

Yachtmaster Theory Revision Checklist

A planning aid for Yachtmaster-level Coastal Skipper / Yachtmaster Offshore theory revision.

1. Prove the foundations

Yachtmaster-level revision should start by removing any weakness in the fundamentals.

- COLREGs, lights, shapes, sound signals, and restricted visibility.
- Compass errors, position fixing, chart symbols, and tidal calculations.
- Safety, distress signalling, communications, and environmental duties.

2. Work at skipper decision level

Move beyond isolated calculations and ask what the result means for the passage plan.

- Course shaping, leeway, tidal stream changes, DR, EP, and running fixes.
- Electronic navigation checks, radar/AIS interpretation, and backup plans.
- Night pilotage, ports of refuge, crew management, and watch systems.

3. Treat weather as operational risk

Use forecasts, synoptic charts, local effects, and barometer trends to make conservative decisions.

- Interpret fronts, pressure systems, visibility, sea state, and local wind effects.
- Connect weather with route choice, departure timing, and contingency ports.
- Record assumptions so you can revise the plan as conditions develop.

4. Finish with mixed practice

Readiness means switching between topic areas without being prompted.

- Use timed mocks and review weak topics by module.
- Repeat chartwork and weather decisions until the working is clear.
- Explain each answer as a skipper decision, not just a calculation.

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