

QUICK GUIDE TO SHIPBOARD DISPLAY					
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FLAG	WHEN FLOWN	POWER YACHT WITHOUT MAST	POWER YACHT WITH SIGNAL MAST	SAILING YACHT WITH ONE MAST	POWER OR SAIL YACHT WITH TWO MASTS
U.S. ENSIGN U.S. YACHT ENSIGN USPS ENSIGN* (WHEN FLOWN IN LIEU OF U.S. ENSIGN)	0800 to sunset	Flag (stern) staff	Flag (stern) staff	Stern staff. Option: underway at peak of gaff or 2/3 up leech of mainsail or equivalent position along backstay	Stern staff. Option: underway: at peak of aftermost gaff or 2/3 up leech of aftermost sail or equivalent position along backstay
FOREIGN ENSIGN or commercial ensign when flown as courtesy flag	In foreign port and waters (after grant of pratique)	Bow staff	Starboard spreader (alone on outboard halyard)	Starboard spreader (alone on outboard halyard)	Starboard spreader (alone on outboard halyard of the foremost mast)
FOREIGN ENSIGN in respect to foreign dignitary	While foreign dignitary is aboard	Bow staff	Bow staff	Bow staff or forestay	Bow staff or forestay
USPS ENSIGN (WHEN NOT FLOWN IN LIEU OF U.S. ENSIGN)	Day and night but only when in commission and under command of USPS member	Antenna or staff amidships (preferably to starboard)	Starboard spreader. If foreign ensign flown, then on inboard halyard or port spreader	Starboard spreader. If foreign ensign flown, then on inboard halyard or port spreader	Foremost starboard spreader. If foreign ensign flown, then on inboard halyard or port spreader
OFFICER (either current or past)	Day and night when in commission	Antenna or staff amidships (after-native-bow staff)	Masthead	Masthead	Aftermost masthead
PRIVATE SIGNAL (HOUSE FLAG)	Day and night when in commission	Bow staff	Bow staff	Masthead	Aftermost masthead
BURGEE Squadron or Yacht Club)	Day and night when in commission	Bow staff	Bow staff	Masthead	Foremost masthead
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE	Day and night during activity of which in charge	Above or in lieu of officer flag	Above or in lieu of officer flag	Above or in lieu of officer flag	Above or in lieu of officer flag
*The USPS ensign may be flown in lieu of the U. S. ensign ONLY in U.S. waters.					