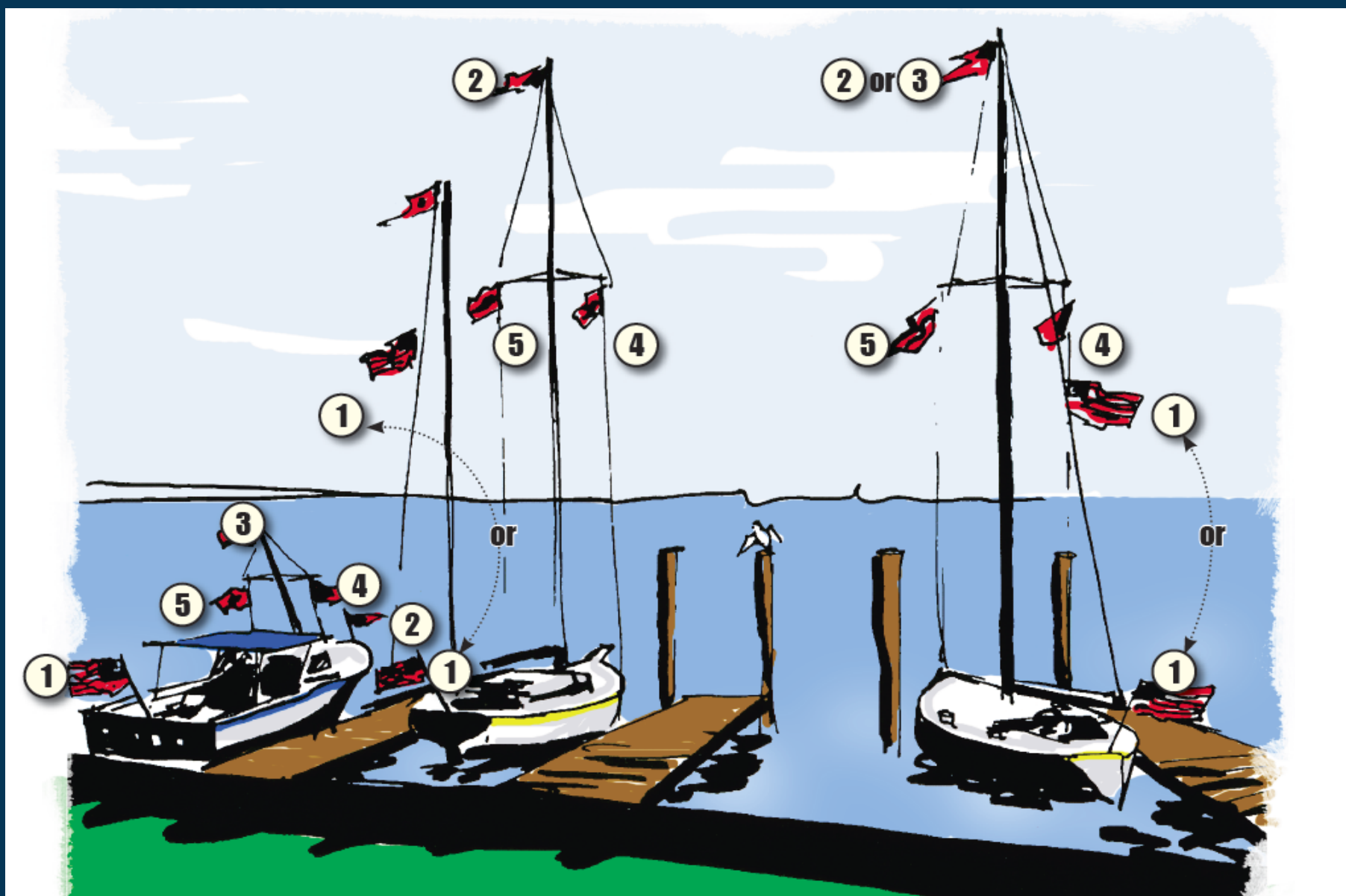




Flag Etiquette

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Boat LOA	Under 18'	18'-24'	24'-30'	30-36'	36'-48'	48'-60'	60'-72'
Courtesy Flag	12" x 18"	12" x 18"	12" x 18"	12" x 18"	12" x 18"	12" x 18"	2' x 3'
Ensign	12" x 18"	16" x 24"	20" x 30"	2' x 3'	30" x 48"	3' x 5'	5' x 6'

Bolded sizes are not standard. Use the next size smaller, larger, or custom order your flag size.

The rules for Power Yachts

Numbers refer to locations on diagram above

1. **National ensign** - size: one inch on the fly (length) for every foot of LOA.
2. **Burgee-size**: 5/8 inch fly for every foot of LOA
3. **Private signal-size**: 5/8 inch fly for every foot of LOA
4. **Courtesy flag or second club-size**: 5/8 inch fly for every foot of LOA
5. **Ornamental whimsy-size**: 5/8 inch fly for every foot of LOA

The rules for Sailing Yachts

Numbers refer to locations on diagram above

1. **National ensign** - size: one inch on the fly (length) for every foot of LOA.
2. **Burgee-size**: 1/2 inch fly for every foot of LOA
3. **Private signal-size**: 1/2 inch fly for every foot of LOA
4. **Courtesy flag or second club-size**: 1/2 inch fly for every foot of LOA
5. **Ornamental whimsy-size**: 1/2 inch fly for every foot of LOA

Sources: Chapman's Piloting & Seamanship, 64th Ed. page 852; Nautical Etiquette & Customs, Lindsay Lord, page 59

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