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## 1. What is 'trim' of a vessel?

- A) The difference between the forward draft and aft draft — a vessel trimmed by the stern has greater draft aft than forward
- B) The angle the vessel leans to one side (heel)
- C) The speed reduction caused by rough weather
- D) The deviation from the planned course due to current

## 2. What does COLREGs stand for?

- A) Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972
- B) Collision Observation and Likelihood of Grounding Regulations
- C) Coastal Operator Lighting and General Emergency Standards
- D) Convention on Long Range Emergency Grid Systems

## 3. What is the 'abandon ship' signal?

- A) Seven or more short blasts followed by one long blast on the ship's whistle and/or general alarm
- B) Three short blasts on the ship's whistle
- C) One long blast continuously
- D) A continuous sounding of the general alarm only

## 4. What is a 'fix' in coastal navigation?

- A) A positional determination obtained by crossing two or more position lines from observed bearings, landmarks, or electronic systems
- B) An estimated position based on DR only
- C) A satellite position used to update the chart
- D) A depth sounding that matches the chart

**Answers: 1-A 2-A 3-A 4-A**

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