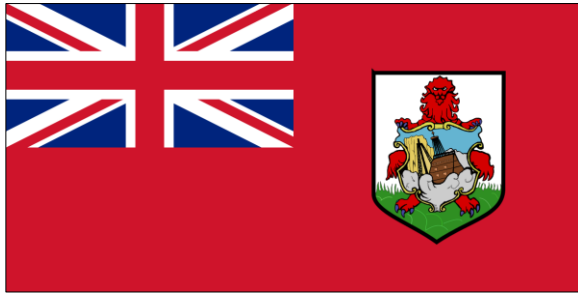
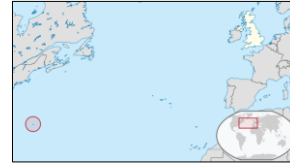


FLAG OF BERMUDA - A BRIEF HISTORY



Where In The World



Trivia

The flag is unusual because a red ensign is usually used on sea and not land.

Technical Specification

Adopted:	4 th October 1910
Proportion:	1:2
Design:	A British red ensign with the union flag on the top left and the Coat of Arms of Bermuda in the centre right.
Colours:	PMS – Red: 186, Blue: 281

Brief History

The first known flag to be flown in Bermuda was the Flag of the Kingdom of Great Britain. It was adopted when it became a British colony in 1707. In 1801 the flag was changed to the union jack when Great Britain joined with Ireland.

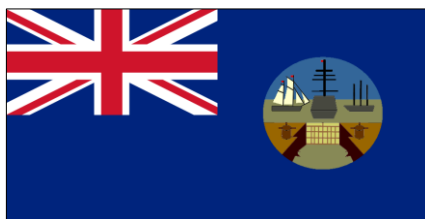


The Flag of the Kingdom of Great Britain
(1707 – 1801)

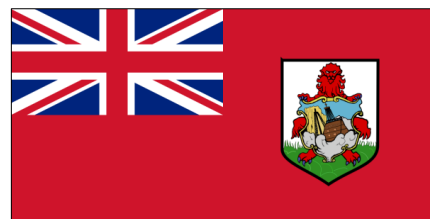


The Union Jack
(1801 -1875)

The first colonial Ensign came in 1875, it is said to be a blue ensign with the union jack in the top left hand corner and the badge of Bermuda that featured three boats at wet dock in the centre right. When Bermuda was given its own Coat of Arms in 1910 a red ensign with the badge on centre right was adopted but not given official approval till 1967. In 1999 the flag was changed slightly.

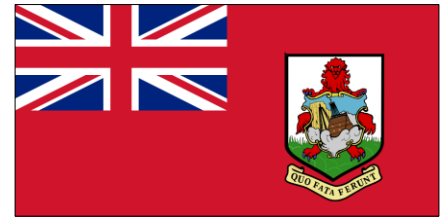


(mock up of) The Blue Ensign of Bermuda
(1875 to 1910)



The Flag of Bermuda
(1910 to Present Day)

There is an Alleged variant flag that featured a scroll with “Whither The Fates Carry” underneath the Coat of Arms, however this is unverified.



**The Variant Flag of Bermuda
(mock up)**

Coat of Arms of Bermuda

The Coat of Arms of Bermuda was adopted in 1910 and features a red lion holding a shield that depicts a ship hitting a reef. This references the time when Admiral Sir George Somers deliberately crashed his ship into reefs to save it from foundering in a storm in 1609. Underneath the shield is the motto “Whither the Fates Carry” in Latin.



The Standard of the Governor of Bermuda

The Standard of the Governor of Bermuda is a Union Jack defaced with the Coat of Arms of Bermuda in the centre surrounded by a wreath.



The Government Ensign of Bermuda

The Government Ensign of Bermuda is a Blue ensign that is similar to the national flag and features a Union Jack in the top left hand corner and the Coat of Arms of Bermuda in the centre right. There is allegedly a variant flag that features the motto “Whither the Fates Carry” in Latin underneath the shield.

