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Legget v CT

Pass

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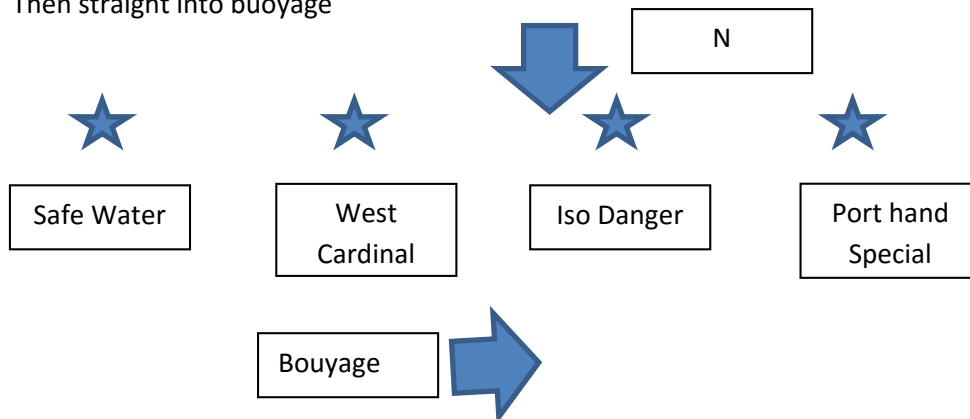
If you're having Legget then don't be under the impression that you're going to have an easier ride than others. He's fast paced/ goes around every block and at points wants to hear very specific answers.

However, he's very good at putting you at ease and at times the exam feels a lot like a conversation about your time on ship rather than taking questions at point blank range.

First up....

It was all about my last ship first, particulars trading routes and cargo

Then straight into buoyage



At first I thought I had this until I reached the west cardinal. He had an arrow on the table pointing in the direction shown. However, I completely forgot to take into account the way it was pointing. I said A/C to Stbd and we went on for a good couple of minutes over this. I thought he was trying to trick me by saying "are you sure, are you sure" but in hindsight I was wrong. As I assumed I was heading East but in fact it was west.

I assumed the arrow being placed above the mark was indicating North but actually it was pointing down at north. He knew the placing of the arrow had confused me so he did eventually move it to below the buoys that was after dragging me up to the chart on the wall to see what I would do with the cardinals on there.

I guess he could have given me a harder time but I think what saved me was the fact I kept stating to him where I thought north was and therefore I think that helped. Once all the confusion was removed he wanted the lights characteristics for the rest of the buoys.

He finally said what are you actions heading west and you see a westerly cardinal.

Next what LSA I had on board

Stopped at FF lifeboat – How do I launch it

Moved to Rescue Boat Launch got to hanging over the side and stopped

Next Lights

S/V Stbd Side – asked how I would determine risk of collision and my actions

PDV std Side – Asked how I would take action

PDV port side – tell me about rule 17

CBD port side- just asked actions

What would you do when you first walk on board as 3rd mate

Tell me about rule 10 – stopped at avoid anchoring in TSS

We then had a bit of a conversation about my Dry docking – what happens in Dry dock

I talked about OOW jobs – safety aspects with visitors on board

Talked about major structural work and survey being carried out after this

He asked about accommodation ladder maintenance

Lifeboat falls/hook

LSA maintenance

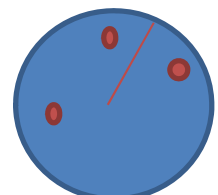
How would you update your charts

What electronic publications are there?

How do you update them?

What happens if you find a chart not updated

Radar plot next



Started with just dots- what's this – told him scanty plot need at least three

He asked me how I would plot what would I need

Then he asked what vectors for collision avoidance

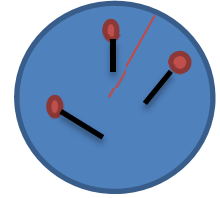
He put relative vectors on and said what's going on?

I explained, he asked for actions who has the risk on collision with us

He said the vessel on the stbd side has a CPA of 4 nm is there ROC?

How are you going to determine what you are going to do in this case?

Radar plot went away.



What is safe speed?

What would you do on a cargo watch?

What pressure did your relief valves lift at?

Why would this happen when loading on LNG carriers

He asked me then what does a Llyods surveyor do?

I saw the stamp come out and he said well done you've passed!

It's hard to show on paper how much we covered but I did not stop talking for the full exam. It just felt like he'd throw things in randomly where he could. Most people who have had him have passed quickly, just remember it's not an easy ride because of that.

He spent a good 10 minutes looking at my ops book before I went in and referenced them throughout the exam to questions.

Most importantly I felt he was there to pass me! He could have easily gone to town with me on the cardinal. But gave me other opportunities to show my knowledge when he realised I missed the picture.

You'll never feel prepared enough even in the waiting room I was reciting rules but it all goes the minute you sit on the chair.

Best of luck and remember don't give yourself a hard time worrying, it'll all work out great.