

RYA Yachtmaster Practice Test Questions and Answers

1. What is a 'jury rig' in seamanship?

- A) A temporary sail plan fashioned from available materials when the main rig is damaged or lost
- B) A type of racing rig
- C) The original rig on a sailing vessel
- D) A rig used only in calm conditions

2. When should a yacht deploy its liferaft?

- A) At the first sign of bad weather
- B) Only when the vessel is definitely sinking or otherwise uninhabitable — you should 'step up into the liferaft, not down'
- C) When the crew is tired
- D) When approaching a harbour

3. What is a 'trough' in weather chart terms?

- A) The lowest part of a wave
- B) An elongated area of low pressure without a closed circulation, often associated with frontal activity and poor weather
- C) A dip in sea temperature
- D) A channel between two islands

4. What is a 'running fix' and when is it used?

- A) A position fix obtained by taking a bearing of a single object, advancing the position line along the vessel's track, then taking a second bearing of the same or another object
- B) A fix obtained while under engine power
- C) A position obtained by running through shoal water
- D) A GPS fix taken while the vessel is moving

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

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