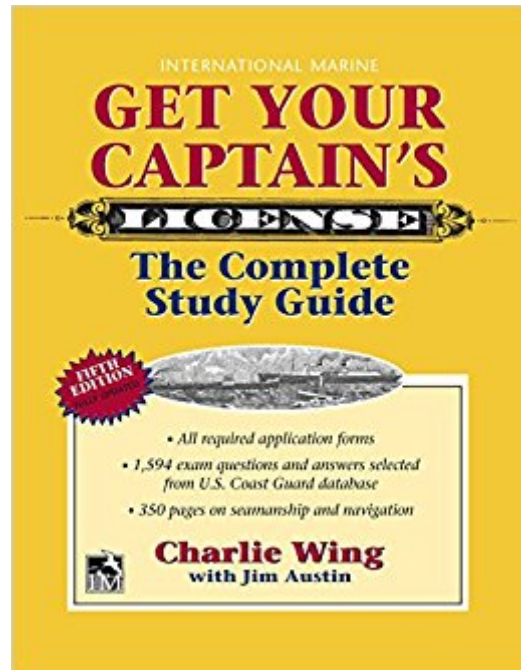




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# Get Your Captain's License, 5th



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Charlie Wing received his Ph.D. in oceanography from MIT, where he later worked as a research scientist. Since then his career has been explaining how things work--teaching physics at Bowdoin College, founding America's first two do-it-yourself house-building schools (the Shelter Institute and Cornerstone), hosting a PBS series on energy conservation, and writing a dozen top-selling books on home building, home maintenance, and remodeling. Wing lived aboard a cruising sailboat for six years, during which time he wrote the first edition of this book on a solar-powered Macintosh computer. He is the author of four other IM books.

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I bought this as a supplementary review. Its OK for that, if you already are familiar with the material. Its pretty lousy as a primer though. If you don't already have some experience with plotting current vectors or intercepts, advance and transfer problems etc. you won't find a good explanation of the material here. The stability section is about as clear as mud. You can figure most of it out, but there are probably other better texts. I sure hope so. The question sections are also cumbersome. You have to flip back and forth to the answer page to check. I wound up just cutting mine out of the book so i could refer to them more quickly. Plus you have to flip to the back every time a question refers to a diagram. Way too much time wasted flipping back and forth. The CFR is bad enough, you don't need even more energy wasted on such. Oh, and one answer section had about half of the answers

missing altogether. Then there is the plotting sheet. Be careful with it, since it is a misprint ( I think 130 degrees is listed twice on the compass rose) I would check, but i'd have to go and fetch my magnifying glass. That reminds me... the print is hard to read. Pretty lousy book actually. I give it three stars for just existing. Ah, heck... two and a half. If I had to do it again though, I'd probably do the same thing. Buy a book like this one and find an online source of current coast guard questions (try googling "questions coast guard" or some such)

This book is way too much detail and overkill for OUPV and Master. The "Mariners" products are awesome, and just like the material in "SeaSchool." If you need to get your license asap, go to SeaSchool and do NOT use this book. Mine went to eBay. Also the big Chapman book is rock solid.

Do not waste your money on this book diagrams are not numbered so you must stop and count through 70 plus diagrams each time they are referred to. Multiple errors in answer key. Charlie Wing should be charged with Fraud!!

Poor book! Many test question answer errors. Some question answers are clearly wrong. Some identical repeat questions have different answers. There is a disclaimer in the book. "You may find redundant questions and a few answers which appear to be wrong." Its hard to tell which answers are wrong vs which ones I don't understand. Charlie was too lazy to make sure he provided correct answers for his test questions. MARPOL was revised in 2013. His current book edition has 2016 copy right and still has the old MARPOL info.

This book contains the same questions as the CG NMC website, but having it in print and separated into sections is very useful; most questions will come from the CFR, however, getting exposed and memorizing a few saves a lot of time on test day. Ground tackle, deck tackle, stability & gyro error well covered. Also contains the full-color guide to running lights, w/ bullet comparison between INT & INL ROTR. The CD is a little quacky, b/c it incorporates a lot of celestial nav problems and MODU questions...w/out a way to filter out...but ROTR questions spot-on.

I used an older edition of this study guide as an aid when I took the captain's course (100 ton merchant mariner, near coastal) through a local maritime center. It was invaluable to me. The course moves so swiftly through the material (IMPORTANT material) that it's difficult to take it all in. Charlie Wing's information is complete, very well organized and illustrated, and matched with

corresponding test questions from previous exams. The accompanying CD has hundreds of old exams to take, they're graded automatically, making it easy to ensure you have a handle on the material. I bought this edition for my husband when he took the captain's course. It was updated with current changes in charts, etc. Must have for anyone trying to get a mariner's license.

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