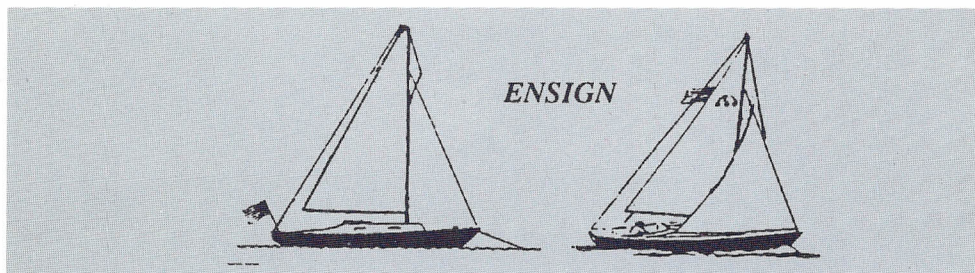


Flags and Shapes Flag Etiquette

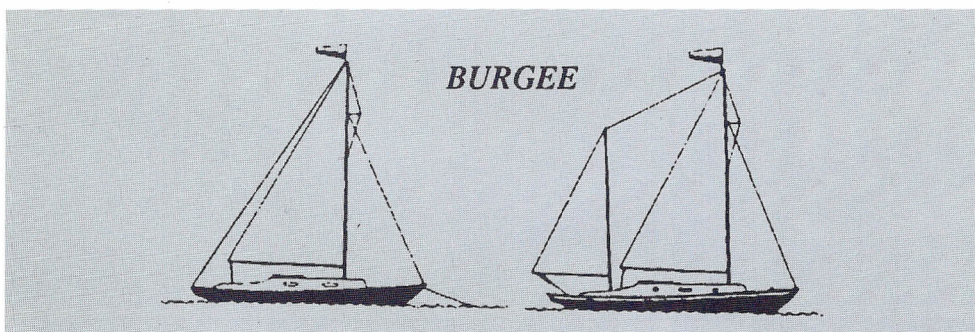
The correct display of flags, signals, and ensigns is one of the more obvious marks of a yachtsman. This code is steeped in the tradition of the sea and promotes uniformity in communication and identification between yachts. The following flag etiquette covers the signals that are used daily on small or medium sized sailing yachts.



Ensign

The ensign is displayed between morning and evening colors (0800 and sunset).

1. At anchor or under power: at the stern staff.
2. Under sail: at the stern staff if not racing and if the boom does not overhang, or at the after-peak of a gaff-rigged sail; or 2/3 of the way up the leach of an after-most marconi-rigged sail.



The Burgee

The Club burgee is displayed whenever the ensign is displayed, but may also be displayed separately, between morning and evening colors, or by day and night, while at anchor or under way on:

1. The masthead of single-masted yachts.
2. The forward masthead of two-masted yachts.
3. The burgee should be replaced with a suitable wind indicator while racing.
4. The burgee, in current days, is often flown from the starboard spreader. It is not acceptable to fly the burgee from any other location.