

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED KINGDOM



Flag of Great Britain is one of the national symbols of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



Officially, the ratio of the width and length of the flag is not set, but usually the public authorities use flags with a ratio of width to length of the 1:2, and in the army and Navy used flags with a width to length ratio of 3:5.

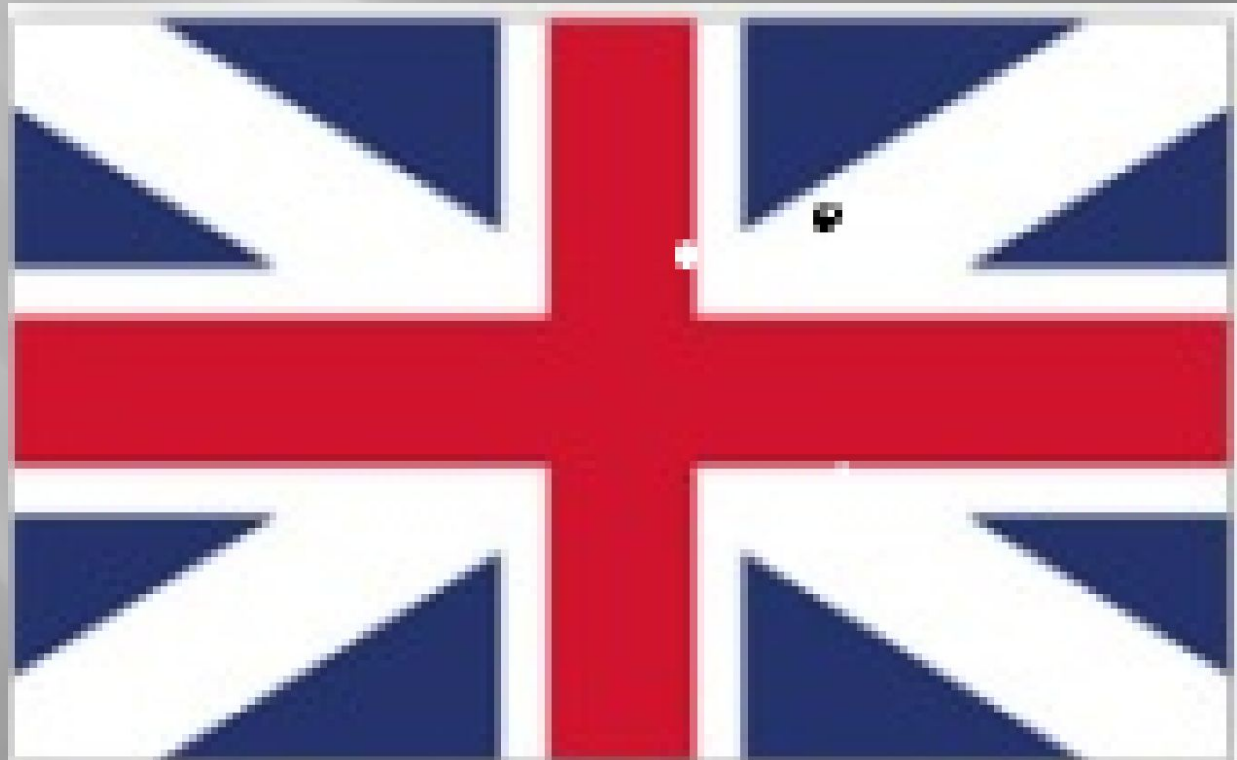
UK flag traces its history back to the year 1603, when James VI King of Scots inherited the throne of England and became the English King under the name of James. This Union between England and Scotland was a personal Union, and they remain independent States.

12 April 1606, was approved by the new Union flag States: a Scottish flag of St. Andrew (white slanting cross on a blue background) was the English flag of St. George (Red Cross on white background).



Originally, the flag was used only on the sea as a military and trading warships of the two countries. 5 May 1634 year it was prescribed only use military courts as guise (hence its common name Union Jack -Jacks English bow flag military ship), while commercial vehicles were supposed to raise flags St. George (English) or St. Andrew (Scotland). While terrestrial part continued to use the banners of their countries.

Following the adoption of the Act of Union 1707 year, uniting the two kingdoms into a single Kingdom, joint flag became the flag of the new State.



In 1801, with the adoption of the Act on Association of Great Britain and Ireland was formed the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. To the flag, which existed before the symbol has been added to the Ireland-Saint Patrick's cross



The symbolism on the flag of Wales is still lacking, although that place is overdue on a panel of traditional Welsh Dragon. periodically arise.



The British are known worldwide not only for its conservatism in relation to everything new, but piously observed a traditions of their ancestors. All that in one way or another connected with the national symbol, is given special attention.



So today in foggy Albion celebrate flag day celebrations. The panels are from Windows in the momentous days in honor of the birthday of a member of the Royal family; on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the Parliament; on the anniversary of the wedding of the King; on the occasion of Commonwealth Day.



Thank you!

