Standard opening questions, joining a bulky at anchorage in Singapore, what will you be looking at as you join? What documents, handover, induction. Not long after put 2005 edition Singapore Chart in front of me which we used intermittently for a lot of the questions throughout.

Emergency wreck buoy

Cardinal markers models, put them together, how would you navigate around them

Find the compass error with given numbers

Stability GZ curve, how does it look at angle of loll

True Vectors and Relative Vectors, difference. How to use them

Course up, head up, North up.

How to correct angle of loll

draw load lines Portside,

Photo of draft marks read the draft marks.

Singapore chart, what is PA? Reporting point symbol.

Container, serial plate falls off, loaded onto ship, still ok?

Wharfie Forman comes onboard and wants to do Cargo ops? Refer to Marine order 32 new changes with PIC

Cargo residues, ok to be washed over the side?

Dayshapes aground. Size and dimensions

Onload/offload release

Can anyone enter a confined space?

Can the cook be my standby man when entering Confined space?

Colreg situation. You are stand on vessel, vessel at 12 mile port bow. bearing not changing. 8mile actions, 6 mile actions, 2 mile actions.

Colreg situation. Restricted vis; 2 vessels on bow both deemed risk of collision exists. One astern not deemed risk of collision. Action> alter course to Stb.
Lights for NUC making way, not making way. He asked me the lights for NUC for my size vessel what lights would I show. I stumbled a bit here. Know all the quirks of your lights!

Vessel engaged in tow
You are CBD vessel stand on, give way vessel on Port bow not altering to starboard. Actions?

SCBA checks

Sound signals for various vessels corresponding to the flash cards. Fog signals, aground, vessel over 100m aground.

ISM, is it a code or convention?

At Anchorage. Draw on the chart a fix with 3 range and bearings for an Anchor Watch

Racon, use it for fixes?

Chart, out of date? what if corrected?

Ecdis, know the difference between Safety Contour, Safety depth. Deep question, wanted me to explain everything I knew about them, what they look like, what they mean, how to use them. Verification on Ecdis, what does this mean? what happens?

How do we receive MSI in Australia?

IMDG, stowage, segregation, how to use the different volumes.

MOB, name the top 5 immediate actions you would take.

Come aground at this point on the chart. What light would you see? (sector light- red part of the sector light)

The examination was very thorough, asking and delving into all areas, he would probe in different areas and intertwine different subject materials and questions randomly. It became enjoyable after a while.

My advice is know your stuff! Knowledge is confidence. Learn the Orals guidebook that Greg gives inside out. Expand on that information with recent news and changes to legislation, Marine orders. Speak to all the lecturers when you are preparing for your Orals. Write a list of questions for each one. Find a study mate that you can quiz each other on for your prep in your lead up. Get people that know nothing about Ships to be involved, get them to ask you prepped questions, this will help you explain and understand different subjects on a simpler term. Use information from all sources, other classmates experienced sailors. They may not teach you anything new, but they will reinforce and give you confidence in answering questions and subjects which you may not have practical experience in. This will show in how confident you answer your questions on the day or your Orals. Try and be calm and relaxed on the day, the quicker you can expel the nerves at the start of the exam the better the answers you will give and your responses will flow.

Try and get several short Mock oral’s from some lecturers or Jeff. They will give you an early idea of where you are at.

The rest is history.

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