



# Making your flag

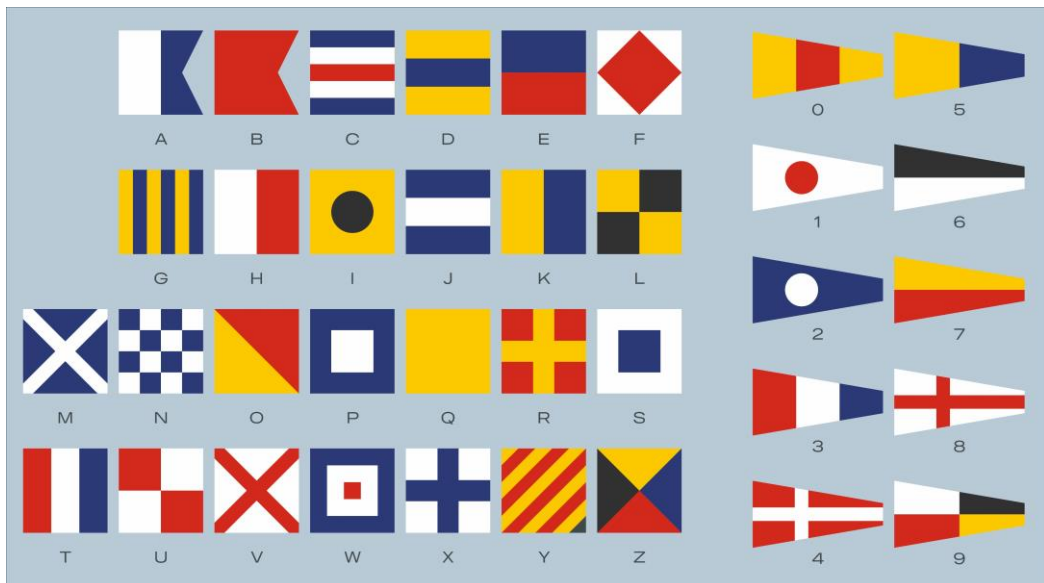
Here are some things to consider when creating your flag or flags to be flown from the mast of a boat in Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

## Design

We are asking you to make a flag (or flags) telling your Covid story or with your message of hope for the future. You can really let your creativity run wild and stitch, draw, paint or stencil any design. You can design one flag or a series of flags to be strung together.

Remember your flag will be viewed from a distance, so make sure your design is big and bold.

You may like to incorporate some elements of traditional maritime flags in your design. International maritime signal flags are used for communication at sea and each flag represents a letter or a numeral. For example you could use the design of the 'H' flag for Hope and then add additional design elements to it. This is only a suggestion, the design is completely up to you.



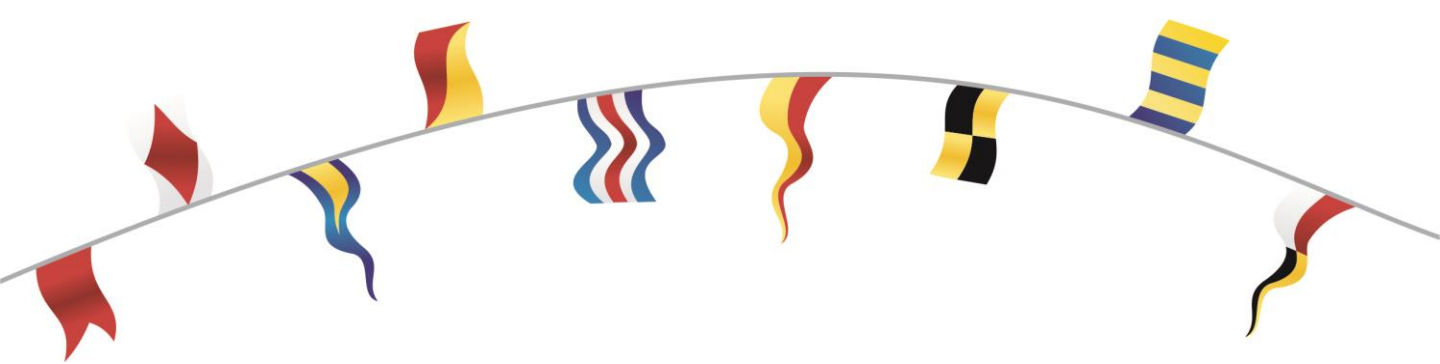
## Size

Whether you are making one flag or many you'll need to make sure they are the right size to fly from the boats.

- The minimum size for flags is 30cm by 50cm.
- The maximum size for flags is 40cm by 67cm

You can find a template on the website showing the dimensions.

There will also be room for some larger flags. If you would like to design a large flag the minimum size is 150cm by 90cm.

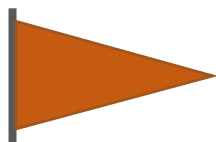


### Shape

Your flag can be rectangular, triangular, pennant, burgee or swallow tailed in shape.



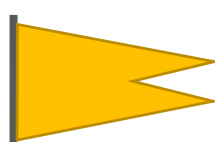
Rectangular



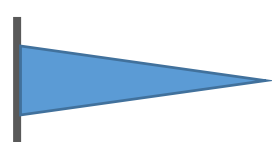
Triangular



Swallow tailed



Burgee



Pennant

### Material

The material used to make the flag must be lightweight and weatherproof. The Cloth/Fabric used needs to be thin and light weight so your flag will fly in light wind. Most cloth flags are made of cotton, nylon, or polyester.

Your flag must be able to survive the Irish weather for a few days, so it's important that it is weatherproof. Avoid water soluble paints and other materials that would be damaged by rain, wind or sun.

### Finishing

To prevent your flag from fraying make sure you hem or finish the edges of the cloth.

Once all the flags have been received the ICA (Irish County Women's Association) will be adding cord/rope to the flags so they can be strung together ready to be flown from the boats. In order for the rope to be added securely to your flag it is important you create a sleeve to hold the rope at one end of your flag. At the end of your flag fold over 2/3cm of the material and sew to form a sleeve.

