## **International Code Flags**

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

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

	<b>T</b> ango TANG-go	Keep clear; engaged in trawling. (International)  Do not pass ahead of me. (Navy)	
	<b>U</b> niform YOU-nee-form	You are running into danger.	
X	<b>V</b> ictor VIK-tah	I require assistance.	
	<b>W</b> hiskey WISS-kee	I require medical assistance.	
	<b>X</b> ray ECKS-ray	Stop carrying out your intentions and watch for my signals.  Individual Recall (Sailing Regatta)	
	<b>Y</b> ankee YANG-kee	I am dragging anchor. (International)  Ship has visual communications duty. (Navy)  Wear Life Jackets (Sailing Regatta)	
	<b>Z</b> 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)
ТОО	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	None. (International)
	NIN-er	Numeral nine. (Navy)
+ +	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)
	Pennant three PEN-ant TREE  Pennant four PEN-ant FOW-er  Pennant five PEN-ant FIFE Pennant six PEN-ant SICKS Pennant seven PEN-ant SEV-en Pennant eight PEN-ant ATE Pennant Nine PEN-ant NIN-er Pennant zero	Numeral three. (International)  Pennant three. (Navy)  Numeral four. (International)  Pennant four. (Navy)  Postponement (Sailing Regatta)  Numeral five. (International)  Pennant five. (Navy)  Numeral six. (International)  Pennant six. (Navy)  Numeral seven. (International)  Pennant seven. (Navy)  Numeral eight (International)  Pennant eight. (Navy)  Numeral nine (International)  Pennant nine. (Navy)  Numeral zero (International)

## **Race Committee Flags**

Flag/Shape	Name	Sounds	Meaning
	X	1 when raised	Individual Recall
	First Substitute	2 when raised 1 when lowered	General Recall
	AP	2 when raised 1 when lowered	Postponement
	I	None when raised 1 when lowered	Round the Ends Starting Rule
	С	Repetitive	Change of Course
	L	1 when raised	Come Within Hail or Follow Me
X	М	Repetitive	Mark Missing
	N	3 when raised 1 when lowered	Abandonment and Resail
	S	2 when raised	Shorten Course

	Y	1 when raised	Wear Life Jacket
	N over H	3 when raised	Abandonment Return to Shore
	Z	1 when lowered	20% Scoring Penalty
	Black	1 when lowered	Hard Start: Disqualification
Class Flag Raised	Warning	1	5 minutes to start
	Preparatory (or I or Z or Black Flag) Raised	1	4 minutes to start