

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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LIFE SAVING SIGNALS For use by Ships, Aircraft or Persons in Distress when communicating with Rescue Units THIS LEAFLET GIVES THE ILLUSTRATED TABLE OF LIFE SAVING SIGNALS REQUIRED BY V/29 OF SOLAS

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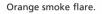
To be used by Ships, Aircraft or Persons in Distress, when communicating with life-saving stations, maritime rescue units and aircraft engaged in search and rescue operations.



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.







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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.





Horizontal waving of white flag, light or flare. Putting one flag, light or flare on ground and moving off with a second indicates direction of safer landing.

OR

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S: •••

Morse code signals by light or sound.

R: •

Land to the right of your current heading.

L: •==••

Land to the left of your current heading.

Surface to Air Signals

Message	ICAO/IMO Visual Signals
Require assistance	V
Require medical assistance	Х
No or negative	N
Yes or affirmative	Υ
Proceeding in this direction	↑

Air to Surface Replies

Message Understood.









Drop a message.

Rocking wings.

Flashing landing or navigation lights on and off twice.

OR

OR

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.





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

Circle vessel at least once.

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Cross low, ahead a vessel rocking wings.



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Overfly vessel and head in required direction.

Your assistance is no longer required.

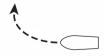


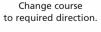
Cross low, astern of vessel rocking wings.

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

Surface to Air Replies

Message Understood – I will comply.





I am unable to comply.





Morse code signal by light.



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Code & answering pendant "Close Up".



International flag "N".