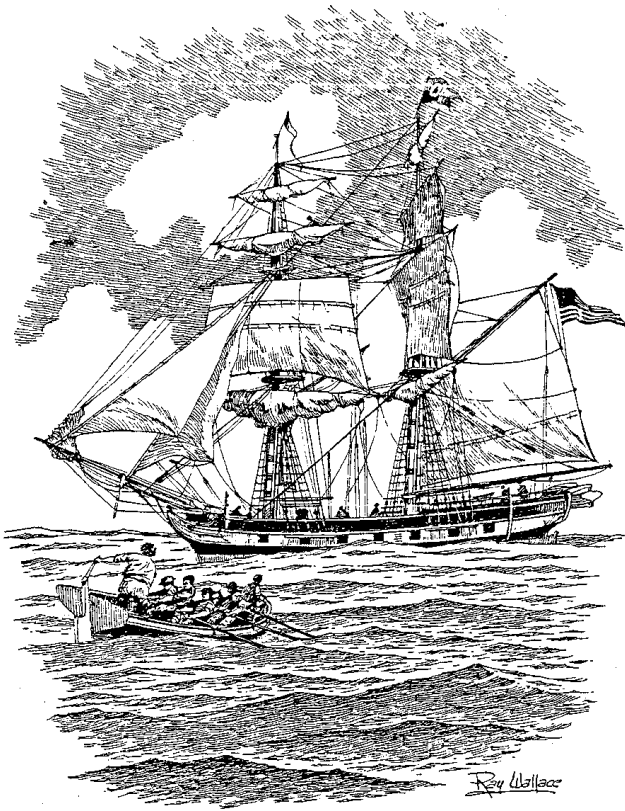
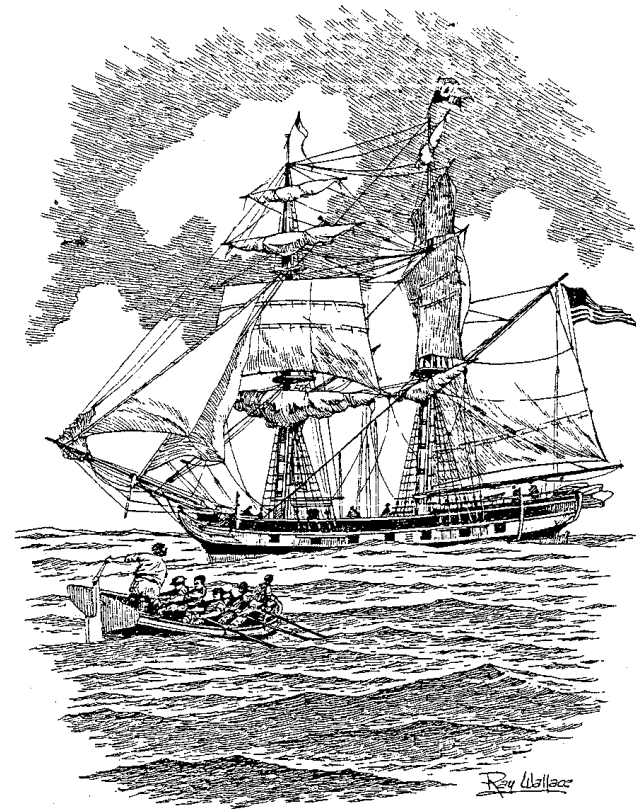


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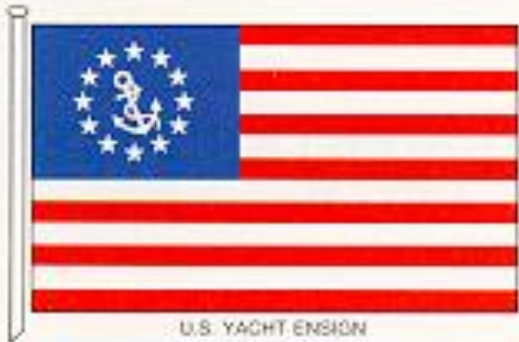
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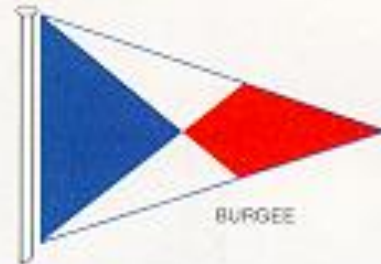


