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On this date I met Edwin Kim and Jackie on their 48 foot Navigator, Charlie Tuna, in Alamitos Harbor, Long Beach California. I was requested to sign off on their training for insurance purposes. I briefly discussed the use of his radio, chart plotter, autopilot and anchor winch. I determined that Edwin and Jackie are taking a power squadron course. I discussed the rules of the road, weather, risk of collision, anchoring and the lateral buoy system. We performed a pre underway inspection of the vessel and the vessel was determined to be satisfactory. Edwin started the engines and Jackie took care of the lines and power cord. Edwin backed the boat out of the slip as Jackie maintained a watch and helped judge distances. Edwin and Jackie performed this boat handling skill successfully and without the use of the yacht's bow or stern thruster. We took the yacht up through LA harbor, docked for fuel, took on fuel and returned to Alamitos. Edwin had some difficulty plotting his course to his harbor. Edwin lives in Alaska and is not familiar with the Long Beach/ Los Angeles water. Edwin maintained a vigilant look out and took appropriate action when approaching oncoming traffic, the visibility was more than 5 nautical miles, this passage was done without using radar in daylight.

On the way back to the harbor Edwin demonstrated that he could anchor the vessel by anchoring in 25' of water, the anchor was deployed, the vessel backed to set the anchor then the anchor was retrieved. On the way back to the harbor Edwin was able to navigate his yacht around a slower moving sail boat under sail and brought the boat back to the fairway. Edwin was able to back the yacht into the slip with only a little use of the bow and stern thrusters. Edwin exhibited above average new yacht owner handling skills and demonstrated navigation skills suitable for local usage.

Capt Fred

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