

5. The master of every ship carrying mails, on approaching the anchorage or wharf as the case may be, shall hoist or cause to be hoisted the flag Y of the International Code at the main, and shall keep such flag hoisted until the mails for the port are taken out of the ship.

6. The master of every vessel requiring the services of a tug by night shall either signal his request by means of a morse lamp or shall show at intervals two blue lights, or two flare-up lights simultaneously, as far apart as possible, provided that the distance apart shall not exceed 300 ft. Either of these last-mentioned signals shall be shown in such a position as will best be seen from the harbour or lookout station.

7. No person shall use any other signal for a tug by night other than that prescribed by the foregoing regulations.

8. The following signals are to be used at all ports. Any person failing to use the proper signal when required, or showing wrong or unauthorized signals, shall, in addition to any liabilities which he may incur by so doing, be liable to a penalty; but nothing herein contained shall prevent the use, in cases not provided for in these regulations, of private or local signals in addition to the general signals herein prescribed, if such local or private signals shall have been previously authorized in writing by the Marine Department.

TIDAL SIGNALS.

Tidal signals shall consist of one, two, or three balls of any colour, or parti-coloured, and shall be displayed as follows:—

Flood tide: Two balls at masthead vertically disposed, not less than 6 ft. apart.

Last quarter flood: Three balls at masthead vertically disposed, not less than 6 ft. apart.

Ebb tide: One ball at masthead.

BAR SIGNALS.

Bar signals shall consist of two, three, or four balls, of any colour, or parti-coloured, and shall be displayed as follows:—

Wait for high water: One ball at each yardarm and one on mast, half the length of the yard below the yard.

Stand on; take the bar: Four balls horizontally disposed on yard, two on each side of mast.

Bar dangerous: Three balls horizontally disposed on yard, two on any one side of mast and one on the other.

Put to sea: Two balls horizontally disposed on yard, on either side of mast.

NIGHT SIGNALS FOR OPEN ROADSTEADS, ETC.

From Shore:—

A boat will come off: Two white lights vertically disposed.

Boat cannot put off: Two lights vertically disposed—upper red, lower white.

Wait till daylight; boat will put off weather permitting: Two lights vertically disposed—upper white, lower red.

Keep to sea: Put to sea: Two white lights horizontally disposed with a red light between them.

From Ship:—

Will wait till daylight: Two lights vertically disposed—upper white, lower red.

Cannot wait: Two lights vertically disposed—upper red, lower white.

Cannot keep to sea; Cannot put to sea: Two red lights horizontally disposed.

MISCELLANEOUS SIGNALS.

Tug required: The flags YA of the International Code.

Gunpowder or explosives or petrol on board: As prescribed in Regulation 127 or 136 hereof.

Medical assistance wanted: The flag W of the International Code.

Police wanted (*by day*): The flags ST of the International Code.