

COLREGS - Sound Signals Table

Rule	Sound Signal	Sound Signal (typed)	Sound Interval	Meaning
RULE 34 Manoeuvring and Warning Signals	-	1 Short Blast		I am altering my course to starboard
		2 Short Blasts		I am altering my course to Port
		3 Short Blasts		My propulsion is operating astern
		5 Short Blasts		Your intentions are unclear
		2 long Blasts, 1 Short Blast		I wish to overtake you on your starboard side
		2 long Blasts, 2 Short Blasts		I wish to overtake you on your Port side
		1 Long Blast, 1 Short Blast, 1 Long Blast, 1 Short Blast		I agree and understand your intentions
RULE 35 Sound Signals in Restricted Visibility	_	1 Long Blast	Not exceeding 2 minuets	I am making way (PDV's) or when approaching a bend on a narrow channel. If there is another vessel, they will sound the same in return.
		2 long Blasts	Not exceeding 2 minuets	I am stopped, and making no way (PDV's)
		1 long Blasts, 2 Short Blasts	Not exceeding 2 minuets	NUC, RAM, CBD, Fishing, Towing/Pushing, Sailing
		2 long Blasts, 3 Short Blasts	Not exceeding 2 minuets	Vessel Being towed (Last Vessel)
	B (5s)	Rapid Ringing of the Bell for 5 seconds	Not exceeding 1 minuet	Vessel at Anchor
	B (5s) G (5s)	Rapid Ringing of the Bell for 5 seconds, followed by the immediate ringing of the Gong for 5 seconds	Not exceeding 1 minuet	Vessel at Anchor (100m+)
	B (5s)	3 Distinct and Rapid Strokes of the Bell, Rapid Ringing of the Bell for 5 seconds, 3 Distinct and Rapid Strokes of the Bell	Not exceeding 1 minuet	Vessel Aground
	B (5s) G (5s)	3 Distinct and Rapid Strokes of the Bell, Rapid Ringing of the Bell for 5 seconds, 3 Distinct and Rapid Strokes of the Bell, followed by the immediate ringing of the Gong for 5 seconds	Not exceeding 1 minuet	Vessel Aground (100m+)

^{&#}x27;_' → Short Blast (Not more than 1 second)

^{&#}x27;___' → Long Blast (4 to 6 Seconds)