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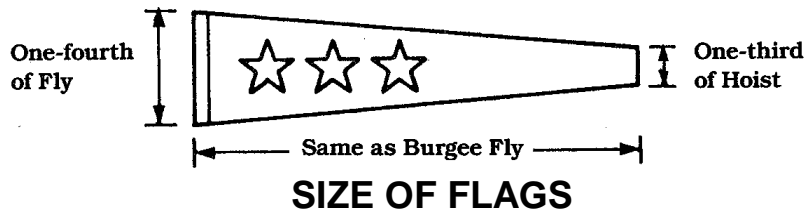
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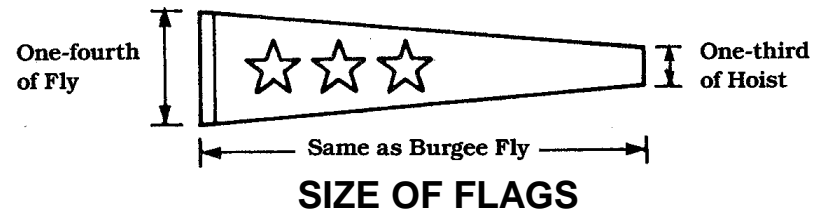
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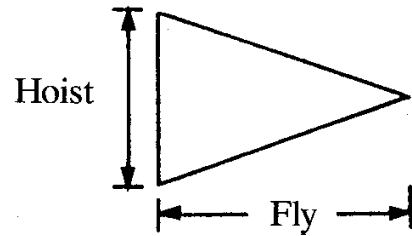
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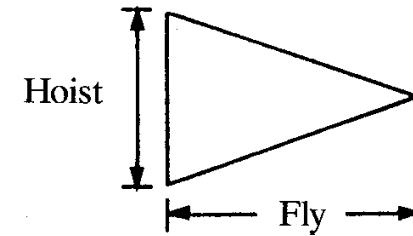
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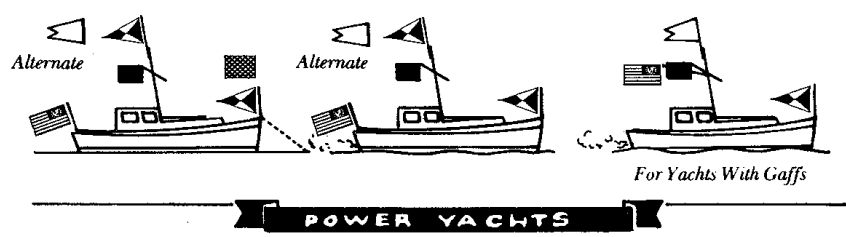
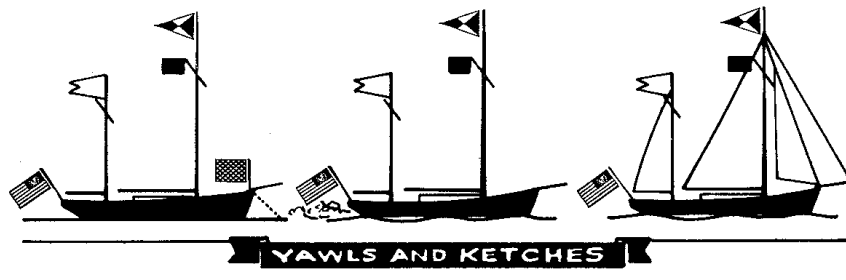
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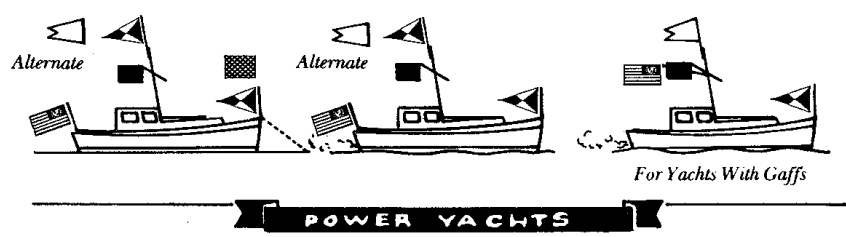
