

Dive Lights/Flag for Nome Gold Dredge Divers



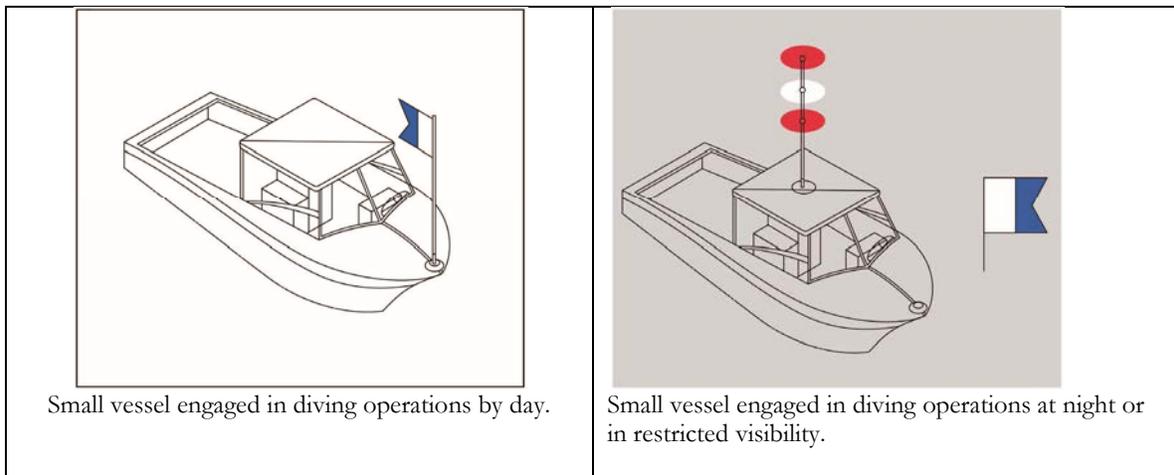
—INTERNATIONAL—

Lights and Shapes

Rule 27—CONTINUED

(e) Whenever the size of a vessel engaged in diving operations makes it impracticable to exhibit all lights and shapes prescribed in paragraph (d) of this Rule, the following shall be exhibited:

- (i) three all-round lights in a vertical line where they can best be seen. The highest and lowest of these lights shall be red and the middle light shall be white;
- (ii) a rigid replica of the International Code flag "A" not less than 1 meter in height. Measures shall be taken to ensure its all-round visibility.



—INTERNATIONAL—

Annex I—CONTINUED

(i) When the Rules prescribe two or three lights to be carried in a vertical line, they shall be spaced as follows:

(i) on a vessel of 20 meters in length or more such lights shall be spaced not less than 2 meters apart, and the lowest of these lights shall, except where a towing light is required, be placed at a height of not less than 4 meters above the hull;

(ii) on a vessel of less than 20 meters in length such lights shall be spaced not less than 1 meter apart and the lowest of these lights shall, except where a towing light is required, be placed at a height of not less than 2 meters above the gunwale;

(iii) when three lights are carried they shall be equally spaced.



- 20 meters = 65ft 7in
- 4 meters = 13ft 1in
- 2 meters = 6ft 7in
- 1 meter = 3ft 3in

From the Alaska Boater's Handbook

Diving

Diving has become a very popular activity in Alaska. Boat operators need to be aware of divers in the water and be able to recognize diving flags.

- Alaska law recognizes that a red flag with a white diagonal stripe (a “diver’s flag”) indicates a person is engaged in diving in the immediate area. Displaying the diver’s flag is not required by law and does not in itself restrict the use of the water.
- International Navigation Rules also require a blue and white “Alpha” flag be displayed on boats engaged in diving operations.
- When operating in an area where a diving flag is displayed, boaters must stay at least 100 feet away from the flag unless they are operating at no-wake speed.



Diver Down Flag



Alpha Flag