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**Marsden square**. One of a system of numbered areas each 10 degrees latitude by 10 degrees longitude, based on the Mercator projection, and used chiefly for identifying geographic positions and showing distribution of worldwide oceanographic and meteorologic data on a chart. Each square is subdivided into 100 one-degree subsquares which are numbered from 00 to 99 starting with 00 nearest the intersection of the equator and the Greenwich meridian. The system was introduced in 1831 by William Marsden (1754-1836), Irish orientalist.

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