



Boating – Semaphore Signals



Alfa
AL-fah

I have a diver down;
keep well clear at slow
speed.



Bravo
BRAH-voh

I am taking in,
discharging, or
carrying dangerous
cargo.



Charlie
CHAR-lee

"Yes" or "affirmative".



Delta
DELL-tah

I am maneuvering
with difficulty; keep
clear.



Echo
ECK-oh

I am directing my
course to starboard.



Foxtrot
FOKS-trot

I am disabled;
communicate with me.
On aircraft carriers:
Flight Operations
underway



Golf
GOLF

I require a pilot.



Hotel
hoh-TELL

I have a pilot on
board.



India
IN-dee-ah

I am directing my
course to port.
(International)
Coming alongside.
(Navy)



Juliet
JEW-lee-ett

I am on fire and have
dangerous cargo; keep
clear.



Kilo
KEY-loh

I wish to communicate
with you.



Lima
LEE-mah

You should stop your
vessel immediately.



Mike
MIKE

My vessel is stopped;
making no way.



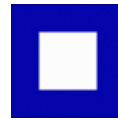
November
no-VEM-bur

No or negative.



Oscar
OSS-kur

Man overboard.



Papa
pah-PAH

All personnel return
to ship; proceeding
to sea (Inport).



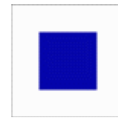
Quebec
kay-BECK

Ship meets health
regs; request
clearance into port.
(International)



Romeo
ROH-me-oh

None. (International)
Preparing to
replenish (At sea).
Ready duty ship (In
port). (Navy)



Sierra
see-AIR-ah

Moving astern.
(International)
Conducting flag hoist
drill. (Navy)



Tango
TANG-go

Keep clear; engaged
in trawling.
(International)
Do not pass ahead of
me. (Navy)



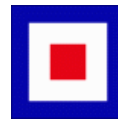
Uniform
YOU-nee-
form

You are running into
danger.



Victor
VIK-tah

I require assistance.



Whiskey
WISS-kee

I require medical
assistance.



Xray
ECKS-ray

Stop carrying out
your intentions and
watch for my signals.



Yankee
YANG-kee

I am dragging
anchor.
(International)
Ship has visual
communications
duty. (Navy)



Zulu
ZOO-loo

I require a tug.



One
WUN

None. (International)
Numeral one. (Navy)



Pennant one
PEN-ant WUN

Numeral one.
(International)
Pennant one. (Navy)



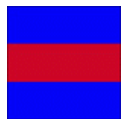
Two
TOO

None. (International)
Numeral two. (Navy)



Pennant two
PEN-ant TOO

Numeral two.
(International)
Pennant two. (Navy)



Three
TREE

None. (International)
Numeral three. (Navy)



Pennant three
PEN-ant
TREE

Numeral three.
(International)
Pennant three. (Navy)



Four
FOW-er

None. (International)
Numeral four. (Navy)



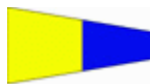
Pennant four
PEN-ant
FOW-er

Numeral four.
(International)
Pennant four. (Navy)



Five
FIFE

None. (International)
Numeral five. (Navy)



Pennant five
PEN-ant FIFE

Numeral five.
(International)
Pennant five. (Navy)



Six
SICKS

None. (International)
Numeral six. (Navy)



Pennant six
PEN-ant
SICKS

Numeral six.
(International)
Pennant six. (Navy)



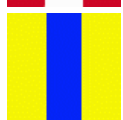
Seven
SEV-en

None. (International)
Numeral seven. (Navy)



Pennant seven
PEN-ant SEV-
en

Numeral seven.
(International)
Pennant seven. (Navy)



Eight
ATE

None. (International)
Numeral eight. (Navy)



Pennant eight
PEN-ant ATE

Numeral eight
(International)
Pennant eight. (Navy)



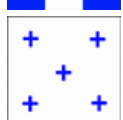
Nine
NIN-er

None. (International)
Numeral nine. (Navy)



Pennant Nine
PEN-ant NIN-
er

Numeral nine
(International)
Pennant nine. (Navy)



Zero
ZEE-roh

None. (International)
Numeral zero. (Navy)



Pennant zero
PEN-ant ZEE-
roh

Numeral zero
(International)
Pennant zero. (Navy)



Code/Answer
Code or
Answer

Message is understood.
Also, numeric decimal
point. (International)
Flag that follows is from
the International Code of
Signals. (Navy)



Second
substitute
Second sub

Substitute for the
second flag in this hoist.
(International)
Absence of chief of staff
(In port). (Navy)



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)



Third
substitute
Third sub

Substitute for the third
flag in this hoist.
(International)
Absence of
commanding officer (In
port). (Navy)