

# Flagpole Etiquette

## Flying the national flag

It is customary to display the national flag from sunrise to sunset on all days that weather permits. Especially on national and state holidays.

Always hoist a flag briskly and lower it ceremoniously. When a flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground, it should be received by waiting hands then folded neatly to store.

The Australian Flag, as with any flag should always be kept in good repair and not flown if the weather is unsuitable.

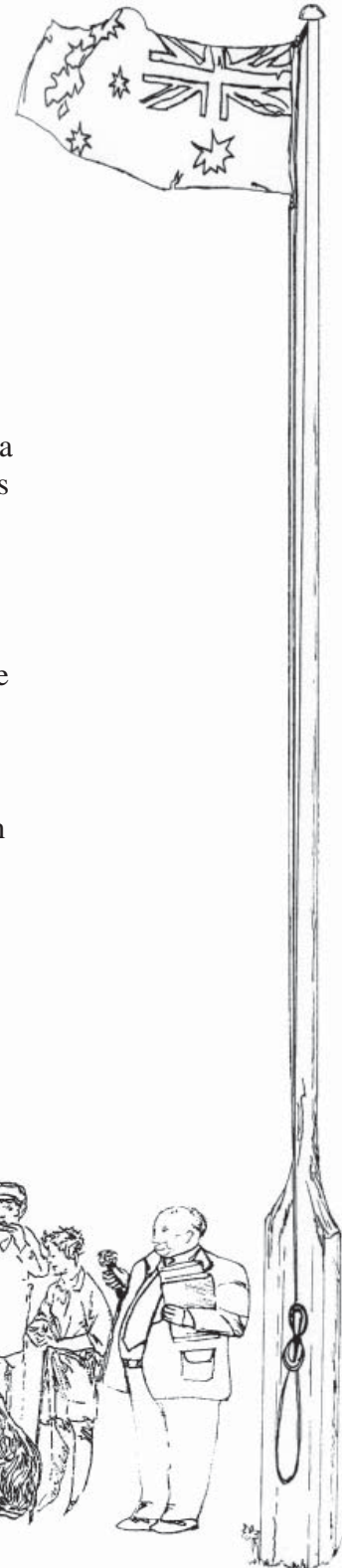
When flown at half mast, the flag should be first hoisted to the peak for a moment, then lowered to half mast.

When the Australian Flag is flown on top of, or in front of a building where there are two flagpoles, it should be flown on the pole to the left of the observer facing the building. If flying the Australian flag on top, or in front of, a building where there are three or more flagpoles, it should be flown as near as possible to the centre.

## The yardarm flagpole

The traditional yardarm flagpole displays the national flag at the peak, not the truck. Lands-men could be forgiven for mistaking this practice as a sign of disrespect. This tradition comes from the time of sailing ships, when it was the position most aft not the highest that was most honorable. The gaff of the flagpole should always point inward to land, thus representing the mizzen mast on a full rigged ship standing out to sea. The club burgee or house flag flies at the mast head, the state flag or flag of the senior officer present flies at the starboard yardarm. The port yardarm is reserved for whatever colours best fit the occasion.

On masts with yardarms only, therefore not simulating an outbound ship the national flag flies at the truck, the state flag at the starboard halliard and a house flag or club pennant is flown from the Port halliard.



129 Hotham Road SORRENTO, VICTORIA, 3943

Tel :03 5984 4333 Fax:03 5984 4570

[www.woodenboatshop.com.au](http://www.woodenboatshop.com.au) [wbs@woodenboatshop.com.au](mailto:wbs@woodenboatshop.com.au)

# Flags, Flag Poles & fittings



Flags				
Absolutely best quality - Fully sewn - Made in Australia				
Item No.		Suits Transom	Size	
FLSF99	Australian State Flags, All flags, All Sizes		All Sizes	
PFLNF24	Australian National Flag, 2'	30"	2'	
FLNF36	Australian National Flag, 1 Yard	48"	1 Yard	
FLNF54	Australian National Flag, 1½ Yard	6'	1½ Yard	
		Suits Flag Pole	Size	
FLNF72	Australian National Flag, 2 Yard	20'	2 Yard	
FLNF90	Australian National Flag, 2½ Yard	26'	2½ Yard	
FLNF108	Australian National Flag, 3 Yard	30'	3 Yard	
FLNF126	Australian National Flag, 3½ Yard	35'	3½	
FLNF144	Australian National Flag, 4 Yard	40'	4 Yard	
FLNFXL	Australian National Flag, Larger			
FLRE24	Australian Red Ensign, 2' – Red Duster	30"	2'	
FLRE36	Australian Red Ensign, 1 Yard	48"	1 Yard	
FLRE54	Australian Red Ensign, 1½ Yard	6'	1½ Yard	
FLRE72	Australian Red Ensign, 2 Yard	20'	2 Yard	
FLNAF2	Australian Federation		2 yard	
FLNAF3	Australian Federation		3 yard	
FLN99	National Flags, All Sizes		All Sizes	
FLCBCS	Couta Boat Club Burgee, C.B.A. 20" x 10" - Standard		20" x 10"	
FLCBCL1	Couta Boat Club Burgee, Couta Boat Association Burgee		1 Yard	
FLCBCL2	Couta Boat Club Burgee, Couta Boat Association Burgee		2 Yard	
FLCBCL25	Couta Boat Club Burgee, Couta Boat Association Burgee		2½ Yard	

# Flags, Flag Poles & fittings



Item No.	Flags	Size	International Code of Signals
FLCF2418	Code Flags - Single, Fully Sewn	24" x 18"	
	A B C D E G H I J K L O P Q R S T X Z 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		
FLCF2432	Code Flags - Single, Fully Sewn	24" x 18"	
	F L M N U V W Y 9	24" x 18"	
FLCO2	Courtesy Flags, 2' x 1' - generally same as 1 yd	2'	
FLNIR2	Irish National Flag	2 yard	
FLNIR3	Irish National Flag	3 yard	
FLNCA2	Canadian National Flag	2 Yard	
FLNCA2.5	Canadian National Flag	2½ Yard	
FLNFR2	French National Flag	2 yard	
FLNFR3	French National Flag	3 yard	
FLNIT2	Italian National Flag	2 yard	
FLNIT3	Italian National Flag	3 yard	
FLNCO2	National-Colonial	2 yard	
FLNCO3	National-Colonial	3 yard	
FLX99	Made to Order Flags or Banners		
FLOL20	Olympic	2 yard	
FLJR15	Jolly Roger	1½ yard	
FLPGC	Portsea Golf Club 1.5m x 1.2m	1.5 x 1.2m	
FLWBS20	Wooden Boat Shop	2 yard	
FLWBS25	Wooden Boat Shop	2.5 yard	