23 squadron members in good standing. St Johns N Club membership, although desirable, is not required.

**Contest Rules:**

1. Sight reductions shall be entered on SR 96a forms (Law of Cosines method) for one sight each of the Sun, Moon, Planet and a Star. Forms may be obtained on the USPS website by entering “ED SR 96a Form” in the Search box.
2. Sights shall be taken at any time within the calendar year of 20XX.
3. Sights shall be submitted to any one of the judges listed below no later than 30 days prior to the St Johns N Club meeting held in conjunction with the following D23 Spring Conference.
4. Values of  $h_s$  shall be between 15 deg and 75 deg.
5. Do not submit any sight taken before morning nautical twilight or after evening nautical twilight.
6. Intercepts (a) shall be calculated to 2 decimal places.

**Prizes:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place shall be a perpetual trophy with a framed certificate.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places shall be framed certificates.

**Prize Criteria:**

Prizes shall be awarded to the top three contestants having the smallest average Intercept (a). Whether the Intercept is “Toward” or “Away” is immaterial. The average of the Intercepts shall be calculated to 3 decimal places. In case of a tie, the prize shall be shared equally.

**Judges:**

St Johns N Club Captain