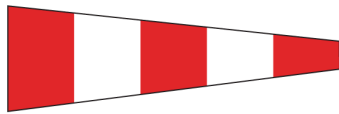


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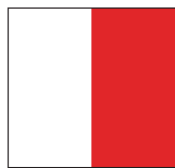
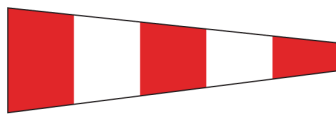
RACE SIGNALS

The meanings of visual and sound signals are stated below. An arrow pointing up or down (↑ ↓) means that a visual signal is displayed or removed. A dot (•) means a sound; five short dashes (— — — — —) mean repetitive sounds; a long dash (—) means a long sound. When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, fleet flag, event flag or race area flag, the signal applies only to that class, fleet, event or race area.

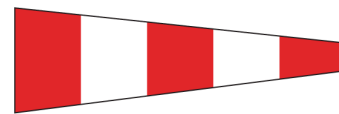
Postponement Signals



AP 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 Races not started are *postponed*. Further signals ashore.



AP over A Races not started are *postponed*. No more racing today.

AP over a Numeral Pennant 1–9

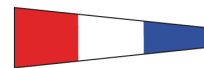
Postponement of 1-9 hours from the scheduled starting time.



Pennant 1 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 2 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 3 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 4 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 5 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 6 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 7 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 8 ↑•• ↓•

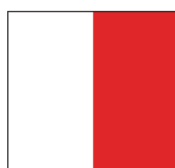


Pennant 9 ↑•• ↓•

Abandonment Signals



N 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*.

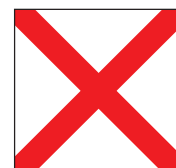


N over H All races are *abandoned*. Further signals ashore.



N over A All races are *abandoned*. No more racing today.

Safety



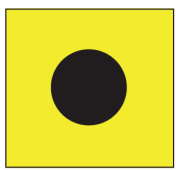
V Monitor communication channel for safety instructions (see rule 37).

Preparatory Signals



↑● ↓—

P Preparatory signal.



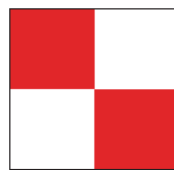
↑● ↓—

I Rule 30.1 is in effect.



↑● ↓—

Z Rule 30.2 is in effect.



↑● ↓—

U Rule 30.3 is in effect.



↑● ↓—

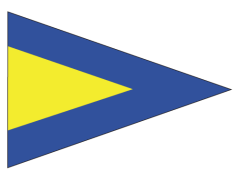
Black flag. Rule 30.4 is in effect.

Recall Signals



↑●

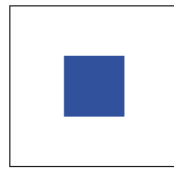
X Individual recall.



↑●● ↓●

First Substitute General recall. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.

Shortened Course



↑●●

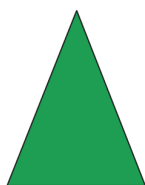
S The course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect.

Changing the Next Leg



— — — — —

C The position of the next *mark* has been changed:



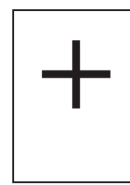
to starboard;



to port;



to decrease the length of the leg;



to increase the length of the leg.

Other Signals



↑●

L Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted. Afloat: Come within hail or follow this vessel.



— — — — —

M The object displaying this signal replaces a missing *mark*.



↑●

Y Wear a personal flotation device (see rule 40).



(no sound)


Orange flag. The staff displaying this flag is one end of the starting line.




(no sound)

Blue flag. The staff displaying this flag is one end of the finishing line.

The US Sailing Prescription to RRS 32

US Sailing prescribes that, if the sailing instructions so state, the race committee may display flag A  (with no sound) while boats are finishing to signal that there will be no more races conducted that day.

Customary Practice

It is not a written rule in RRS but some judges may hoist signal flag B  on the yacht club mast or flagpole to indicate that a protest has been filed.