



## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

### Enrollment Instructions for *The Weekend Navigator* (WN)

This “hands-on” course covers basic boat (coastal) navigation using waypoints; i.e., using a chart to determine a “safe” route or voyage so that you can select appropriate waypoints to enter into your GPS or chartplotter. Our *WN* course is designed for boaters (and family members) who want to learn the fundamentals of trip planning and basic coastal navigation. Experienced boaters have found *WN* to be valuable as well. **To enroll, please follow these steps:**

**1. Send a check (payable to USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 7-2) to Public Education Instructor Richard G. Heller at 402 West Ojai Avenue, Suite 208, Ojai, CA 93023.**

Include your name, US Mail address, telephone number, and e-mail address. When your check is received you will receive an enrollment confirmation via e-mail.

**2. The course fee is \$35 per person (or \$60 per couple). Your check will be held until after the first day of class.** As the Coast Guard Auxiliary is an instrumentality of the U.S. Government, your course fee of \$35 covers only incidental course costs.

**3. Purchase the textbook, Bob Sweet’s *The Weekend Navigator* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., © 2012), published by International Marine/McGraw-Hill. You may order this book from either the publisher ([www.mhprofessional.com](http://www.mhprofessional.com)) or an internet bookseller (e.g., Amazon or Barnes & Noble). (You may find a reduced price at an internet bookseller.) **Please be certain to order the correct edition. Once you order the course textbook, it is yours to keep. There are no refunds!****

**4. Bring the required “tools” to class.** *WN* requires pencils, note paper, a basic electronic calculator, and elementary plotting tools: a pair of 6 inch *dividers* or a 6 inch *drawing compass* (for measuring distance), and a set of 15 inch *parallel rules*. These plotting tools, which are described in Chapter 4 of the *WN* textbook, can be purchased from either your local West Marine store (often in a kit) or Weems & Plath ([www.weems-plath.com](http://www.weems-plath.com)). The *rolling parallel rule* is optional but it is not recommended for beginning students. We will supply the nautical charts.

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