

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, October 24th, 2026

Orange County

7 AM to 1 PM

Sunset Aquatic Marina

2901 Edinger Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92649

San Diego County

8 AM to 12 PM

Shelter Island Boat Ramp

2210 Shelter Island Dr., San Diego, CA 92106

Ventura County

11 AM to 3 PM

Channel Islands Harbor Marina

3850 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard, CA 93035



"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.



"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.

