

## Navigational Aids

### Introduction - A Means to Mastering the Collision Regulations



As a responsible seafarer we must be qualified to safely 'command' the vessel for which we are Master. This includes the operation of the vessel itself, how the vessel handles, being intimately familiar with the mechanical, electrical and structural characters of the vessel and competent in the vessel's electronic systems. In addition we must be willing to accept total responsibility for our crew and passengers, and we must commit every effort to avoiding injury or damage to other life, property and environment.

To accomplish this we prepare ourselves as mariners through a variety of resources. With regards to the vessel itself we learn its character and functions and we practice operating it. But what about the skills and knowledge needed to operate a vessel once the lines have been cast? Well there are programs and courses that you can take to learn vessel operations, emergency procedures, radio operations, navigational techniques and even maintenance. All of these learning opportunities are based upon practical applications where theory is committed to memory through hands on operation. The process of qualifying oneself to the minimum standards required to operate a boat in all of these areas is fairly straightforward.

There is one more area of seafaring competency that is a mandatory, and an essential component to getting home safely. These are navigational aids of the sea.

Many people find these sea signs and lights confusing and difficult remember – much less differentiate and identify at night. This course will help clarify what is what and how to steer your boat in the right direction avoiding rocks and other vessels. Regardless of your experience and qualifications this program is sure to provide the student with an understanding of one of the most important aspect of nautical competency.

## **Course Purpose**

### ***Personal Liability:***

- *As operators we are required to know the rules of the road. Failing to comply with them leaves us wide open to liability*
- *More and more insurance companies are requiring proper licensing for insurance policies to cover claims and legal suits*
- *Transport Canada are now requiring that commercial operators have the appropriate certifications – enforcement is presently weak but support from Marine Safety requires it*

### ***Certification Preparation:***

- The process of qualifying oneself for Transport Canada Exams can be confusing and frustrating – this course is one of a series that will help guide the student through this process
- Navigation training also facilitates the skills and knowledge in a manner that is understandable
- Because the students have been taught to understand the material – they will remember it – very little memorizing is required

### ***Materials Required:***

- *Copy of the Chart 1*
- *Highlighter*
- *Notebook*
- *Pen*

### ***Course Length:***

- *Four (4) Hours*

### ***Course Fee:***

- *\$60.<sup>00</sup> per person minimum 2 people*
- *Group rates available*

*Includes...*

*Laminated Reference Sheet*

*CINS Certification Diploma and Registration Fee (See Price List)*