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### Basic Day Shapes

Here's a summary of the most common "Day Shapes" displayed that recreational sailors or powerboaters will encounter. There are of course, many more, and attendance on a powerboat or sailing course will explain more. The main point to take away is if you're unsure about what another vessel's intentions are, or who has right of way, take a conservative approach and give them plenty of room.

#### Vessels at Anchor – Anchor Ball

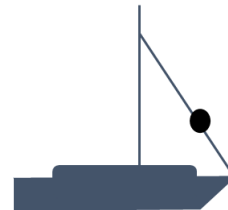
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Vessels at anchor should display a black sphere from their forward rigging.

Ship at Anchor



Yacht at Anchor

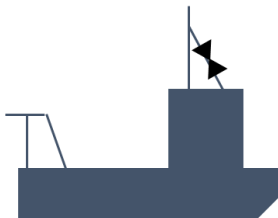


#### Vessels Underway - Motoring Cone

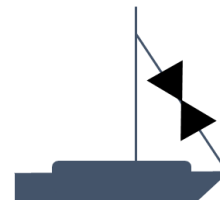
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While a powerboat or ship underway is usually clear, there are some situations where motoring cones are displayed. Fishing vessels typically display motoring cones (two black cones pointing towards one another). Equally, a yacht that has its engine on, even if its sails are still up and using them primarily for propulsion, is technically now a powerboat. It should display a motoring cone and should be treated as a powerboat by other vessels.

Fishing Vessel



Yacht with engine on



#### Divers in Water

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Finally, vessels that have launched divers from them display the following flag. All vessels should give the dive boat a very wide berth.

