

For a Square Rigged Vessel, two balls of a size, one at the outer, the other at the inner halliard, close up.

A Ship, a large ball at the end of the yard, with a small one at inner halliard.

A Barque, a large do. at the end, with a small one dropped at inner halliard.

A Brig, a small do. close upon the outer, with a large one on the inner halliard.

A Brigantine, a cross close up at the outer halliard. Two or more do., a cross half hoisted.

A Topsail Schooner, a cross close up at the inner halliard.

The upper yard of the Ship Staff is used solely to designate Steam Vessels, thus:—

Two large balls close up, one at the outer and the other at the inner halliard E. or W., a steamer reported in that quarter.

A small ball at the outer, and a large one at the inner halliard, a second-class Packet or Merchant Steamer.

A large ball at the outer, and a small one at the inner halliard, a Man-of-War Steamer, or Royal Mail Steamer, or a large Merchant Steamer.

Numbers are indicated the same as on the lower yard.

When the description of the vessel is ascertained, the following descriptive colours will be hoisted at the masthead:

A Union Jack—a Flag Ship.

Man-of-War Screw Steamer, a white pendant with a blue ball in the centre, over the Union Jack.

Man-of-War Paddle Steamer, a white pendant with a blue ball in the centre, under the Union Jack.

A red flag pierced white, Royal Mail Packet from England.

A white flag, blue centre, do from St John's Newfoundland.

A white flag, red centre, do from Bermuda.

A blue pendant—a Ship.

A blue and white pendant—a Barque.

A red pendant—a Brig.

A red and white pendant—a Brigantine.

A white pendant—a Sloop or Schooner.

A white and blue flag vertically divided—a Foreign or Neutral Man-of-War.

A blue flag—a Foreign or Neutral Merchantman.

A red flag—an Enemy's Merchantman.

A red, white and blue flag, red next the mast, Enemy's Fleet, red next the mast under Steamer's signal, a French Man-of-War.

American flag (Stars and Stripes) under Steamer's signal, American Man-of-war.

French flag (blue, white and red), French Man-of-War.

When an English Packet arrives between evening and morning gun fire, a red triangular flag will be kept flying at the masthead from seven till nine o'clock.

Weekly Steamer—Signals.

From England—Blue flag, white centre.

For England—Blue and white alternately, 4 square.

Night Signals.

A red light outer, white light inner halliard, Steamer reported East.

A green light outer, white light inner halliards, Steamer reported West.

A red light, Steamer sighted East.

A green light, Steamer sighted West.

A red light above white, English mail outward.