

## 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,  
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 = AERIAL SIGNAL  
  = HANDHELD SIGNAL  
  = SMOKE SIGNAL

