



Learning ASA 105 material before taking your BOSS 106 course

ASA 105 Coastal Navigation is a prerequisite for ASA 106 Advanced Cruising. You can meet this requirement by passing the 105 exam before coming to SVG, or you can write the 105 exam as part of your BOSS 106 course. However, there is not time in the 106 course to teach all of the 105 material, so you need to learn it ahead of time.

To meet the 105 requirement in advance of your BOSS 106 course, you therefore have two main options.

1. You may complete the ASA 105 course and write the exam with another ASA school before your BOSS 106 course. If you search online you will find a number of alternatives. Prices vary significantly.
2. Alternatively, there are various economical self-study options that can enable you to learn the ASA 105 material, and write the exam near the beginning of your BOSS 106 course. Self-study options include:
 - The ASA Online Store (<https://store.asa.com/asa-texts-and-reference-1.html>) offers a Coastal Navigation kit that includes a text, solutions workbook, presentations, and training chart
 - There is a full set of ASA 105 training videos available on YouTube for free at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEIDD3HCwok&list=PL_KEvUapVVnk6WBQSmzyHT674pFufoEmg
 - Starpath sells an inexpensive training manual based on 1210TR: <https://www.starpath.com/catalog/books/1979.htm>. Starpath also provides several ways to get the related 1210TR training chart, including free PDF and BSB downloads, at <https://www.starpath.com/1210tr>
 - Free PDF versions of training charts are available from NOAA at: https://historicalcharts.noaa.gov/historicals/search_attributes?type=Nautical%20Chart--Training

You can download a 42 mb version of the MARTHA'S VINEYARD TO BLOCK ISLAND - SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS, Chart 1210TR which is the one used for the 105 exam and many of the courses. You could take the resulting file to a print shop and print it out at chart size. Alternatively, there are various online resources, including Starpath as noted above, that sell a full size paper version for <=\$10. Search online for "1210TR"

- General guidance for taking the 105 exam: <https://www.sailnet.com/forums/general-discussion-sailing-related/301145-asa-105-coastal-navigation-exam.html>
- Here is an ASA 105 practice exam that provides questions similar to those on the official exam, also using the 1210TR training chart: <https://learntocruiseonline.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ASA-205-Navigation-test-review-questions-Version-D2.pdf>

Using one or more of these alternatives should prepare you to take the 105 exam early in your BOSS 106 course. If you have any further questions, contact Rob McLean at rob.m@barefootoffshore.com