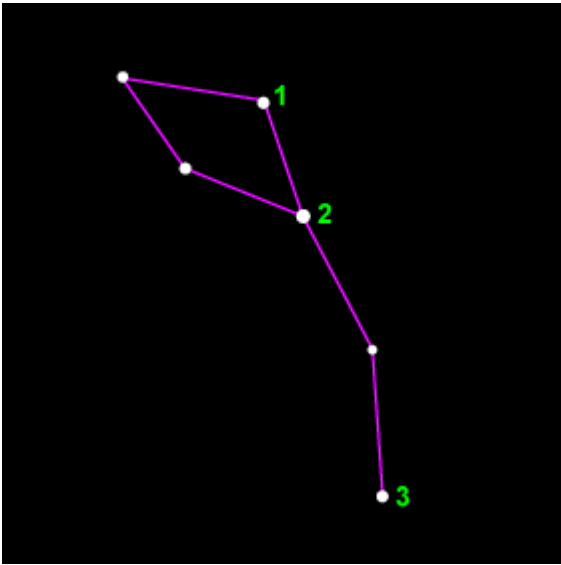


Delphinus (Del-feen-us) - The Dolphin



A story is told about the poet and musician Arion (a real person). Arion spent many years in Corinth, but he had not been born there. And later in his life he became homesick for his native land. On the journey home, Arion was set upon by the sailors of his ship, who proposed to throw him overboard and divide his possessions among themselves. Arion tried to delay his demise by singing a beautiful hymn to Apollo. The god Apollo was so pleased that he sent a dolphin to carry Arion off to safety. When the crew of the ship returned to Corinth, they were arrested. Arion recovered his possessions, and

the crew was executed. In gratitude to Apollo, Arion had a small dolphin made and set up in the Temple of Apollo at Corinth. Apollo later placed the dolphin statue up to the stars so that humankind might honor the brave and friendly little dolphin forever.