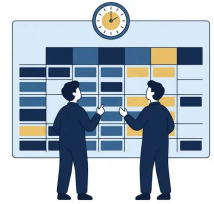


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Give it the quals, the dates and the rules. Make it show its work, then check the count yourself.



Set it up

- **Numbers, not names.** W01 to W24 in the chat; the key that maps them to people stays in your spreadsheet.
- **One row per watchstander:** ID, the watches they are qualified for, the dates they are unavailable. Paste it or attach the CSV.
- **Split the rules.** Hard rules can never break. Preferences bend when they must. Say which is which.
- **In-port routine only.** Operational schedules and movements stay out unless your command says otherwise.

Work it in four passes

- 1 **Pick the careful model.** **Pro**
GPT 5.6 Terra Grok Expert Scheduling is reasoning; the fast tier drops rules.
- 2 **Draft two weeks, not two months.**
Short spans keep every rule in view. Carry the last watch forward into the next span.
- 3 **Ask for the audit.** A count per person, weekend watches per person, and every rule it could not meet.
- 4 **Change one thing at a time.** "W07 is on leave the 22nd to the 26th. Fix that week and move as few people as possible."

Say it like this

PROMPT TO COPY

Build a 14-day watchbill from the table below. Hard rules: every watch filled by someone qualified; nobody on a day marked unavailable; twelve hours between watches. Preference: even weekend watches. Return a table by date and watch, a count per person, and every rule you could not meet. Invent nobody.

- 3.5 Flash
Workhorse model
- 3.1 Pro
State-of-the-art reasoning
- 2.5 Pro
Solves complex problems

Open the model picker before you start.
Planning is a job for the careful tier.

TAKE AWAY

It is a fast first draft and a tireless rule checker, not the watchbill coordinator. Count the watches in Excel, then sign it yourself.

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