

# Yachtmaster Chartwork and Passage Quick Reference

A compact Yachtmaster-level prompt sheet for advanced navigation and passage decisions.

## Navigation workflow

Keep a disciplined sequence so the plan is auditable and resilient.

- Confirm chart datum, corrections, almanac data, and local notices.
- Plot route, hazards, clearing bearings, tidal gates, and alternatives.
- Check CTS and course shaping against changing tidal stream and leeway.

## Electronic navigation discipline

Electronic aids are powerful, but Yachtmaster-level use means active cross-checking.

- Check GPS/GNSS against visual fixes, radar ranges, AIS context, and depth.
- Review waypoint placement, cross-track error, chart scale, and update status.
- Keep a usable paper and mental fallback for equipment failure.

## Passage decision prompts

A strong plan includes decisions for the conditions you might actually meet.

- Weather windows, barometer trends, visibility, sea state, and local effects.
- Crew fatigue, watchkeeping, pilotage timing, and ports of refuge.
- Emergency options for grounding, flooding, steering failure, and medical issues.

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