

Good day,

Welcome to the electronic version of the Starpath Home Study Course on Inland and Coastal Navigation

This course is made up of several components. Except for the one paper chart, they are all presented as Adobe Acrobat Reader files, which are bookmarked, fully searchable, and interlinked. You will need Acrobat Reader 5.0 or newer to read the files. A copy is in the Utilities folder on the CD. These are in an e-book format. They can be conveniently read from the computer screen, but the main coursebooks cannot be printed.

Course Book

This is the main body of the materials, which includes the reading assignments. The course instructions are in that book as is the syllabus of topics. The Contents of this electronic course book is identical to the one we use in the paper version.

Chart Problems

These include navigation problems along with the complete answers and all necessary table data. A paper version of the chart is included with the e-course CD. All that is needed is plotting tools (parallel rules and dividers). The course book discusses the tools. This is an e-book format.

Glossary

A detailed glossary of all terms used is available as a link from any of the other books.

Nautical Chart No 18465Tr

This is a full-sized chart of the Eastern Strait of Juan De Fuca. All problems that require a chart are worked on this one. Your e-course includes both a paper chart and an electronic chart. We encourage all users to work the problems both ways if they intend to use e-charts underway.

Electronic chart viewer and simulator

Your second CD includes 4 custom made electronic training charts along with a complete working copy of the Memory-Map electronic chart viewer and vessel simulator. This electronic chart package can be used to work all of the Starpath problems electronically if you choose to.

References

This home study course includes an extensive set of navigation references. Only a few are needed for the course and these few are installed when the course is installed. They are Chart No. 1, the Navigation Rules, and the Navigation caclulators.

The others can be accessed from the CD. There are abbreviated sections of these in the Chart Problems book, which are all you atually need to do the practice problems, but the e-course version includes full copies of these so you might learn more about these valuable resources. They include:

Complete 2002 Bowditch.....	57.9 MB
Canadian Light List.....	1.7 MB
Canadian Radio Aids to Nav.....	12.7 MB
Chart No. 1.....	38.7 MB
US Coast Pilot vol 7.....	28.4 MB

US Coast Pilot vol 8.....	7.0 MB
Navigation calculators.....	0.6 MB
Navigation Rules.....	1.9 MB
US Light Lists.....	7.5 MB

Note that **Bowditch** is a full 700+ page encyclopedia on navigation, which obviously covers more than we intend with our course, but you may find it an interesting reference. We have added an index to it so it is fully searchable.

You will definitely need **Chart No 1** and the **Navigation Rules** in some form, and this will meet those needs, electronically.

And you will likely find the **navigation calculators** of interest as well, especially the one that does mercator sailings, distance of an object by two bearings, and the distance off by vertical sextant angles. You can read about each of these calculators inside the bowditch book. The calculators will run as a stand alone program once you are done with the course.

To access references directly used in the course, open the References link from the main course browser and then select the reference. To get to the other resources, insert your CD and then from My computer, right click the CD icon and choose Explore, from which you can navigate to the references folder. These references are all available online in one form or another. We include them here for your convenience.

Do not hesitate to contact Starpath if you have any questions about the use or contents of this Home Study Course. We are standing by to help in anyway we can.

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