

# Meanings of International Maritime Signal Flags

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**Alfa** - Diver below (when stationary); Undergoing a speed trial



**Bravo** - I am taking on or discharging explosives



**Charlie** - Yes (affirmative)



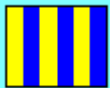
**Delta** - keep clear of me, I am maneuvering with difficulty



**Echo** - I am altering my course to starboard



**Foxtrot** - I am disabled, communicate with me



**Golf** - I require a pilot



**Hotel** - I have a pilot on board



**India** - I am altering my course to port



**Juliet** - On fire; keep clear



**Kilo** - I desire to communicate



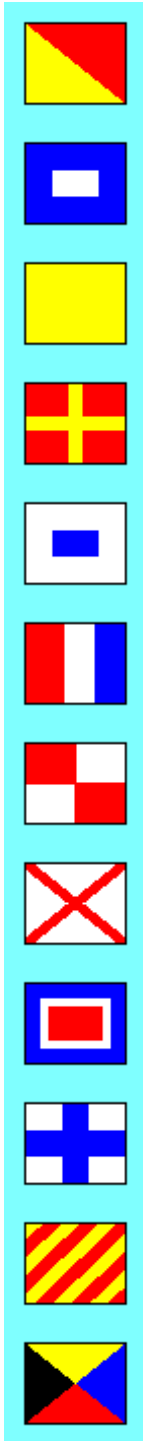
**Lima** - Stop instantly



**Mike** - I am stopped



**November** - no (negative)



**Oscar - man overboard**

**Papa - the *Blue Peter* - all aboard, vessel is about to proceed sea.  
(Fishing boat at sea) My nets have come fast upon an obstruction**

**Quebec - my vessel is healthy and I request free pratique**

**Romeo**

**Sierra - my engines are going astern**

**Tango - Keep clear of me**

**Uniform - you are standing into danger**

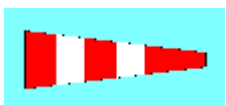
**Victor - I require assistance (not distress)**

**Whiskey - I require medical assistance**

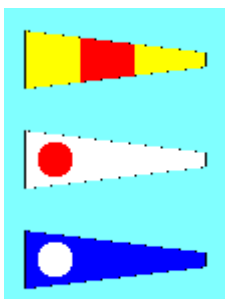
**Xray - stop carrying out your intentions and watch for my signals**

**Yankee - I am dragging anchor**

**Zulu - I require a tug**



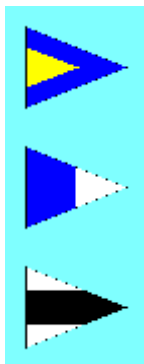
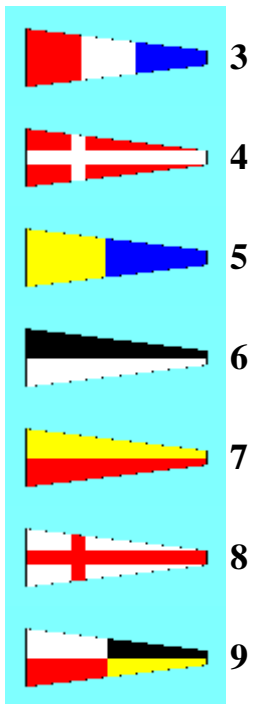
**Code and answering pennant.**



**0      Numeric Pennants**

**1**

**2**

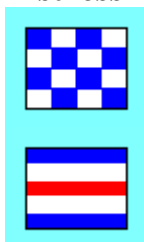


substitute 1;      **Substitute Pennants**

substitute 2;

substitute 3;

**Distress**



**N + C - I am in distress**