

Beginner Coastal Passage Planning Worksheet

Make a simple passage-planning table. Your plan does not need to resemble the bridge paperwork of a commercial ship - a clear table can be enough.

Passage Details

Departure:		Destination:	
Date:		Planned departure:	
Weather / sea state:		Tide / current:	

Passage-Planning Table

Break the passage into individual legs. For each leg, record the planned course, distance, expected speed, approximate time, and anything that deserves attention.

Leg	Course	Distance	Expected Speed	Approx. Time	Notes / Hazards / Checks
Harbour A - WP1	215°	2.5 NM	5 kt	30 min	Shoal to east
WP1 - WP2	245°	4.0 NM	5 kt	48 min	Watch cross-current
WP2 - Harbour B	280°	3.0 NM	5 kt	36 min	Ferry traffic

Your Passage

Leg	Course	Distance	Expected Speed	Approx. Time	Notes / Hazards / Checks

Key idea: The exact numbers matter, but so does the thinking behind them. This table forces you to consider each leg individually: where you are going, how far, how long it should take, and what could affect the plan.