



# A Season of Happiness

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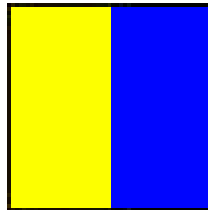
**Hello Sailor!**

## Maritime Signal Flags for Everyday Use

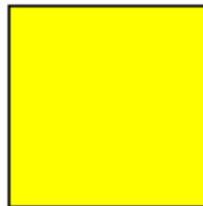
Signal flags have been around for centuries. Once an international code was established, as long as line-of-site was possible, messages were able to be sent between vessels at sea over great distances. Frequently used warnings and information became so well known that even a complex communication could be conveyed by a single flag displaying certain colours in a specific pattern; and when one such signal was flying, no sailor was in doubt as to its meaning. If a similar system would work on land it might prevent the antics of some people being misinterpreted. Here are a few suggestions:

### Message to Seafarers

**I wish to communicate with you.**



**Vessel is healthy.  
Request free pratique.**  
(permission to enter port after  
being given a clean bill of health)



**Diver down.  
Keep well clear at low speed.**



**Keep clear of me.  
I am engaged in pair trawling.**



**Taking in, discharging,  
or carrying dangerous goods.**



### Message to Landlubbers

**What are you – deaf, or something?**

**I swear I haven't touched a drop  
all night, Ossiffer.**

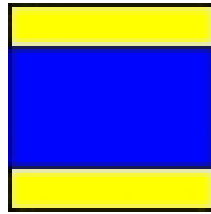
**The toilet's blocked,  
but a plumber's fixing it.**

**Back off, buddy!  
I saw them first.**

**The septic's being pumped out.  
Don't strike a match.**

**Message to Seafarers**

**Keep clear.  
I am manoeuvring with difficulty.**



**Message to Landlubbers**

**Watch out!  
This shopping cart has  
a mind of its own.**

**Recall.  
All persons to repair on board.  
Vessel about to sail.**



**If you're not home in five minutes  
I'm giving your dinner  
to the dog!**

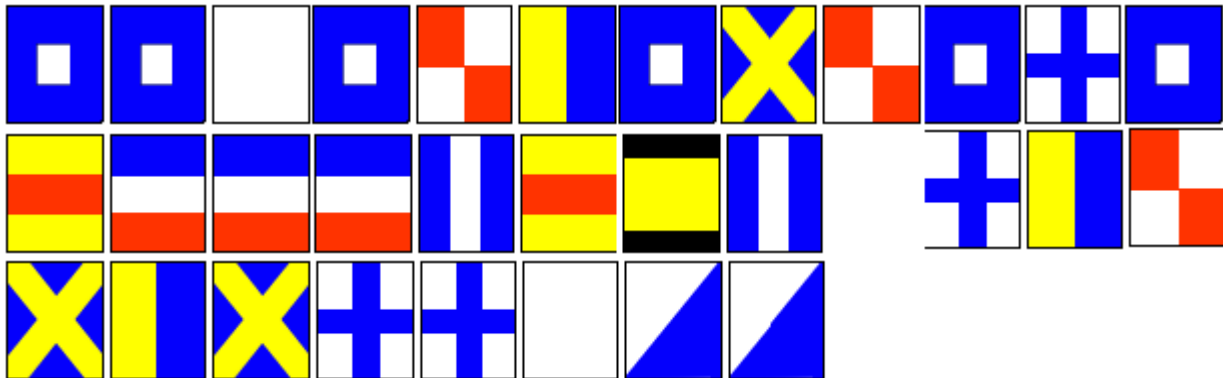
**Man overboard.**



**One of your drunken mates  
just fell off the balcony.**

**And finally:**

**Admiral Nelson's famous signal to the English fleet**



**England expects that every man  
will do his DUTY.**

**My Mother's only here for the weekend.  
Surely you can keep your big mouth shut  
for that long?**

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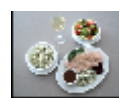
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