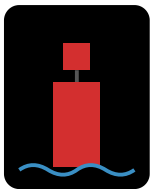
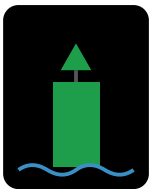
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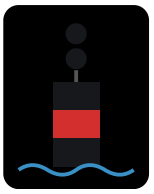
Australia uses IALA Region A. Red to port coming in from sea.



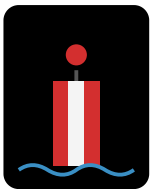
Port lateral
Red can. Red light, any rhythm.



Starboard lateral
Green cone. Green light, any rhythm.



Isolated danger
Black, red band, two balls. Fl(2) white.



Safe water
Red and white stripes, red ball. Iso, Oc, LFl 10 s or Morse A.



Special
Yellow, yellow X. Yellow light.

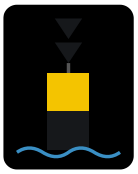
CARDINAL MARKS: PASS ON THE NAMED SIDE



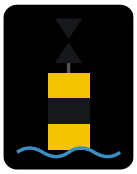
North cardinal
Cones point up. Safe water is to the north.



East cardinal
Cones base to base. Safe water is to the east.



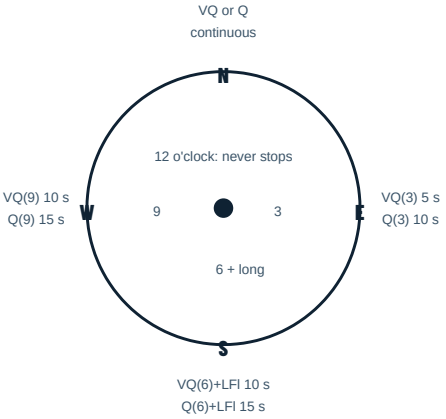
South cardinal
Cones point down. Safe water is to the south.



West cardinal
Cones point to point. Safe water is to the west.

Topmarks point to the black.
North: both up. South: both down.
East: an Egg (base to base). West: a Wineglass (point to point).

CARDINAL LIGHTS: READ THEM LIKE A CLOCK

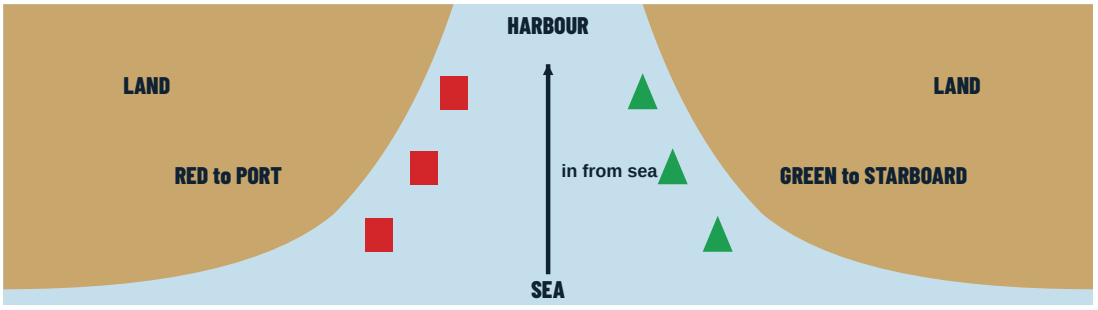


White, quick (Q, 50 to 60 flashes a minute) or very quick (VQ, 100 to 120 a minute). South adds a long flash so it cannot be mistaken for East or West.

COMING IN FROM SEA

- Red to port, green to starboard. The direction of buoyage is shown on the chart where it is not obvious.
- Preferred channel marks: read the main colour. Red with a green band is a port mark for the preferred channel, which lies to starboard of it. Green with a red band is a starboard mark; the preferred channel lies to port.
- Emergency wreck marking buoy: blue and yellow stripes, yellow upright cross, alternating blue and yellow light.

PICTURE IT: THE HARBOUR ENTRANCE



Port, red, left: all the short words go together. Going out to sea it is the other way round.

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