

Marine Pyrotechnic Distress Signal Selection Guide

WHAT TYPE OF FLARES SHOULD I CARRY ON MY BOAT?

First determine what type of boater you are, and carry the appropriate types of signals.

Although the U.S. Coast Guard only requires you to carry 3 Day/Night Approved signals on your boat, Safety Expert recommend that the following types of signals be carried on your vessel:

INLAND BOATERS: if you seldom leave sight of land you should carry:

Handheld Red Flares AND/OR

Aerial Flares: 12-Gauge HP or Skyblazer XLT Signals

COASTAL BOATERS: if you travel offshore occasionally, and do not travel overnight you should carry:

Handheld Red Flares AND

Aerial Flares: 12-Gauge HP or Skyblazer XLT Signals AND


























Smoke Flares: Orange Handheld

OFFSHORE BOATERS: if you travel offshore out of sight of land for extended periods you should carry:

Handheld Flares: SOLAS Approved AND

Aerial Flares: 25MM or SOLAS Approved AND

Smoke Flares: Floating SOLAS Approved

Safety Level	GOOD	BETTER	BEST
INLAND	 4 OR  4	 4 +  4	 4 +  4 +  1
COASTAL	 4 +  4 +  1	 6 +  6 +  2	 8 +  4 +  2
OFF-SHORE	 8 +  4 +  2	 3 +  3 +  1	 6 +  6 +  2

**SOLAS Signals are Commercial Grade Signals,
Visit our website for more information**

 = AERIAL SIGNAL
  = HANDHELD SIGNAL
  = SMOKE SIGNAL