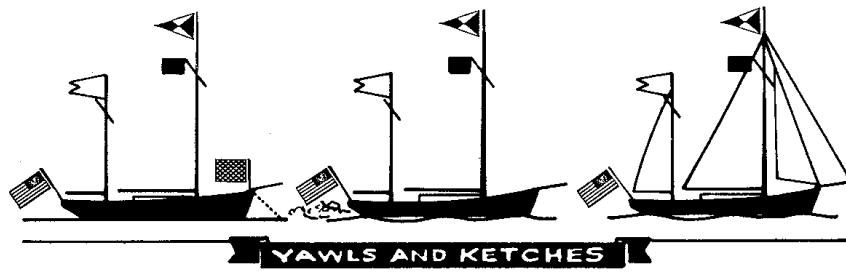
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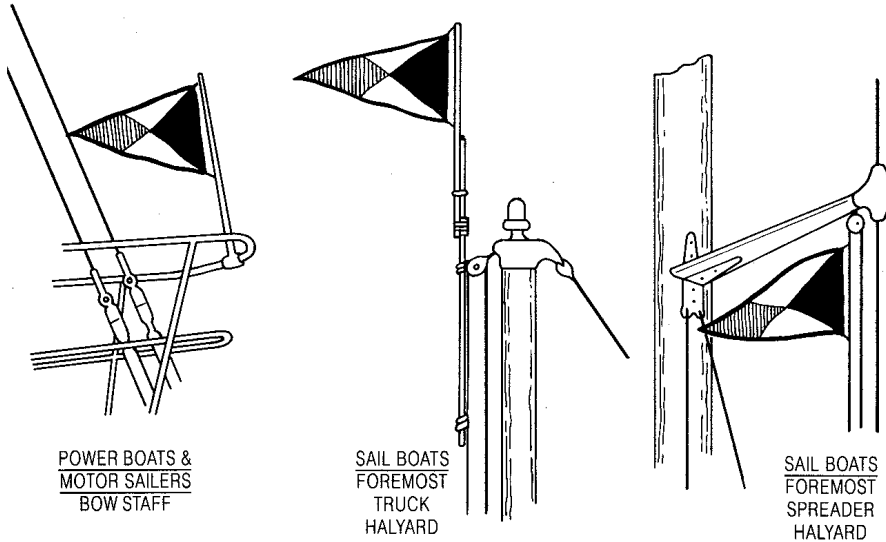
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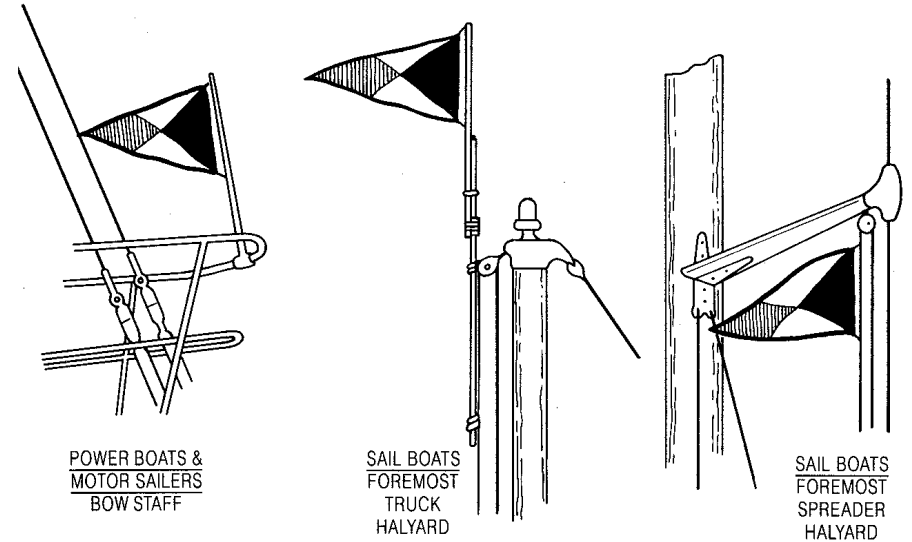
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- f) On yachts displaying no ensign or displaying an ensign which cannot be dipped by the use of the halyards, the captain renders and returns salutes by a hand salute or by doffing cap or hat.
- g) All salutes shall be returned in kind.

