# International Code Flags

**International Code Flags and other signals called for by the 1997 - 2000 International Sailing Federation RACING RULES for SAILING. Included, also, are International Code Flags in use by many yacht clubs and racing organizations when called for in the specific Sailing Instructions.**

| Flag | Shape | Explanation | Sound Signal |
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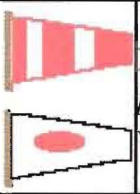
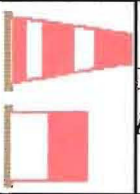
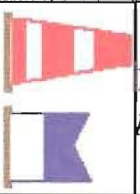
| AP | | **POSTPONEMENT** - Races not started are *postponed.* The warning or other signal will be made one minute after this shape removed. | **Two** sound signals when raised. **One** sound signal when lowered. |
| AP over numeric pennant 1 to 6 |  | **POSTPONEMENT** - Races not started are *postponed* 1 to 6 hours. The warning or other signal will be made one minute after this shape removed. | **Two** sound signals when raised. **One** sound signal when lowered. |
| AP over H |  | **POSTPONEMENT** - Races not started are *postponed.* Further signals will be made ashore. | **Two** sound signals when raised. |
| AP over A |  | **POSTPONEMENT** - Races not started are *postponed.* No more racing today. | **Two** sound signals when raised. |
| C | | **POSITION** of the next mark has been changed | **Repetitive** sound signal. |
| I | | Rule 30.1 (Around the ends rule) is in effect. Removed one minute prior to the start. Note that although not called for by the RACING RULES, in actual practice, this shape will normally be raised at the Preparatory Signal. | **One** sound signal upon removal. |
| L | | **COME WITHIN HAIL** - Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted. Afloat: Come within hail *or* follow this boat. | **One** sound signal when raised. |
| M | | **MISSING MARK** Use this boat, object or buoy as mark | **Repetitive** sound signal. |
| N | | **ABANDON ALL RACING** Return to the starting area. The warning or other signal will be made **one** minute | **Three** sound signals upon raising. **One** sound signal |

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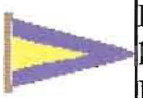
| | | after removal of this signal. | upon lowering. |
| N over H | | **ABANDON ALL RACING** Further signals ashore. | **Three** sound signals upon raising. |
| N over A | | **ABANDON ALL RACING** No more racing today. | **Three** sound signals upon raising. |
| P | | **PREPARATORY SIGNAL** in Starting System 1. Note that if called for in the Sailing Instructions, using Start System 2, this shape may have a different meaning. | **One** sound signal upon raising. |
| S | | **SHORTEN COURSE** When displayed prior to the start of a race, will be displayed at the Warning Signal.<br>When displayed at a rounding or finishing mark, *FINISH* between the nearby mark and this boat. | **Two** sound signals upon raising |
| X | | **INDIVIDUAL RECALL** | **One** sound signal. |
| Y | | Wear personal bouyancy | **One** sound signal when raised. |
| Z | | Rule 30.2 is in effect. Removed one minute prior to the start. Note that although not called for by the RACING RULES, in actual practice, this shape will normally be raised at the Preparatory Signal. | **One** sound signal upon removal. |
| SUB 1 |  | **GENERAL RECALL** All over early. The Preparatory Signal will be made one minute after lowering.<br>In Starting System 1, the class flag will also be displayed. | **Two** sound signals when raised.<br>**One** sound signal when lowered. |
| Black Flag | | Rule 30.3 is in effect. Removed one minute prior to the start. Note that although not called for by the RACING RULES, in actual practice, this shape will normally be raised at the Preparatory Signal. | **One** sound signal upon removal. |
| B | | **PROTEST** - used by competitors | Accompanied by hail to the competitor at protest. |
| Race Committee | | **Race Committee Flag** | No sound signal required. |
| **Other International Code Flags in common use, but which must be called out in the Sailing Instructions.** | | | |

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| R | | **REVERSE COURSE** Sail the reverse of the course indicated. Raised with the Course Flag. | No additional sound signal required |
| T | | **TWICE AROUND** Sail the indicated course twice around. Raised with the Course Flag. | No additional sound signal required |
| P | | **POSTPONEMENT HAS OCCURRED** All starts are delayed. Used normally with Starting System 2 only. | No additional sound signal required |

## Starting Signals

| Warning - 10 minutes to first start Lowered at 6 minutes to first start | Preparatory - 5 minutes to first start Lowered at 1 minute to first start | Start - Raised for each start For subsequent starts, lowered one minute prior to start | Committee on station Raised after last start and flown until last boat finishes. Some Race Committees may use a blue flag. |
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**Times shown are for a 5 minute starting sequence as is customary on San Fransico Bay. Check your Sailing Instructions for the time sequence of your races.**

## Numerical Course Flags

**Flags may be combined to signal course numbers above 9**

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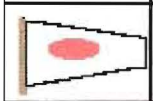
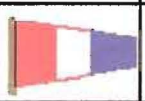
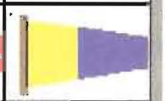
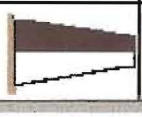
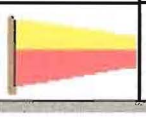
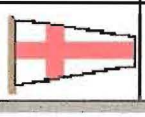
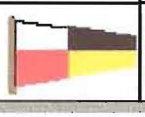
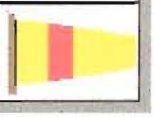
|  | |  | |  |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

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