IALA BUOYAGE SYSTEM REGION A

Lateral marks
Port hand
All red
Topmark (if any): can
Light (if any): red

Starboard hand
All green
Topmark (if any): cone
Light (if any): green

Preferred channel to port
Green/red/green
Light (if any): Fl(2+1)G

Preferred channel to starboard
Red/green/red
Light (if any): Fl(2+1)R

Isolated danger marks
(stationed over a danger with navigable water around)
Black with red band
Topmark: 2 black balls
Light (if any): Fl(2) (white)

Special mark
Body shape optional, yellow
Topmark (if any): Yellow X
Light (if any): Fl.Y etc

Safe water marks
(mid-channel and landfall)
Red and white vertical stripes
Topmark (if any): red ball
Light (if any): Iso, Oc, LFl.10s or Mo(A) (white)

Emergency wreck marking buoy
Yellow and blue vertical stripes
Topmark: upright yellow cross

Cardinal marks
N mark
Black over yellow
Light (if any): VQ or Q

W mark
Yellow with black band
Light (if any): VQ(3)10s or Q(9)15s

S mark
Yellow over black
Light (if any): VQ(6)+LFl.10s or Q(6)+LFl.15s

E mark
Black with yellow band
Light (if any): VQ(3)5s or Q(3)10s