



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 an enrollment request via e-mail to Public Education Instructor Richard G. Heller with your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Richard’s e-mail address is: rg heller@ojaiexpress.net. You will receive an enrollment confirmation.

2. Purchase the textbook, Bob Sweet’s *The Weekend Navigator* (2nd ed., © 2012), published by International Marine/McGraw-Hill. You may order this book from either the publisher (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!**

3. 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). The *rolling parallel rule* is optional but it is not recommended for beginning students. It is not necessary to purchase nautical charts, as we will have appropriate hand-outs for you.

4. The course fee is \$45, which the Auxiliary will collect the morning of the first day of class. **The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an instrumentality of the U.S. Government and your course fee of \$45 covers only incidental course costs.**

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If you have any questions, please contact Public Education Instructor Richard G. Heller at rg heller@ojaiexpress.net.