Let the Hunter's Moon Guide You to Saturn

During the nights of October 13 & 14, the waxing, gibbous Hunter's Moon will glide past the planet Saturn in the constellation Aquarius, the Water Carrier.

Saturn's rings are a showpiece to behold even in a small telescope! The tilt angle of the rings is now only about 4°, and shrinking, as Saturn approaches its ring crossing with Earth in March of 2025. Find out more about that ring crossing here.

On these October evenings, look below and to the right of Saturn to locate the lonely, blue-white star Fomalhaut in the constellation Piscis Austrinus — the Southern Fish. Fomalhaut (Arabic for the Mouth of the Southern Fish) is located some 25 light years behind Saturn.

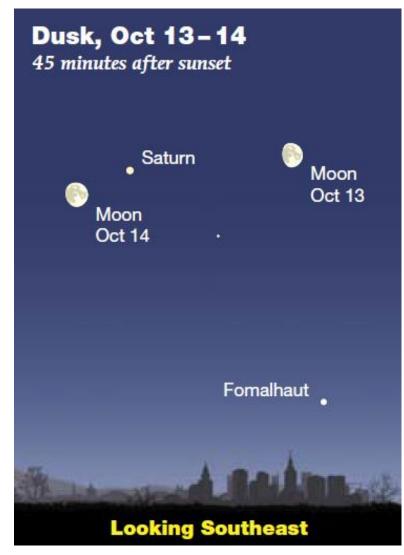


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