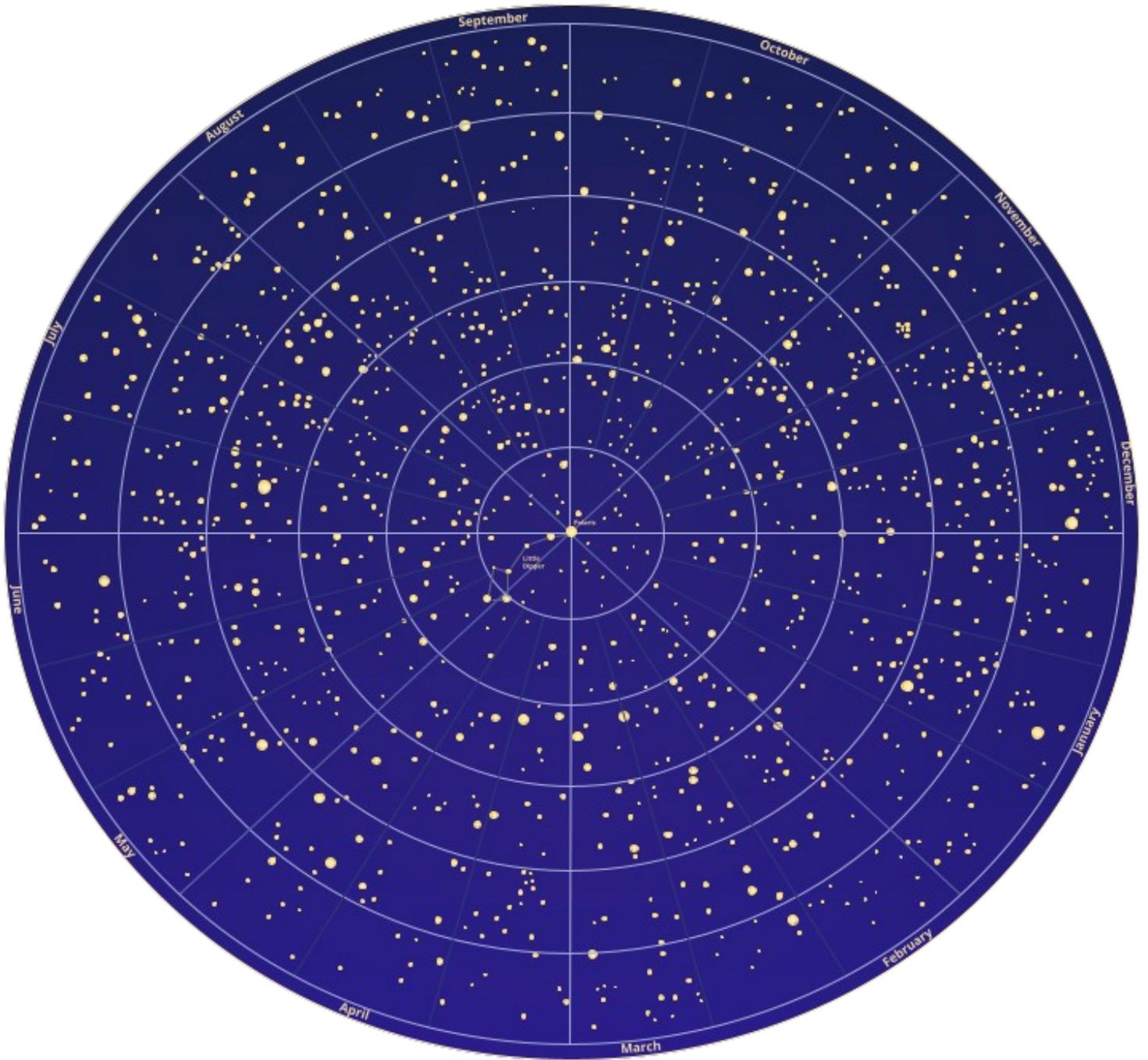


Celestial Navigation

Celestial navigation is using celestial bodies (ex. The sun, the moon, stars, or a planet) to find out where you are. Celestial navigators use measurements with angles, particular times, math, and a nautical almanac to determine their position on Earth. Mariners must be able to identify important stars, like the North star Polaris, and constellations. Constellations are named groups of stars that can be connected by invisible lines to make animals, peoples, and other things. Below are some examples of constellations that you might know.



The picture below shows what the night sky looks like if you live North of the equator in the Northern hemisphere. Can you find any important stars or constellations? Can you come up with your own constellations?



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