BITTERN (NBF) CODE

MANOEUVRING APPRECIATION/COMMENT

1. Your last mooring procedure was:
   A. First class.
   B. Surprisingly good.
   C. Understandably awful.
   D. Indescribable.

2. Your approach to the problem was impossible but tactically sound.

3. During the last action you displayed noticeably suicidal tendencies.

4. Once again you have demonstrated a commendable ability to practise basics.

5. You have the uncanny ability to complicate a very simple exercise.

6. The last mooring was so bad that we watched a double feature.

7. We think the water has been sufficiently churned up. Maybe you should try something else.

8. Missed me again.

9. Can I go home now?

10. 
    A. Your bowthruster frightened me.
    B. Your bowthruster didn't frighten me.
    C. I wasn't aware you had a bowthruster
    D. What's a bowthruster

11. Your cruising instructions are simple. Simply awful.

12. It is difficult to believe that you and I are operating in the same river.
13 I am unable to act as evasively as I wish.

14. I am unable to act as unevasively as you wish.

15.  
A. Thank you for your valuable assistance.  
B. Had assistance been rendered, I would have been thankful.  
C. No, thank you, I do not require assistance.  
D. Please do not render assistance, I need your help like a hole in the head.

16. We may be small but we’re slow.

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18. Breaker one nine, this is Rubber Duck, I think we got us a convoy.

19. Ten Four
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EXCUSES

21. I blame Roya.

22. Reason(s) is (are) as follows:  
A. I goofed.  
B. Roya goofed. 
C. Somebody goofed.  
D. Inattention, for which some son-of-a-bitch will pay. 
E. Temporary decline in usual high standards.  
F. Another example of usual low standards.  
G. I thought I could get away with it.  
H. Misdirected malapropism.

23. I am speeding because:  
A. I must make repairs.  
B. I wish to bale out water.  
C. Your chances of locating me are negligible otherwise.  
D. I wish to get to The Maltsters for my next meal.
24. I must temporarily withdraw from being a stinkie because of difficulties with:
   A. Technical systems which are to difficult to explain.
   B. Battery/motors/generators, I no go right.
   C. Too much noise, I no hear right.
   D. Ingress of water, I no float right.
   E. Fire/smoke, I no breathe right.
   F. Personnel, I no lead right.

25. Please accept my apologies for failing to make the assigned rendezvous. My reason is as follows:
   A. The navigator is from the Southern Rivers.
   B. The navigator is from the Northern Rivers.
   C. I was doing something else at the time and didn’t think you’d miss me.
   D. I erroneously assumed that you would be where you said you would be.
   E. My navigational equipment has not been updated since the Boer War.

26. My reports/reply/message/letter was (will be) late for the following reason(s):
   A. Writer’s cramp.
   B. Typewriter unserviceable due to overheating.
   C. Carrier pigeons all died.
   D. My priority list didn’t coincide with yours.
   E. We didn’t think you’d notice.
   F. I plain forgot.

27. I was delayed in returning inboard from my trapeze because:
   A. A large whale had eaten me.
   B. I forgot to vent my wetsuit.
   C. I wanted to annoy you.

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WEATHER/WATER CONDITIONS
31. What’s the weather like with you?

32. The weather is:
   A. Sun cream required.
   B. Souwester required.
   C. Take a reef in the burgee.
   D. Get the Quant out!
   E. Scorchio!
   F. Brass Monkies!.
   G. All of the above! – A British summer’s day!

33. I suppose the worsening weather will mean you’ll have to stop your boat.

34. The adverse weather is affecting us:
   A. Greatly - The DVD player has tipped over twice.
   B. A lot – The Teapot’s gone AWOL.
   C. A bit – Spilt my tea.
   D. Yeee Haaa!

35. Is the Bridge passable?

36. The bridge is:
   A. Passable (insert air draft if known)
   B. Not passable (insert air draft if known)
   C. I made it (insert air draft)
   D. Try it and give us all a laugh!

37. Has anyone seen the Grass Monster?

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SOCIAL INVITATIONS

41. If you provide the fresh water, I’ll provide:
   A. Soap.
   B. Towels.
   C. 3 dirty bodies.
D. Whiskey.
E. All of the above.

