

OCC Yachting is organising a Navigation Licence course

Starting in February 2010, and provided enough people sign up for it, OCC Yachting will be organising a course to prepare you for the Theoretical Navigation Licence (TNL) exams *Klein Vaarbewijs* 1 and 2. This will be a short but intensive course held on six successive Wednesday evenings, each class lasting 2 ½ hours. The first class will be held on 3 February 2010 at 7.00 p.m. We will be going through the subject matter quickly, so participants should prepare for the classes or else have some prior knowledge. The course will prepare you for the national exams held by the VAMEX foundation (www.vamex.nl).

The first two evenings will be spent on the subject matter for the TNL 1 navigation licence and the remaining four evenings will be spent on TNL 1a (NB. Together, the TNLs 1 and 1a constitute TNL 2). TNL 1 is mainly concerned with onboard safety, handling a vessel, and the navigation rules and regulations for the inland waterways. TNL 1a also looks at the rules and regulations for navigation at sea, for setting your course and for navigating in tidal waters.

You have to pass the TNL 1 exam if you want to navigate a ship 15 metres or more in length - and/or one that can travel at more than 20 km/h - on the minor Dutch inland waterways such as large and small lakes and canals (i.e. so you will also need it for most rubber dinghies that have an outboard motor!). If you want to navigate on larger waterways such as the Zeeland waterways you will need the TNL 2 (*Klein Vaarbewijs* 2). Quite apart from this official requirement, it is naturally very important for all those navigating on the waterways to know the most important rules of navigation and understand the basic principles of navigation. Once you have obtained the TNL 2, you can apply for an ICC (International Certificate of Competence), which many European countries require if you are to navigate a vessel in their waters.

Mandatory teaching material:

- Richard Vooren's book "Leidraad voor het Vaarbewijs" ("Guide to obtaining your navigation licence")
- Compass, pencil, chart plotter
- The ANWB CD-ROM "Examentraining Klein Vaarbewijs" ("Training for the TNL/Klein Vaarbewijs exam")

Cost: €195.00 per participant (excl. study materials, exam fees etc.)

Location: Not yet known, but probably the Watersport café Boot or possibly at another location nearby.

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You can also register using the registration form ("inschrijfformulier") that you can obtain from the Delta Marina water-sports shop.