



## Flags and How to Fly Them

Flag	When Flown	Motorboat - Bow & Stern Staffs Only	Motorboat - Bow/Stern Staffs & Signal Mast	Motorboat - Two Masts	Sailing Yacht - Single Mast	Sailing Yacht - Two Masts	Sailing Yacht - More Than Two Masts
U.S. Ensign			Aft Staff, Aft Peak, if present, when underway	Aft Staff, Aft Peak, if present, when underway	Aft Staff, several options when underway	Aft Staff, several options when underway	Aft Staff, several options when underway
U.S. Yacht Ensign	8:00 AM to Sundown	Aft Staff					
Foreign Ensign	In Foreign Waters, according to local custom	Bow Staff or Stbd. Antenna	Starboard Spreader (outboard halyard)	Starboard Spreader of foremast (outbd. hal.)	Starboard Spreader (outboard halyard)	Starboard Spreader of foremast (outbd. hal.)	Starboard Spreader of foremast (outbd. hal.)
Club Burgee	According to Club Rules	Bow Staff	Bow Staff	Foremast Truck	Bow Staff; or at the truck if no bow staff	At the Foremast Truck	At the Foremast Truck
Private Signal	8:00 AM to Sundown; or Day & Night when in commission	Bow Staff	Masthead or spreader halyard	Mainmast Truck	At the Truck (masthead) or spreader halyard	At the Aftermost Truck	At the Main Truck
Officer's Flag	8:00 AM to Sundown; or Day & Night when in commission	Bow Staff; or (stbd.) antenna	In place of Private Signal	In place of Private Signal	Instead of Burgee at the truck (masthead)	In place of Private Signal	In place of Private Signal
U.S. (Union) Jack	8:00 AM to Sundown at anchor on Sundays & Holidays, only	Not flown	Not flown	Jack Staff (Bow Staff)	Not flown	Jack Staff (Bow Staff)	Jack Staff (Bow Staff)
Absent Flag	Day & Night - during absence of owner	Not flown	Starboard Yardarm	Starboard Main Yardarm	Starboard Spreader	Starboard Main Spreader	Starboard Main Spreader
Meal Flag	Daylight - during meal hours when at anchor	Not flown	Starboard Yardarm	Starboard Main Yardarm	Starboard Spreader	Starboard Main Spreader	Starboard Main Spreader
Guest Flag	Day & Night - when owner is absent & guests are in charge	Not flown	Starboard Yardarm	Starboard Main Yardarm	Starboard Spreader	Starboard Main Spreader	Starboard Main Spreader
Bow Pennant, Fish, Fun Flag, Diver Flag	8:00 AM to Sundown	Bow Staff	Port Yardarm	Port Forward Yardarm	Port Spreader	Foremost Port Spreader	Foremost Port Spreader

Reference: United States Power Squadron Flag Code for Recreational Boats, 1998 Revision, updated 6/15/06