

Life Saving Signals

Under the new SOLAS regulations, it is compulsory to carry these Life Saving Signals on all vessels. Cut out and keep this copy on board or call the RYA on 0845 345 0370 for a leaflet.

LIFE SAVING SIGNALS To be used by Ships, Aircraft or Persons in Distress

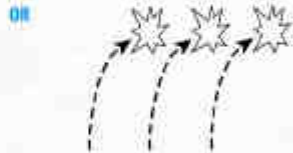


Search and Rescue Unit Replies

You have been seen, assistance will be given as soon as possible.



Orange smoke flare.



Three white star signals or three light and sound rockets fired at approximately 1 minute intervals.

Shore to Ship Signals

Said to Aboard here.



Vertical waving of both arms, white flag, light or flare.

Landing here is dangerous. Additional signals show safer landing in direction indicated.



Horizontal waving of white flag, light or flare. Putting red flag, light or flare on ground and moving off with a second indicates direction of safer landing.

OR



Morse code signal by light or sound.

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Land to the right of your current heading.

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Surface to Air Signals

Message	International Code of Signals	ICAO Visual Signals
I require assistance	V ---	V
I require medical assistance	W ---	X
No or negative	N ---	N
Yes or affirmative	C ---	Y
Proceeding in this direction		↑

Note: Use International Code of Signals by means of flags or flags or by hoisting the symbol on the deck or ground with name which has a high contrast to the background.

Air to Surface Replies

Message Understood.



Drop a message.



Flashing wings.



Flashing landing or navigation lights on and off twice.



Morse code signal by light.

Message Not Understood - Repeat.



Straight and level flight.



Circling.



Morse code signal by light.

Air to Surface Direction Signals

Sequence of 3 manoeuvres meaning proceed to this direction.



Your assistance is no longer required.



Cross low, astern of vessel rocking wings.

Note: As a less preferred alternative to rocking wings, varying engine tone or volume may be used.

Surface to Air Replies

Message Understood - I will comply.



Change course to required direction.



Morse code signal by light.

Code & answering pendant "Close Up".

I am unable to comply.



Morse code signal by light.

International flag "N".

DISTRESS SIGNALS To be used by Ships, Aircraft or Persons in Distress

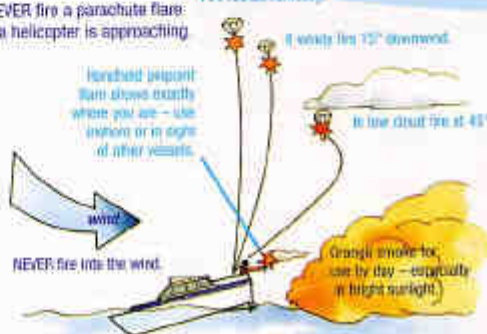
FLARES

NEVER fire a parachute flare if a helicopter is approaching.

Fire rocket vertically.

It sends fire 12° downward.

In low cloud fire at 45°



Hand-held signal flare shows exactly where you are - use indoors or in sight of other vessels.

NEVER fire into the wind.

Grabby smoke for use by day - especially in bright sunlight.



buoyant smoke

RED PARACHUTE ROCKET

WHITE COLLISION WARNING FLARE

hand-held orange smoke

for use at night or in dull conditions to pinpoint position

Hold in arm's length downwards - don't look directly at the flare.

long range signal for use offshore