FREE Expired Marine Flare Collection Events

Dispose of Your Expired or Unwanted Marine Flares Safely & Responsibly!

Single-use marine flares contain hazardous chemicals that pose risks to human health and the environment. Special collection events for unwanted flares are being held across California.

Open ONLY to recreational boaters who live in or berth their boat in the covered participating areas (with noted residency requirement for West Contra Costa). Proof of residence or slip fee is required. No commercial flares or other hazardous waste will be accepted!

Del Norte County
Saturday, November 8, 2025, 10 AM to 2 PM
1700 State Street, Crescent City, CA 95531

Marin County
Sunday, November 9, 2025, 8 AM to 12 PM
Clipper Yacht Harbor, 310 Harbor Dr, Sausalito, CA

Alameda County
Sunday, November 9, 2025, By Appointment ONLY.
Sign-up for an appointment: 9 AM to 1 PM
www.stopwaste.org/marineflares

Santa Cruz County
Sunday, November 9, 2025, 8 AM to 12 PM
425 Brommer Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

West Contra Costa County
October 29 - November 8, 2025
Wednesday - Saturday, 9 AM - 4 PM
101 Pittsburg Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801

NOTE: This event is **only** for West Contra Costa residents. Boaters must prove WCC residency to participate.

"Marine flares are a critical part of boating safety. Their proper disposal is restricted and extremely expensive, as they must be transported as explosives. I want to encourage all boaters to participate in these free collection events. Don't miss this chance to stay safe & help protect our waterways!"

Marie Rogers, California Recreational Boater Certified Sailing Instructor, Competitor in Major Regattas like the Transpac.

"Before heading out to paddle or sail, I always check that my marine flares are up to date and in good condition. If they're expired or unused, I take them to a free collection event every fall. You can do the same! Safe disposal of marine flares is part of being a good mariner."

Cyril Derreumaux, extreme Kayaker, three-time Guinness World Records for having crossed the Pacific and the Atlantic solo by kayak.

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