

RNSA QUIZ QUESTIONS

Q1 Assuming, like most of us, you are unable (or unwilling!) to fly a burgee at the masthead, where should you fly the following combinations of flags? In each case say whether your answer is based on the law or etiquette.

- (a) Just the burgee of a club which does not qualify for a special ensign.
- (b) The burgees of two clubs neither of which qualify for a special ensign. Assume, for the purpose of this quiz, that flying two burgees is perfectly acceptable.
- (c) If one of the clubs above entitles you to wear a special ensign, and you are doing so, would that change your answer to (b) above?
- (d) Q flag, RNSA burgee and a courtesy ensign

Q2 As you approach your berth on a long linear pontoon your engine fails and refuses to restart. The pontoon is orientated east-west and you are approaching from the south. Because of other yachts already alongside, the only available space is a gap of about two boat lengths. No berths are available on the north side. The wind is from the south west at 10 knots (F3) and the tidal stream is running to the west at 1 knot. Your mainsail and genoa are both ready for instant use, and (for reasons that are too difficult to explain) you have no other option than to go alongside. There are two of you on board, but no one else around to help. What do you do? Include preparations and any briefing you would give your crew.

Q3 If you were to sail your yacht round the world, which part of the boat would travel the furthest?

- Q4
- a. In what circumstances would you consider a radio check to be *necessary*?
 - b. What are the options, in order of preference, for conducting a radio check?

Q5 You are overtaking a small dinghy under power as you sail close hauled on the starboard tack. A risk of collision exists. Who, in accordance with the ColRegs, has 'right of way'?

Q6 Sailing on the port tack on a heading of 045° you see a small coaster about 20° on your port bow heading towards you. Using the hand-bearing compass you determine that she is on a steady bearing. Her AIS shows that she is MV Warwick on a heading of 193°, speed 12 knots, range 3 miles. The wind is Force 3 from 345°. As the range decreases she takes no obvious avoiding action. A call via DSC followed by a voice call on Channel 16 then Channel 13 elicits no response. What are all your options? Quote the relevant Colregs Rules if applicable.

Q7 a. When are you *required* to 'plan' a voyage?

b. What aspects of the trip should your passage plan cover?

Q8 What equipment does SOLAS *require* all vessels to carry onboard?

Q9 What item of domestic gear would you not sail without? Marks awarded for the most amusing and/or unusual.

Q10 Supply a caption for the attached photograph. No, I don't know what she was doing, either.

