

LIFE SAVING SIGNALS

The signals illustrated in this leaflet are those to be used by any ship or person in distress when communicating with search and rescue units. They have been agreed internationally for this purpose and it is important that you are familiar with them to ensure they are correctly used in distress situations.

The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) in Regulation 29 of Chapter V requires you to have access to this table. You are advised to keep a copy on board, or if this is not practicable, at least to study the table before you go boating.

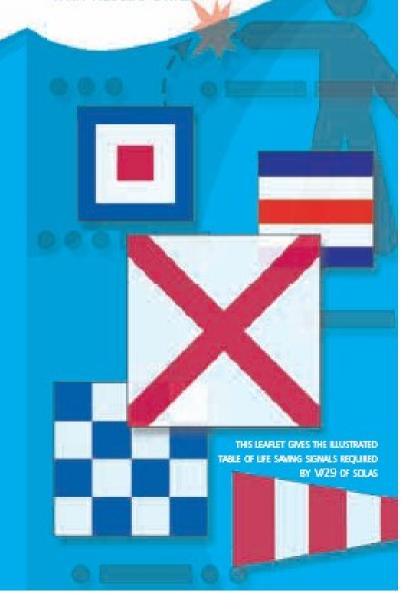


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For use by Ships, Aircraft or Persons in Distress when communicating with Rescue Units



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To be used by Ships, Aircraft or Persons in Distress, when communicating with life-saving stations, maritime rescue units and aircraft engaged in search and rescue operations.



Search and Rescue Unit Replies

You have been seen, assistance will be given as soon as possible.





Three white star signals or three light and sound rockets fired at approximately 1 minute intervals.

Shore to Ship Signals

Safe to land here.









Vertical waving of both arms, white flag, light or flare.

Morse code signal by light or sound.

Landing here is dangerous. Additional signals mean safer landing in direction indicated.



indicates direction of safer landing.



Morse code signals by light or sound. Horizontal waving of white flag, light or flare. Putting one flag, light or flare on ground and moving off with a second

Land to the right of your current heading.

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Surface to Air Signals

Message	ICA O/IMO Visual Signals
Require assistance	٧
Require medical assistance	x
No or negative	N
Yes or affirmative	Υ
Proceeding in this direction	Φ.

Air to Surface Replies Message Understood.









Drop a message.

Rocking wings.

Flashing landing or navigation lights on and off twice.

Morse code signal by light.

Message Not Understood – Repeat.







Straight and level flight.

Circling.

Morse code signal by light.

Air to Surface Direction Signals

the background.

Sequence of 3 manoeuvres meaning proceed to this direction.





Orde vessel at least once.

Note: Use International Code of Signal by means of lights or flags or by leying out the symbol on the deck or ground with Items which have a high contract to



rocking wings.



Overfly vessel and head. in required direction.

Your assistance is no longer required.



Cross low, astern of vessel rodding wings.

Note: As a non-preferred alternative to rocking wings, varying engine tone or volume may be used.

Surface to Air Replies

Lam unable to comply.

to prevailing conditions,

Note: Use the signal most appropriate.

Message Understood - I will comply.









OR



Code & answering

pendant "Close Up".

Morse code signal by light. to required direction.



Morse code signal by light.



international flag "N".