International Code Flags

Flag	Name & Phonetic Pronunciation	Meaning
	A lfa AL-fah	I have a diver down; keep well clear at slow speed.
	B ravo BRAH-voh	I am taking in, discharging, or carrying dangerous cargo.
	Charlie	"Yes" or "affirmative".
	CHAR-lee	Change of Course (Sailing Regatta)
	D elta DELL-tah	I am maneuvering with difficulty; keep clear.
	E cho ECK-oh	I am directing my course to starboard.
	Foxtrot FOKS-trot	I am disabled; communicate with me. On aircraft carriers: Flight Operations underway
	G olf GOLF	I require a pilot.
	H otel	I have a pilot on board.
	India	I am directing my course to port. (International)
	IN-dee-ah	Coming alongside. (Navy)
	400 411	Round the Ends Starting Rule (Sailing Regatta)

	J uliet JEW-lee-ett	I am on fire and have dangerous cargo; keep clear.
	K ilo KEY-loh	I wish to communicate with you.
	L ima LEE-mah	You should stop your vessel immediately. Come Within Hail or Follow Me (Sailing Regatta)
X	M ike MIKE	My vessel is stopped; making no way. Mark Missing (Sailing Regatta)
	N ovember no-VEM-bur	No or negative. Abandonment and Re-sail (Sailing Regatta)
	O scar OSS-kur	Man overboard.
	P apa pah-PAH	All personnel return to ship; proceeding to sea (Inport).
	Q uebec kay-BECK	Ship meets health regs; request clearance into port. (International) Boat recall; all boats return to ship. (Navy)
	R omeo ROH-me-oh	None. (International) Preparing to replenish (At sea). Ready duty ship (In port). (Navy)
	S ierra see-AIR-ah	Moving astern. (International) Conducting flag hoist drill. (Navy) Shorten Course (Sailing Regatta)

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	T ango TANG-go	Keep clear; engaged in trawling. (International) Do not pass ahead of me. (Navy)
	U niform YOU-nee-form	You are running into danger.
X	V ictor VIK-tah	I require assistance.
	W hiskey WISS-kee	I require medical assistance.
	X ray ECKS-ray	Stop carrying out your intentions and watch for my signals. Individual Recall (Sailing Regatta)
	Y ankee YANG-kee	I am dragging anchor. (International) Ship has visual communications duty. (Navy) Wear Life Jackets (Sailing Regatta)
	Z ulu ZOO-loo	I require a tug. 20% Scoring Penalty (Sailing Regatta)
	Code/Answer Code or Answer	Message is understood. Also, numeric decimal point. (International) Flag that follows is from the International Code of Signals. (Navy) Postponement (Sailing Regatta)
	First substitute (First Repeater) First sub	Substitute for the first flag in this hoist. (International) Also "repeats" the first flag or series of flags in this hoist Absence of flag officer or unit commander (In port). (Navy) General Recall (Sailing Regatta)

Second substitute	Substitute for the second flag in this hoist. (International)
Second sub	Absence of chief of staff (In port). (Navy)
Third substitute	Substitute for the third flag in this hoist. (International)
Third sub	Absence of commanding officer (In port). (Navy)
One	None. (International)
WUN	Numeral one. (Navy)
Two	None. (International)
TOO	Numeral two. (Navy)
Three	None. (International)
TREE	Numeral three. (Navy)
Four	None. (International)
FOW-er	Numeral four. (Navy)
Five	None. (International)
FIFE	Numeral five. (Navy)
Six	None. (International)
SICKS	Numeral six. (Navy)
Seven	None. (International)
SEV-en	Numeral seven. (Navy)
Eight	None. (International)
ATE	Numeral eight. (Navy)

	Nine NIN-er	None. (International) Numeral nine. (Navy)
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+ +	Zero	None. (International)
+ +	ZEE-roh	Numeral zero. (Navy)
	Pennant one	Numeral one. (International)
	PEN-ant WUN	Pennant one. (Navy)
	Pennant two	Numeral two. (International)
	PEN-ant TOO	Pennant two. (Navy)
	Pennant three	Numeral three. (International)
	PEN-ant TREE	Pennant three. (Navy)
	Pennant four	Numeral four. (International)
		Pennant four. (Navy)
	PEN-ant FOW-er	Postponement (Sailing Regatta)
	Pennant five	Numeral five. (International)
	PEN-ant FIFE	Pennant five. (Navy)
	Pennant six	Numeral six. (International)
	PEN-ant SICKS	Pennant six. (Navy)
	Pennant seven	Numeral seven. (International)
	PEN-ant SEV-en	Pennant seven. (Navy)
	Pennant eight	Numeral eight (International)
	PEN-ant ATE	Pennant eight. (Navy)
	Pennant Nine	Numeral nine (International)
	PEN-ant NIN-er	Pennant nine. (Navy)
	Pennant zero	Numeral zero (International)
	PEN-ant ZEE-roh	Pennant zero. (Navy)

Race Committee Flags

Flag/Shape	Name	Sounds	Meaning
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Postponement Signals				
	AP	2 when raised 1 when lowered	Races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned.	
	AP over H	2 when raised 1 when lowered	Races not started are postponed. Further signals ashore.	
	AP over A	2 when raised 1 when lowered	Races not started are postponed. No more racing today.	
	AP over Numeral Pennant 1	2 when raised 1 when lowered	Postponement of 1 hour from the scheduled starting time.	

Other numeral pennants may also be used. - AP over a numeral pennant 1-6. Postponement of 1-6 hours from the scheduled starting time. See above for images of these numeral pennants.

Abandonment Signals

N	3 when raised 1 when lowered	All races that have started are abandoned. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is abandoned again or postponed.
N over H	3 when raised	All races are abandoned. Further signals ashore.

	N over A	3 when raised	All races are abandoned. No more racing today.
	Starting & Prep	aratory Signals	
Class Flag Raised	Warning	1	5 minutes to start
	Preparatory (or I or Z or Black Flag) Raised I - Rule 30.1 is in effect. z - Rule 30.2 is in effect. Black flag - Rule 30.3 is in effect.	1	4 minutes to start
	Preparatory (or I or Z or Black Flag) Lowered	1	1 minute to start
Class Flag Lowered	Start	1	Start
Recall Signals			

	X	1 when raised	Individual Recall
	First Substitute	2 when raised 1 when lowered	General Recall. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.
	Changing tl	ne Next Leg	
	С	Repetitive	The position of the next mark has been changed:
	with green triangle		to starboard
	with red square		to port
-	with minus symbol		to decrease the length of the leg
+	with plus symbol		to increase the length of the leg
	Other S	Signals	
	S	2 when raised	The course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect.
	L	1 when raised	Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted. Afloat: Come within hail or follow this boat.

X	М	Repetitive	The object displaying this signal replaces a missing mark.
	Y	1 when raised	Wear a personal flotation device.
	Blue flag or shape.	No sound	This race committee boat is in position at the finishing line.

Miscellaneous Flags

