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## **Washington State Marine Pilot Exam 2024 – FAQs**

### **Exam Blueprint Questions:**

In general, the Exam Blueprint is to aid with testing, training, and continuing education of pilots. No local knowledge will be on the exam. The blueprint is not just for the exam but also for what pilots in Washington state need to know. Not all items in the blueprint will be covered in the exam. All written questions on the exam will come from the bibliography list.

Q: In Domain 6: Safe Navigation: 1. Knowledge of Chart One, the Chart One book is not listed in the bibliography. Should Chart One be in the bibliography?

*A: While the subject matter contained in Chart 1 remains essential, we believe you will find this information in other texts. We recommend you cross reference the bibliography with the blueprint to most efficiently study.*

Q: Regarding Domain 8: Restricted Waterway Transit: 15. Knowledge of bridge signaling methods and requirements for opening. Do we need to know the info in 33 CFR Part 117 Subpart A - Drawbridge Operation Regulations (Sub A General Requirements) or know what is in Coast Pilot 10 about opening bridges in our area?

*A: We've opted not to test on CFRs, as we've found that the CFRs previously examined can often be specific to local knowledge.*

### **General Questions:**

Q: Regarding the book 'Anchor Practice' (House, D. J. (2002). Anchor Practice: A Guide for Industry (1st ed). Livingston, U. K. Witherby Publishing. ISBN: 185609 212 7). This book is out of print and difficult to find online. Could a digital copy be made available for the exam applicants?

*A: A copy of the pages listed for studying will be hosted on the BPC website as a link within the bibliography and will be published there as of 11/2/2023.*

Q: I am less than a few months away from meeting the requirements for the Exam. Can I apply and finish meeting my requirements while waiting for a slot in the Training Program?

*A: While it is unfortunate to be so close, you must meet all of the exam requirements in order to be eligible to sit for the exam. We hope you will keep us in mind for the next Exam date!*