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<b>Steer the ship and also comply with helm orders in the English language</b>	<p>Steer a steady course within acceptable limits having regard to the sea of navigation and prevailing sea state, using a magnetic or gyro compass.</p> <p>Alter the ships course in a smooth and controlled operation using a magnetic or gyro compass.</p> <p>Understand helm orders and respond to them in a clear and concise manner using correct nautical terms.</p> <p>Understand the role of the helmsman as part of a bridge pilotage team.</p> <p>Demonstrate the correct method of handing over the wheel when the vessel is underway to ensure continuity.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of the procedure to change over from hand steering to automatic pilot and vice versa.</p> <p>Have an understanding of wheel orders given by pilots in English.</p> <p>Understand the need to know how to change to emergency steering systems.</p> <p>Gain a steering certificate.</p>
<b>Keep a proper look-out by sight and hearing</b>	<p>Have an overall understanding of the responsibilities of the role as bridge lookout.</p> <p>Demonstrate the ability to report the approximate bearing of a sound signal. Light or other object in degrees or points.</p> <p>Demonstrate the ability to report observations as lookout, to the officer of the watch, in a clear and concise manner using correct nautical terms.</p> <p>Have a basic knowledge of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended.</p>
<b>Contribute to monitoring and controlling a</b>	<p>Understand the meaning of common nautical terms which apply to work and navigation of a seagoing vessel.</p> <p>Know how to use shipboard internal communications systems.</p> <p>Demonstrate the ability to understand orders and to communicate clearly and concisely with the officer of the watch in matters</p>

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<b>safe watch</b>	<p>relevant to watchkeeping duties. This will include seeking clarification from the officer of the watch where instructions or information received is not clearly understood.</p> <p>Have knowledge of, and demonstrate, correct procedures for the relief, maintenance and handover of a watch.</p> <p>Have knowledge of, and demonstrate knowledge of, the information required to maintain a safe watch.</p> <p>Have an understanding of the consequences of not preserving the marine environment.</p> <p>Have knowledge of the shipboard use of waste management and marine oil spill emergency plans.</p> <p>State the methods of disposal of waste at sea and in port, including strapping, plastic, rubbish and engine oil waste.</p>
<b>Operate emergency equipment and apply emergency procedures</b>	<p>Demonstrate knowledge of emergency duties and shipboard alarm systems.</p> <p>Know initial action to take on becoming aware of an emergency or abnormal situation on board.</p> <p>Know how to report an emergency or abnormal situation to the officer of the watch and know that the report should be given in a clear and concise manner using correct nautical terms.</p> <p>Demonstrate ability to acknowledge orders in a clear and concise manner using correct nautical terms.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of pyrotechnic distress signals, satellite EPIRBs and SARTs.</p> <p>Have knowledge on how to avoid false distress alerts and action to be taken in the event of accidental activation.</p> <p>Know how to rig a pilot ladder.</p> <p>Know how to provide support duties when berthing and un-berthing and during towing operations.</p> <p>Have a basic knowledge of anchoring.</p> <p>Have a basic knowledge of dangerous cargoes.</p> <p>Have a basic knowledge of stowage procedures and arrangements for brining stores on board.</p> <p>Have a basic knowledge of deck maintenance and of tools used on deck.</p>