

ONBOARD FLAG ETIQUETTE

- ★ Flags may be displayed from 8 a.m. until dusk based on U.S. Navy protocol.
- ★ The U.S. Power Squadron suggests the following sequence to provide the most colorful display for commonly available sets of 40 flags (the U.S. Navy uses a 65-flag set):
Starting from forward: AB2, UJ1, KE3, GH6, IV5, FL4, DM7, PO Third Repeater, RN First Repeater, ST Zero, CX9, WQ8, ZY Second Repeater.
- ★ Repeat this sequence as many times as needed to extend your display from the waterline at the bow to the waterline at the stern and running over the masthead.
- ★ If you're feeling particularly celebratory, it is customary to weight the forward end with a champagne bottle. Other items may of course be used, but we thought you'd like to know about the top end of flag display etiquette.
- ★ Don't forget to hoist the Ensign at the stern flag staff. And the Union Jack at the bow staff makes a complete display.
- ★ Defender's full dress string will cover approximately 42 feet. Multiple sets may be required to properly dress your boat. Champagne not included.

