

RYA Day Skipper Practice Test Questions and Answers

1. What causes spring tides?

- A) The spring season
- B) The gravitational pull of the sun and moon acting in alignment (at new and full moon)
- C) Strong winds from the west
- D) The Earth's rotation speeding up

2. What is 'height of tide'?

- A) The vertical distance from chart datum to the sea surface at a given time
- B) The height of a wave
- C) The height above sea level of a charted landmark
- D) The tidal range over a full cycle

3. What is the 'range' of a tide?

- A) The distance the tide travels horizontally
- B) The vertical difference between high water and low water
- C) The speed of the tidal stream
- D) The time between high and low water

4. What does 'neap tides' refer to?

- A) The largest tidal range
- B) Tides with the smallest range, occurring when the sun and moon are at right angles to each other (first and last quarter moon)
- C) Tides caused by storms
- D) Tides that only occur in estuaries

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

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