

NAVIGATIONAL DOs AND DON'Ts

1. **PLOT YOUR COURSE ON A MAP AND PLAN ANY DETOURS**
 - A. DON'T MAKE UP THE ROUTE ON THE GROUND AS YOU GO
 - B. *WHEN THE FINAL ROUTE IS DECIDED, FILL OUT A NAVIGATIONAL DATA SHEET*
2. **CHECK THE COMPASS AND MAP AT REGULAR INTERVALS**
 - A. DON'T RELY ON YOUR SENSE OF DIRECTION
3. **LOCATE EACH BOUND BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE NEXT CHECKPOINT**
 - A. DON'T ESTIMATE POSITION AND PROCEED ON AN ASSUMPTION
 - B. *BOUNDS SHOULD BE UNMISTAKABLE OBJECTS*
4. **COUNT PACES AND ESTIMATE DISTANCE**
 - A. DON'T RELY ON INSTINCT TO JUDGE DISTANCE TRAVELLED
 - B. *THE TENDENCY IN CLOSE COUNTRY IS TO OVER-ESTIMATE*
5. **WHEN THE OBJECTIVE IS SMALL, ALLOW FOR ERROR**
 - A. DON'T EXPECT ACCURACY WITHIN METRES WHEN BOUNDS ARE LONG DISTANCES APART
 - B. *AIM OFF, USING AN AUXILIARY OBJECT*
6. **STAY STRICTLY ON THE BEARING**
 - A. DON'T DRIFT OFF COURSE TO TAKE AN EASIER ROUTE
7. **BYPASS BAD GOING BY DELIBERATE MEASURED BEARING**
 - A. DON'T ATTEMPT TO GUESS YOUR WAY AROUND AN OBSTACLE
8. **IF GROUND DOES NOT CONFORM TO MAP:**
 - A. STOP;
 - B. MENTALLY GO BACK OVER COURSE TO FIND WHERE THE ERROR OCCURRED; AND
 - C. RECONNOITRE TO FIND LANDMARK
 - D. DON'T BLAME AIDS AND CARRY ON
9. **REMEMBER:**
 - A. *THE COMPASS IS RIGHT*
 - B. *THE MAP IS RIGHT*
 - C. *YOU ARE PROBABLY WRONG*