

Thursday 26th November 1315  
James Buck with Captain Leggit

Length of Exam: 30 mins or so.. It's a blur

Went into the reception, signed in, this was 1pm. Almost immediately I was greeted by a suited individual who asked if I was the "afternoon candidate".

After replying with yes he asked for all my work books and discharge book/ passport etc.

He then didn't come back for me until 1320.. 20 mins is a long time when you someone is going through your books with a fine tooth comb.

Eventually he came through, introduced himself as a name and I was so nervous I didn't catch it, I didn't notice his name until we sat down and I saw his badge.

Leggit.

He Asked about previous vessels in detail, type, voyage, cargo types. Even was interested in the history of who built it and stuff like that. I had some pictures of the three vessels I had been on in the front of book so he turned to that as I was speaking.

- Joining a ship as 3/O
- What is the role of the DPA
- Gave me a vessel model with a white smartie magnet next to it.
- (High quality models, maybe Nowshad has a hobby other than Celestial Navigation?)
- Man Overboard sequence
- He had open my report on rescue boats
- Launch Rescue Boat?
- Define RAM?
- What lights denote RAM?
- Vessel crossing Port to Starboard, Action?
- Smartie Board: VL Aground, Action?
- Smartie Board: CBD, Crossing Port to Starboard, Action?
- Then stood up, came round the desk with a pile of cards
- VL Mine engaged in Mine clearance, Seen ahead, action?
- It started to get quick, very rapid cards on the table, I had barely finished my answers and the next card was down.
- Fishing Vessels of various types crossing
- Buoys, various types, all regions and cardinals, still fast at this point.
- Amazed myself at how fast I was smashing this line of questioning. This is where Ward's rapido questioning comes in.
- He sat back down, talked about my reports and said that he had served as mate several times on my last vessel, sheeeit. I couldn't waffle this bloke if he asked me something I didn't know. He commented that my workbook was exceptional and it was one of the best he had seen, WOW. I was actually a bit shocked to receive such a compliment.
- We then talked about actions to take in the event of a fire
- On discovering a fire in lower mess?
- Follow on actions, head of fire team?
- Then a further discussion about voyages he had undertaken, mentioned TSS crossing in sailing vessels
- What does rule 10 say about sailing vessels?
- When would a sailing vessel act as a PD VL?
- He sat back in his chair.. " Right Mr Buck.. I've heard enough, you have passed"

Relief, joy, can't describe how pleased I was. We continued to talk at length about all sorts as we went into the reception and he photocopied my NOE.

Interesting bloke, who was at first wanting deep detail in answers, then as he realises you know it, gets faster and cuts you off.

Thanks to all for the help is finally passing, good luck to all yet to go through.

Leggit has a very relaxed demeanour and puts you at ease, but be under no illusion he is weighing you up with all that you say and how you say it. I made sure I was clear in what I said I looked him in the eye with all the questions he asked.

It's safe to say my workbook carried me a long way, make sure it's good.