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## Letters

## Letter Acronim Meaning

| A | Alpha | I have a diver down; keep well clear at slow <br> speed |
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| B | Bravo | I am taking in or discharging or carrying <br> dangerous goods |
| C | Charlie | Affirmative |
| D | Delta | Keep clear of me; I am maneuvering with <br> difficulty |
| E | Echo | I am altering my course to starboard |
| F | Foxtrot | I am disabled; communicate with me |
| G | Golf | I require a pilot. By fishing vessels near fishing | grounds: "I am hauling nets."


| H | Hotel | I have a pilot on board |
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| I | India | I am altering my course to port |

J Julia I am on fire and have dangerous cargo on board: keep well clear of me

K Kilo I wish to communicate with you
L Lima In harbour: "The ship is quarantined." At sea:
"You should stop your vessel instantly."
My vessel is stopped and making no way through the water.
Negative
"Man overboard." (often attached to the man overboard pole on boats). With a sinister hoist, the semaphore flag.

| Letters (cont) |  |  |
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| P | Papa | The blue Peter. In harbour: All persons should report <br> on board as the vessel is about to proceed to sea. At <br> sea: It may be used by fishing vessels to mean: "My <br> nets have come fast upon an obstruction." |
| Q | Quebec | My vessel is 'healthy' and I request free pratique |
| R | Romeo | (No ICS meaning as single flag) |
| S | Sierra | Engines Going Astern |
| T | Tango | I am operating astern propulsion |
| U | Uniform | You are running into danger. |
| V | Victor | Require Assistance |
| W | Whiskey | I require medical assistance |
| X | X-Ray | Stop carrying out your intentions and watch for my <br> signals |
| Y | Yankee | I am dragging my anchor |
| Z | Zulu | "I require a tug." By fishing vessels near fishing |

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