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Veering winds! When a wind blowing from the east changes to northeast, north, and northwest, or changes in an anti-clockwise direction, it is said to "back." But when it changes in a clockwise direction, say, from east to southeast, south and southwest, it is said to "veer." But if the wind changes in any direction whatever, people generally say the wind is veering. However, what one learns about these changes is that if the wind "backs," the storm (or cyclone) is passing to the east with its center south of your point of observation; but if it "veers," then the storm's center is passing north of your point of observation.
