

A **X** indicates that the signal is generally acceptable for the indicated use. Limited uses for certain signals are described in the boxes.

<b>Distress Signal</b>	<b>Recreational Boats - Day</b>	<b>Recreational Boats - Night</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing Vessels</b>	<b>Sailing School Vessels</b>	<b>Small Passenger Vessels</b>	<b>Other Commercial Vessels</b>
Red Hand Flare - 500 candela (160.021)	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b> Within 50 miles of coastline	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b> Great Lakes only
"SOLAS" Red Hand Flare - 15,000 candela (160.121)	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b> Great Lakes only
Red Parachute Flare - 20,000 candela (160.036)	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b> Within 50 miles of coastline	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	.
"SOLAS" Red Parachute Flare - 30,000 candela (160.136)	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Red Meteor Flare - 10,000 candela (160.066)	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b> Within 3 miles of the coastline	.	.	.
Combination Flare and Smoke Signal (160.023)	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b> Within 3 miles of the coastline	.	.	.
Hand Orange Smoke Signal - 50 seconds (160.037)	<b>X</b>	.	<b>X</b> Day Only - Within 50 miles of the coastline	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b> Great Lakes cargo vessels less than 150 gross tons
Floating Orange Smoke Signal - 5 minute (160.022)	<b>X</b>	.	<b>X</b> Day Only - Within 50 miles of the coastline	.	<b>X</b>	.
"SOLAS" Floating Orange Smoke Signal - 3 minute (160.122)	<b>X</b>	.	<b>X</b>	.	<b>X</b>	.
"SOLAS" Self-Activating Floating Orange Smoke	.	.	<b>X</b>	.	.	<b>X</b>

Signal - 15 minute (160.157)	X		Day Only - Within 3 miles of the coastline			Used as ring lifebuoy marker, one on each side of the vessel, international voyages
Distress Flag (160.072)	X		X Day Only - Within 3 miles of the coastline			
Electric S-O-S Distress Light (161.013)		X	X Night Only - Within 3 miles of the coastline			