RACE COMMITTEE BOAT

A yacht acting as Race Committee boat should neither salute nor be saluted while displaying the committee flag.

GUNS

- (a) Guns maybe used to call attention to signals, but their use otherwise shall be avoided.
- (b) Yacht club shore stations and the flagship during a club cruise may mark the time of colors with one gun, except on Sunday when guns are not fired. Traditionally the Senior Officer Present may signal morning colors with the striking of eight bells and sundown with the firing of one gun.

BOATS PRECEDENCE

Upon entering and leaving boats, deference is shown Seniors by Juniors entering first and leaving last.

BOAT FLAGS

When in boats, Flag Officers display their flags, captains their private signals, and members the Burgee. When on duty the Fleet Captain and Race Committee display their distinctive flags. The flag of the Senior Officer embarked has precedence. When two boats are approaching the same gangway or landing stage, Flag Officers have the right of way in order of seniority.

BOAT BOOMS

Whenever possible, boat booms should be rigged in at night. Otherwise a white light shall be shown at the outboard end.

BOARDING AND LEAVING YACHTS

Owners and guests board and leave from the starboard side. Crew and service boats use the port side. Club launches must approach members' boats bow to bow on the starboard side.

PROCEDURE

VISIT OF FLAG OFFICER

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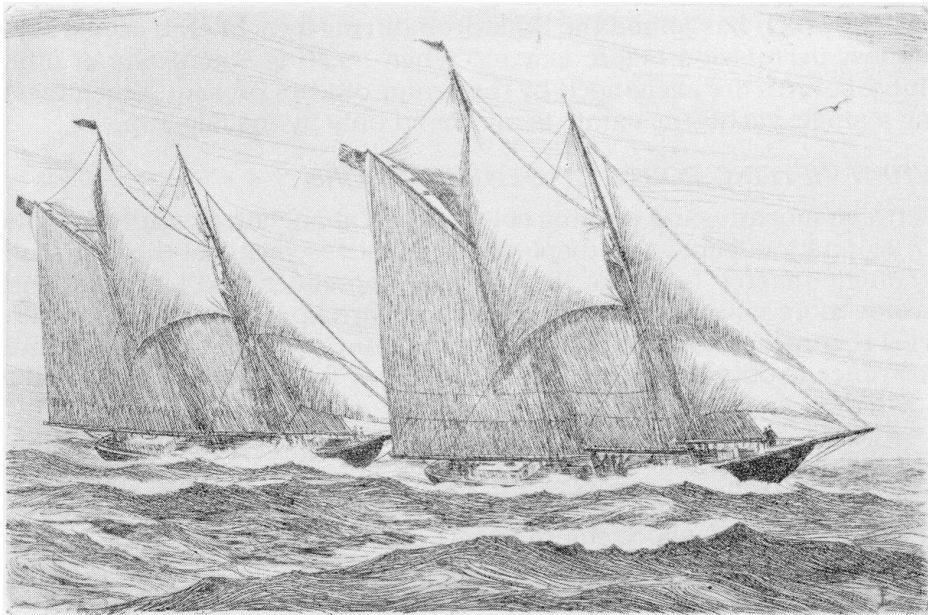
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