

WA State Exam Sample Questions

Questions on the Washington State Marine Pilot Knowledge Test (Written Exam) will be presented in a multiple-choice format (one correct answer presented with multiple incorrect options). These sample questions reflect the type of content that may appear on the exam but are not necessarily indicative of the difficulty level of the actual test.

1. According to Rule 20 of 72 COLREGS, when shall The Rules concerning shapes be complied with? (USCG Navigation Rules, 2014)
2. If dredging an anchor is to be considered a successful maneuver, which action should the shiphandler consider? (House, 2002)
3. What effect on steering, if any, can be expected from a vessel trimmed by the head? (MacElrevey & MacElrevey, 2018)
4. What series of steps should be taken to keep the phase of anchoring simple? (MacElrevey & MacElrevey, 2018)
5. How does vessel speed impact the effectiveness of assist tugs? (Hooyer, 1983)