

Port of Halifax—Signal Service.

EXPLANATION OF SIGNALS.

Made on Main Signal Staff at Citadel Hill, when Vessels are seen from the Citadel or reported from an Outpost.

When Sailing Vessels are reported from an outpost, the following signals are made on the lower yard:

BY DAY.

For 1 Square Rigged vessel, 2 balls close up, one on the outer halliard and one on the inner halliard.

" 2 Do, 1 ball hoisted on the outer halliard and one close up on the inner halliard; outer ball dropped.

" 3 Do, 2 balls close up, one on the outer and one on the inner halliard.

" 4 Do, 2 balls separated, and one close up on the inner halliard.

" 5 Do, a penant of any colour on the outer halliard, and one ball close up inside.

" 6 Do, a penant under a ball close up on the outer halliard, and a ball at the inner halliard close up.

" 7 Do, a penant over a ball close up on the outer halliard, and a ball close up on the inner halliard.

" 8 Do, a penant under two balls close up on the outer halliard with a ball close up on the inner halliard.

" 9 Do, a penant between two balls close up on the outer halliard with a ball close up on the inner halliard.

For 10 Do, a flag of any colour close up on the outer halliard, with a ball close up on the inner halliard.

The above balls, &c., are hoisted on the east or west yard arm, according to the *quarter* the vessel first appears in.

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 one at the end of the yard, and a large one at the inner halliard.

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

A Topsail Schooner, or Schooner wearing a Merchant's Private Signal, a cross close up at the inner halliard.

Two or more schooners, a cross inner, half hoisted.

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 very small or regular coasting Steamer.

A large ball at the outer, and a small one at the inner halliard, a large or ocean going Steamer.

Steamers or Sailing Vessels showing owners' or agents' private signal flags, are denoted on the private Signal Staff with a small descriptive penant underneath the private signal.

When the description of vessel is ascertained, the following descriptive colors will be hoisted at the masthead, and the inner ball taken down:

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