

Under the IALA-A Buoyage System, when entering from seaward a lateral system buoy to be left to starboard may display which topmark shown?

Note: There are two regions, A and B, to the IALA (The International Association of Lighthouse Authorities) Maritime Buoyage System. The lateral marks indicate port and starboard hand sides of well-defined channels, and are colored red and green. Region A uses red and green to indicate port and starboard sides of the channel respectively. In region B, the colors are reversed with red to starboard and green to port when entering from seaward. Topmarks are identified by shape: can, conical, spherical, and X-shaped only.

A. A

Incorrect. A single red cone pointing upward is the appropriate topmark for a buoy, in Region B, left to starboard.

B. B

Incorrect. A single red can is the appropriate topmark for a buoy, in Region A, left to port

C. C

Correct. A single green cone is the appropriate topmark for a buoy, in Region A, left to starboard.

D. D

Incorrect. A single green can is the appropriate topmark for a buoy, in Region B, left to port.

