| Examination topics | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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| Electronic Navigation | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Instruments & Accessories | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Aids to Navigation | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Charts, Navigation Publication, & Notices to Mariners | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Nautical Astronomy & Navigation Definitions | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Chart Sketch | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | |
| Seamanship: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marlinspike Seamanship | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X |
| Purchases, Blocks, & Tackle | | | X | X | | | X | X | X | | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | X |
| Watchkeeping: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COLREGS | X | X | X | X | X | 5 | X | 5 | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | | | X | X | 5 | X | X | X |
| Inland Navigational Rules | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Basic Principles, Watchkeeping | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Navigation Safety Regulations (33 CFR 164) | X | | X | | | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | | | | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Compass - Magnetic & Gyro: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Principles, Operation, and Maintenance of Gyro Compass | X | X | X | 7 | | | 1 | | | X | X | X | X | 7 | X | | | | X | X | | X | X | X |
| Principles of Magnetic Compass | X | X | X | X | X | 3 | X | 3 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Gyro Compass Error/Correction | X | X | X | 7 | | | 1 | X | | X | X | X | X | 7 | X | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Magnetic Compass Error/Correction | X | X | X | X | X | 3 | X | 3 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Determination of Compass Error: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Azimuth (Any Body) | X | X | X | 7 | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X |
| Azimuth (Sun Only) | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Amplitude (Any Body) | X | X | X | 7 | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | X |
| Amplitude (Sun Only) | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Terrestrial Observation | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X |