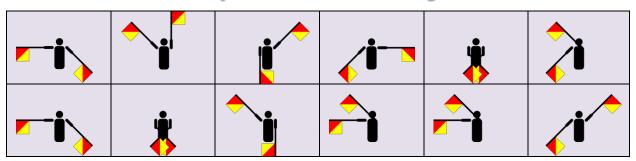
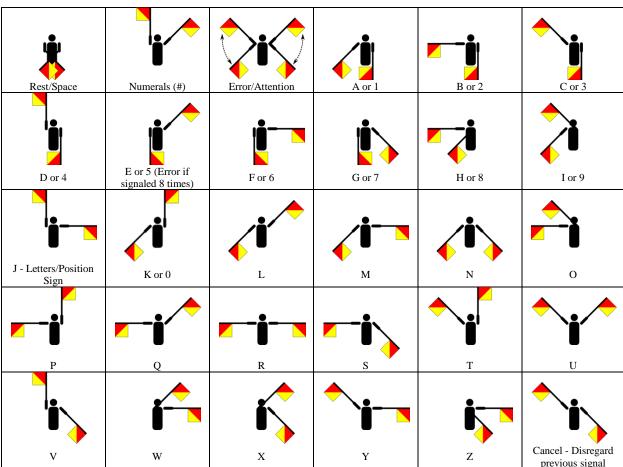
## Can you decode this message?



## SEMAPHORE FLAG SIGNALING SYSTEM

The system for conveying information at a distance by means of visual signals with hand-held flags, or occasionally bare or gloved hands. Information is encoded by the position of the flags; it is read when the flag is in a fixed position. Semaphores were adopted and widely used in the maritime world in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



Ocean City Maryland and Bethany Beach Delaware Lifeguards are perhaps the last remaining lifeguard organizations in the U.S. to use this system. In Ocean City, it has been a tradition with the rescue unit since the 1930's, and complete messages can be relayed up and down the 10 1/2 miles of beach.

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