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EOOW Oral Exam: 03/11/2014, 13.15.

Examiner: Ian Harvey.

Duration: 60 Mins (50min questions, 10min chat at the end).

Result: Pass.

The examiner was very thorough asked to see Discharge Book, however didn't look at TRB or Workbook. Not much build up to the questioning just looked at Discharge Book and confirmed with me that I was British and that I worked for the RFA.

The following questions asked are what I can remember and were not necessarily in the order written. He does follow MGN 69, however in my opinion seems to jump around with the questioning. Not generally in any logical sequence.

Questions:

1. What ships were you on?
2. You are on a bulk carrier and have just joined, what must you do?
3. Purifier checks (running).
4. Boiler mountings and safety devices/features.
5. Boiler water tests.
6. High chlorides, what do you do? Where is it from? I said condenser he agreed and said where else, I told him I couldn't think of any others, then he said Hotwell. I'm not sure on that to be fair, I can't work out how you would get SW contamination from there.
7. Gauge glass blow down.
8. Compressor safety devices and running checks, also asked for maintenance carried out.
9. Air receiver mountings, routine checks.
10. CPP checks.
11. Steering Gear checks.
12. Watch keeping (Taking over).
13. Going UMS checks.
14. How to warm 2-Stroke ME from cold. Just warming it, not actually bringing it to the manoeuvring condition.
15. OWS survey and checks, as well as maintenance.
16. What do you record in ORB?
17. Ballast pump maintenance, full procedure and checks to be made internally.
18. Switchboard trips and surveyor checks on the Switchboard.
19. Generator start procedure, checks and paralleling.
20. ISM Code, what is it? How does it affect me?
21. HFO tank entry, for surveyor inspection. (Enclosed Space entry).
22. HFO system checks. Hot surfaces on ME.
23. LSA checks: Lifeboat (Engineering checks). SCBA checks. EEBD checks.

24. Watertight integrity in E/R checks.
25. SOPEP, what it covers and who issues it.
26. Extinguisher checks.
27. Fire Plan, What is on it?
28. International Shore Connection checks.
29. CO2 Bottle Room checks.

In the end I was able to answer all of the above and when he was looking for quite an obscure answer he guided me towards it. For example when he wanted me to detail the checks the surveyor would make on the Switchboard he wanted me to say check the panelling is all in place, so the bus bars are protected. Really obvious in hindsight, so my advice would be to not overthink things. As sometimes it will be the obvious answer he is looking for, which you have missed.

It doesn't seem a lot of questions however some of those listed were in several parts. There were probably a few other questions but at the time of writing I don't remember.

Anyway for those of you reading this prepping for you exams, I wish you the best of luck.