

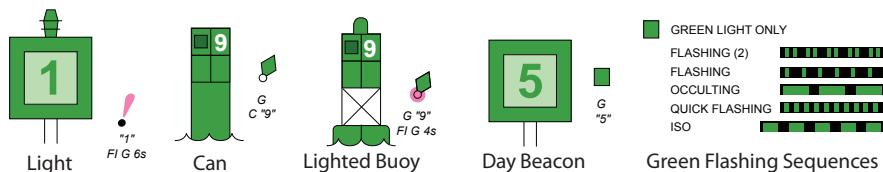
AIDS TO NAVIGATION

An American Sailing Quick Reference Guide To Navigation Aids

U.S. AIDS TO NAVIGATION - Excluding Western Rivers

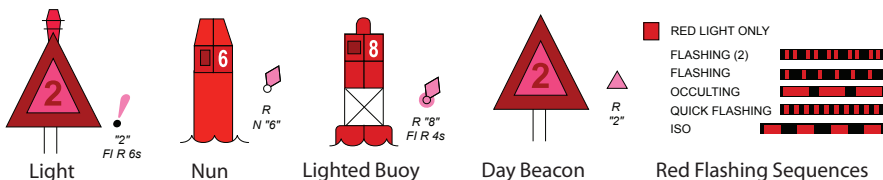
GREEN COLORED AIDS

When entering a body of water from seaward, keep green aids to port (left). Green aids are odd numbered.



RED COLORED AIDS

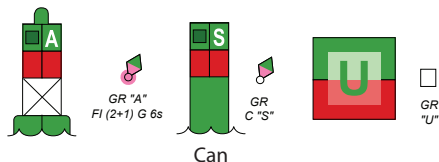
When entering a body of water from seaward, keep red aids to starboard (right). Red aids are even numbered.



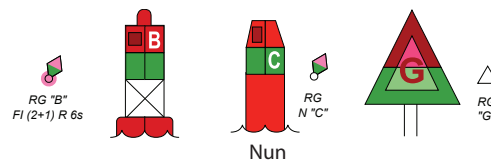
PREFERRED CHANNEL

Found at a junction of navigable channels, and indicates the preferred (primary) channel when entering from seaward. They are not numbered, but may be lettered.

Top band green - preferred channel to starboard. Treat aid as green, keep it to port.

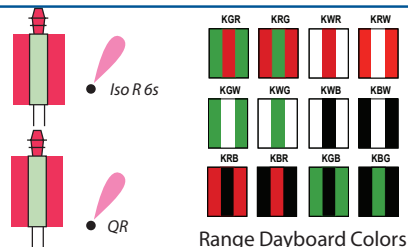


Top band red - preferred channel to port. Treat aid as red, keep it to starboard.

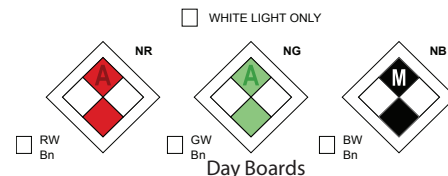


RANGES & DAY BOARDS

Range Dayboards are used in pairs to guide boats by visually aligning the pair, one in front of the other, and then following them into and through a navigable channel. Ranges may also be lighted.



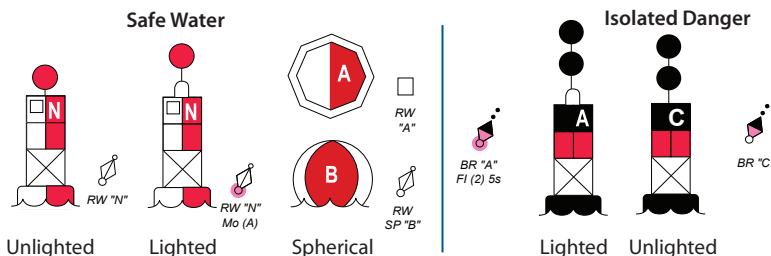
Diamond-shaped Day Boards indicate locations referenced on a nautical chart.



SAFE WATER & ISOLATED DANGER

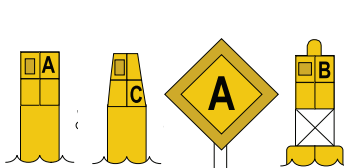
Safe Water Aids are used to mark fairways, mid-channels and offshore points, and have unobstructed water on all sides. They often mark the beginning of a navigational channel.

Isolated Danger aids indicate an isolated danger that may be passed on all sides. Use caution when approaching.



SPECIAL MARKS

Not intended to assist in navigation, these aids indicate special areas or features such as anchoring, traffic separation, fish net area, cable or pipeline, military exercise areas and jetties.



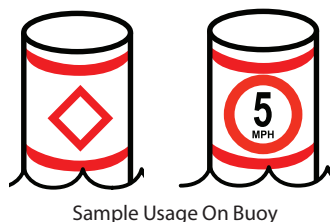
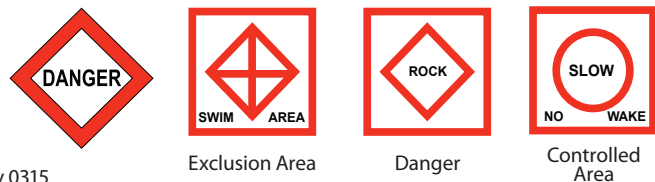
Special Marks for ICW Navigation:

When navigating the ICW (Intracoastal Waterway), the main ICW channel will often converge with an entrance from the sea channel. To eliminate confusion, navigation aids in these area include specific yellow symbols to clarify ICW navigation.



Keep to Port Keep to Starboard Marks as ICW Aid

INFORMATION & REGULATORY MARKS



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