42. My Helm and crew can out drink you and your crew.

43. R.P.C. for:
A. Noon cocktails.
B. Informal discussion.
C. Post-3 rivers race punchup.
D. Light meal and refreshments.
E. Sarnies and sludge.
F. Table 22

44. M.R.U. because:
A. I am otherwise engaged sailing.
B. I am otherwise socially committed.
C. Your last such event was disastrous.
D. I am unable to maintain your pace.
E. I don't want to come.

45. W.M.P.:
A. You offer so few invitations I can't afford to pass up this one.
B. Let's do it again.
C. for a short time.
D. For as long as you'll have me.
E. With bells on.

46. Your social event was:
A. First class. Thank you.
B. Disastrous, as expected.
C. One which should never be repeated.
D. Most detrimental to health.
E. A crashing bore. Better luck next time.

47. Unbelievable. Will advise Mr. Ripley.

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GENERAL COMMENTS
51. A. Very well done.  
    B. Well done.  
    C. Well done. Sort of.  
    D. Not well done.  
    E. Badly done.  
    F. Very badly done.  
    G. Don’t do it again.

52. Your message (thread/time ________):  
    A. Appears to have been drafted hastily.  
    B. Does little to foster good relations.  
    C. Is a shining example of illiteracy.  
    D. Is not held by this unit.  
    E. Is held by this unit, but we wish it wasn’t.  
    F. Requires the sort of reply I am not used to making.  
    G. Was a crippler.  
    H. B.O.H.I.C.A. (Bend over here it comes again).

53. Many thanks for:  
    A. Your kind hospitality.  
    B. The newspapers.  
    C. The tide times.  
    D. Nothing.

54. Broads Life is beautiful.

55. Deep down you know it makes sense.

56. Please be gentle, this is my first time.

57. When someone is as good as me it’s hard to be modest.

58. Sailies never cheat and rarely lie.

59. If you’re so good why aren’t you:  
    A. A Sailie?  
    B. A Stinkie?

60. Sailies do it with more wind.
61. Sailies think erratically.

62. Stinkies think linearly.

63. _______ are super.
   A. Sailies
   B. Stinkies
   C. Canoeists

64. Sailies have bigger balls.

65. Sailies forever......and ever!

66. Stinkies United!

67. With friends like you, who needs enemies?

68. Happiness is on the end of a trapeze in a force 4.

69. What can I say?

70. Excuse me sir, but I think you have confused me with someone who gives a damn.

71. The only response open to me is to change my name to Roya.

72. My battery is:
   100%, I will simulate a Richardson's Hirecraft with Stag weekend onboard if you wish.
   B. 75%, I will simulate a Richardson's Hirecraft with Stag weekend onboard for a short time if you wish.
   C. 50%, I will not simulate a Richardson's Hirecraft with Stag weekend onboard, regardless of your wish.
   D. 25%, I wish to simulate a dayboat,
   E. DEAD, I wish I was a sailie, regardless of your wish.

73. How much was your fuel bill for this trip?

74. Don't knock a stern on mooring until you've overcooked one.
75. This mooring is:
B. Outstanding. Can we come again?
C. Reasonable.
D. Not the sort of place sailies should visit.
E. Hostile.
F. Only good for storm avoidance.

76. Wish you were here.

77. Bet you wish you were here.

78. Glad you’re not here.

79. My fuel bill was:
A. Ouch!
B. Who cares I’m afloat.
C. What bill? Wind’s free!

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ABUSE

81. I presume you got your boat in a raffle.

82. I was unaware that medical standards had been revised. You must be blind as a bat.

83. When we were stinkies we also used to do silly things.

84. It’s a pity that in wartime we’d be on the same side.

85. Intelligence is a God-given gift. Doorknobs are man-made. Mental midgets only have God’s love. Is my point clear?

86. After working with you I now realise why some animals eat their young.

87. My bite is worse than my bark.

88. G.O.Y.A.
89. B.U.F.F.S.

90. P.P.P.P.P.P.

91. Grump!

92 Scared
93 Confused
94 Blush
95 Cheers
96 lol
97 Evil Grin

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99. HELP!
A. Call Police/CoastGuard/BA/anyone who can get me out of this mess!
B. I need a tow.
C. I need medical assistance.
D. Run out of beer – emergency resupply required!
E. Run out of Tonic – emergency resupply required!