

# Day Skipper Theory Revision Checklist

A practical one-page planning aid from Day Skipper Revision. Updated June 2026.

## 1. Set up your revision route

Use the syllabus as a checklist. Work through the basics first, then give extra time to calculation and decision-making topics.

- Nautical terms, safety, marine environment, ropework, and anchorwork.
- COLREGs, pilotage, buoyage, lights, shapes, and restricted visibility.
- Chartwork, tides, compass conversions, weather, and passage planning.

## 2. Prioritise the topics that cost marks

Most students benefit from repeated practice on the topics that mix memory with judgement.

- Tidal height calculations and secondary port corrections.
- Course to steer, dead reckoning, estimated position, and leeway.
- Give-way situations, vessel hierarchy, navigation lights, and day shapes.
- Shipping forecast language, Beaufort scale, fronts, highs, and lows.

## 3. Practise actively

Avoid relying only on rereading notes. Each study block should end with a check.

- Take a short quiz after each module.
- Put missed answers into review.
- Use flashcards for terms, rules, lights, shapes, and definitions.
- Retake weak modules until the answer feels obvious and explainable.

## 4. Check your chartwork kit

Before exam or practical preparation, make sure the basics are ready.

- Plotter or parallel rulers, dividers, pencil, eraser, and calculator.
- Practise measuring distance from the latitude scale.
- Label positions, times, courses, and bearings clearly.

## 5. Before practical

Refresh the topics that support decisions afloat.

- Pilotage plans, transits, clearing bearings, and harbour entry.
- COLREGs, sound signals, restricted visibility, and safe speed.
- Weather decisions, tidal windows, and passage planning checks.

## 6. Final readiness check

When you can answer mixed questions without knowing the topic in advance, you are closer to exam-ready.

- Take a timed mixed mock exam.

- Review topic breakdowns instead of only the headline score.
- Spend your final sessions on the weakest two or three topics.

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