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: rgheller@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](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!

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](http://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 rgheller@ojaiexpress.net.