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Q306 - Great Lakes Topics

1. Which is usually the most gentle way of riding out a severe storm on a larger vessel?

- Rig a sea anchor
- Hove to
- Head into the seas at slow speeds
- **Running before the seas**

Note:

Running before the seas minimizes stress on a large vessel during a severe storm by reducing pitching, slamming, and maintaining steerage, making it the most gentle approach compared to other options like heaving to, heading into the seas, or using a sea anchor.

2. Which action reduces the yawing of a vessel in a following sea?

- **Shifting weights to the stern**
- Pumping out tanks aft
- Increasing GM
- Shifting weights to the bow

Note:

Shifting weights to the stern reduces yawing in a following sea by improving directional stability and rudder effectiveness; trimming by the stern keeps the rudder immersed and increases lateral area aft, while trimming by the bow increases yawing risk. Increasing GM affects rolling stiffness, not yawing, and shifting weights to the bow exacerbates yawing.

3. Advection fog holds longest over which portions of the lakes?

- Southeast
- Northeast
- **Northwest**
- Southwest

Note:

Advection fog persists longest over the northwest portions of the lakes because these areas retain colder water, allowing for prolonged cooling of warm, moist air and fog formation.

4. How are aids to navigation on the Great Lakes arranged geographically?

- In a westerly and northerly direction, except on Lake St. Clair
- In an easterly and southerly direction, except on the New York State Barge Canal
- **In a westerly and northerly direction, except on Lake Michigan**
- In an easterly and southerly direction, except on Lake Erie

Note:

Aids to navigation on the Great Lakes are generally arranged westerly and northerly, with Lake Michigan being the exception.

5. Assume that your vessel has just entered Lake Erie by way of the Welland Canal and is proceeding in a southwesterly direction. Which statement about the aids to navigation you can expect to encounter along the route is TRUE?

- All red even-numbered buoys should be kept on your port side when proceeding in this direction.
- Lighted aids, fog signals, and radio beacons maintained by Canada are not included in the Great Lakes Light List.
- The characteristics of buoys and other aids are as if "returning from seaward" when proceeding in this direction.
- All aids are maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard, 9th Coast Guard District, Cleveland, Ohio.

Note:

When proceeding southwest on Lake Erie from the Welland Canal, aids to navigation are oriented as if approaching from seaward, following the upbound direction.

6. Assuming that the recommended hatch loading sequence is followed, how many long tons of iron ore may be loaded through hatch No. 1 while using a single belt loader to arrive at a desired mean keel draft of 29'-11"? (use the Guidance Manual for Loading M.V. GRAND HAVEN)

- 2230 tons
- 2270 tons
- 2310 tons
- 2350 tons

Note:

The correct answer is 2230 long tons, as indicated in the GRAND HAVEN loading guidance tables for iron ore loaded with a single belt loader to achieve a mean draft of 29'-11".

7. Assuming that the recommended hatch loading sequence is followed, how many long tons of iron ore may be loaded through hatch No. 20 while using a single belt loader to arrive at a desired mean keel draft of 29'-06"? (Use the Guidance Manual for Loading M.V. GRAND HAVEN.)

- 1550 tons
- 2920 tons
- 3010 tons
- 3515 tons

Note:

The Guidance Manual for Loading M.V. GRAND HAVEN specifies that 2920 long tons of iron ore must be loaded through hatch No. 20 to achieve a mean keel draft of 29'-06" when using a single belt loader and following the recommended loading sequence.

8. Assuming that the recommended hatch loading sequence is followed, how many long tons of iron ore may be loaded through hatch No. 3 while using a single belt loader to arrive at a desired mean keel draft of 27'-07"? (Use the Guidance Manual for Loading M.V. GRAND HAVEN.)

- 2500 tons
- 2550 tons
- 2600 tons
- 2650 tons

Note:

The correct answer is 2500 long tons, as indicated in the M.V. GRAND HAVEN loading guidance table for a single belt loader and a target mean draft of 27'-07".

9. Which basic category of water level fluctuations on the Great Lakes is the most regular?

- Outflow fluctuations
- Long-term fluctuations
- **Seasonal fluctuations**
- Short-term fluctuations

Note:

Seasonal fluctuations are the most regular due to their consistent annual cycle driven by predictable weather and hydrologic patterns.

10. What is NOT a basic shiphandling rule for navigating in ice concentrations on the Great Lakes?

- **Transit ice along pressure ridges when possible.**
- Excessive speed means ice damage.
- Work with the ice movement, not against.
- Keep moving - even very slowly, but keep moving.

Note:

Navigating ice requires avoiding pressure ridges, maintaining slow speed to prevent damage, working with ice movement, and keeping the vessel moving to avoid becoming trapped.
