

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. Proof of residence or slip fee is **required**. No commercial flares or other hazardous waste will be accepted!

Saturday, November 15th, 2025

San Diego County

November 15, 2025, 8 AM to 12 PM
Shelter Island Boat Ramp
2210 Shelter Island Dr.
San Diego, CA 92106

City of Oceanside

November 15, 2025, 8 AM to 12 PM
1850 North Harbor Dr.
Oceanside, CA 92054

Los Angeles County

November 15, 2025, 10 AM to 2 PM
Cabrillo Way Marina, 2293 Miner St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

Sunday, November 16th, 2025

Santa Barbara County

November 16, 2025, 8 AM to 12 PM
City of Santa Barbara Waterfront
132-A Harbor Way
Santa Barbara, CA 93109



"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.

