



The Union Jack hoisted at the Main is always the proper Flag of an Admiral of the Fleet, and it is only in other positions, or in combination with other Flags that it becomes a Signal Flag.

Hoisted at the Fore denotes that the Ship hoisting it, is leaving or entering Harbour.

Hoisted at the Mizzen or Yard-arm, indicates the Ship having the Guard.

Hoisted at the Peak indicates the Ship on board a Court Martial is sitting, or about to sit. It is to be dipped between each separate Court.

Hoisted with Alphabetical Flags, refers to the name of a Ship on the List of the Navy.

Hoisted superior to the Interrogative, it enquires a Ship's name, and this Signal is always to be answered by the Union Jack, and the Alphabetical Flags expressing the name on the List of the Navy. When so hoisted the Signal is called the "Demand," and is to be repeated by all Ships present.

Hoisted over the special Pendant, it demands from whence a Ship comes; and when hoisted under, whither she is bound; this Signal is always to be answered by hoisting the Special Pendant, and the Alphabetical Flags indicating the place in the Geographical Table.

When Letter C is hoisted over Pendants, it addresses the Coast-Guard Station holding those Pendants.

When Letter C is hoisted by a Coast-Guard Station it addresses all Men of War in sight. The Semaphore is to be used for communicating with the Coast-Guard by day, and the Flashing Signals by night.

A "Wheft" is made of any large Flag stopped near the Head with the fly loose, and denotes that the Vessel hoisting it has important news or despatches for the Admiral, all intermediate Vessels are to repeat it, hoisting a Compass Signal to point out the direction of the Vessel wishing to communicate.

All Ships to which Signals are addressed are to hoist the Answering Pendant "at the dip" as soon as they see them, and "close up" as soon as they understand them. The Pendant is to be kept flying until the Admiral's Signal is hauled down.