H0W TO STUDY AND PREPARE FOR THE USCG CAPTAINS LICENSE

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Core Concept

USCG Captain's License courses abound on the internet. They range from the classroom, online, or a new and extremely successful process of combining the two called Blended format. I will discuss that extremely innovative method in detail later. There are considerations for all three and that is the premise of this short guide on **How to Study and Prepare for the USCG Captains License** exam. This document is not a fancy, hard-to-learn, long worded pamphlet. It is tried and true methods that deliver results. The final objective is to ***Pass the Exam !!!*** and is the foundation of our mission statement for the company. The controlling authority for the license is the USCG National Maritime Center www.uscg.mil/NMC. If you would like to discuss further the process or catch a live webinar, seminar, please email on the Contact page at www.CPOJohnson.com for more details.

The learning and exam prep system is based on three primary elements that exist as an intrinsic part of the successful completion of the requirements.

- Use Education Time to your Advantage (Study Methods)
- Understand how to utilize Blank Paper for Testing
- Application of Memory Graphics and References

Study Methods

The USCG Captain's License course and examinations are divided into different modules; Chart Plotting, Rules of the Road, Navigation General, Deck General/Safety. Each section is comprised of a mixture of old and newer elements. The secret to success in this realm is the organization system you use to learn, process, evaluate, and then successfully take the exam. In reality, the real test comes to the actual time you use the new skill-set to avoid danger and diminish risk while boating.

Some examples of Study Methods that can be employed when learning this maritime subject matter and preparing for testing;

- Set an Exam Countdown Clock to help avoid Procrastination - *Your biggest deterrence in this type of training*
- Use 2-Page Memory Graphics for Rules of the Road - *You can envoke a previous memory by visual means almost immediately, but can you describe what you were reading last week?*
- Use Blank Paper on every exam - *You can literally download all the hard things to remember before you begin the exam process. It serves to focus on memory and increase recall of the information.*
- Study Prep using the ***S3*** system of Time Management - ***S****tudy Often,* ***S****hort Intervals,* ***S****ilence (without distractions)*
- Never Take a Practice Exam unless you have the Correct Answer highlighted or in **BOLD** font - *Based on the premise "You only test once, anything before is prep; after is retake"*
- Review material when you awake or soon thereafter and before you go to sleep - *It makes a profound positive difference in memory and recall.*

All About Blank Paper

Probably the biggest weapon in your arsenal for testing for the USCG Captains License. Learn how to reconstruct the Rules of the Road 2-Page Memory Graphics and you can reap the benefits of total understanding of this required proficiency. It doesn't stop there when it comes to advantages for mastering examinations...

Here are some other uses for Blank Paper;

- If you do not understand a question then write it down on the blank paper. Try to answer the question without reference and by intuitive sense. It will help you conclude the correct answer or draw closer to the right choice.
- Before taking the examination, write down all formulas, memory aids, pictures, or reference guides. It has a huge impact on directing your attention to the task at hand and recall of the information
- Fold or cut into smaller pieces to encapsulate a paragraph or problem. There is sometimes the negative aspect of combining information from different questions causing failure to correctly answer.
- Take testing notes if that will help you in review before completion of the examination. There is however a very important aspect of doing this properly. DO NOT change an answer unless you are 100% absolutely, totally positive you are making the right decision of changing the answer. It is vitally important to understand this probability. The odds are in favor of you changing the right answer to a wrong answer or even a wrong answer to another wrong answer.

Blended Training

There is still the general perception that attending a classroom setting is the best method to ensure success in getting the USCG Captains License. Each syllabus compared side by side has assets and negative elements. The Blended format is the best of both as it combines a new generation, superior online production, extremely well-written books, plotting tools, reference guides, chart, including a classroom tutorial and examination by the same USCG National Maritime Center approved professional. That factor alone removes test anxiety, a real problem when it comes to taking the complicated exams.

The proven path to success about taking the exams is more of an organizational approach, managing content to understand and remember. It is likened to *Learning How to Learn* in this specific course of study. You can see more details about this innovation in training and examination on my blog at www.CPOJohnson.com

Regardless of what course you are taking and the level of license you are seeking we can help you achieve your objective of passing the course and helping you obtain your license. CPO Johnson, Inc is a complete service in obtaining the USCG Captains License. From tutoring for understanding the subject matter to helping you complete and submit your application with the USCG National Maritime Center we are there to answer your questions and assist if needed.

Memory Graphics

The ability to recall information and give the correct answers to 38 International and 11 Inland Differences is considered daunting by most mariners that take the examination. Regardless of the complexity of the test, its sole purpose is to prepare you for the reality when it comes to collision avoidance and risk management. This form of memorization has application in other types of subject matter as well. This example is direct to understanding, passing the written test, and even more importantly be skilled in the application of the Rules of the Road and assessment of Risk of Collision which ultimately increases safety.

Connect with me at Steve@CPOJohnson.com or see the Contact page on the website and I'll send you the PDF attachments of the 2-Page Memory Graphics. To learn how to effectively utilize this method, there are also live webinars and seminars available, video coming soon.

References

There are plenty of books that will explain the USCG Captain's License information. You, the consumer, have a wide variety of choices to select from, depending on your needs. If you want the fastest, most effective way of achieving this objective, I would consider having a tutor and guide. It will take the guesswork out of the process and deliver the best results. NavTeach.com a division of CPO Johnson, Inc can professionally deliver that service, exceeding expectations. We are here to help you achieve your goals with licensing.