

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 or residents 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!

Alameda County

Sunday, October, 25 2026. By Appointment ONLY.

Sign-up for an appointment: 9 AM to 1 PM

www.stopwaste.org/marineflares

Marin County

Sunday, October, 25 2026. 8 AM to 12 PM

Clipper Yacht Harbor, 310 Harbor Dr, Sausalito, CA

San Mateo County

Sunday, October, 25 2026.

10 AM to 2 PM.

By Appointment: ONLY.

Call (650) 372-6200 (M-F); visit smchealth.org/hhw, or scan QR Code.

Pillar Point Harbor, 1 Johnson Pier, Half Moon Bay, CA

***NOTE:** This event is open ONLY to San Mateo County residents, boaters who berth in the County, and County commercial boaters who generate less than 100 kg of hazardous waste per month. To participate, you must provide proof of residency, boat berth, or business address in San Mateo County.

Santa Cruz County

Sunday, October, 25 2026. 11 AM to 3 PM

Santa Cruz Harbor Maintenance Yard

425 Brommer St, Santa Cruz, CA



West Contra Costa County

October 14 - October 24, 2026

Wednesday - Saturday, 9 AM - 4 PM

101 Pittsburg Ave, Richmond, CA 94801

***NOTE:** This event is **only** for West Contra Costa (WCC) residents or boaters in the following cities: El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, and San Pablo, and unincorporated Contra Costa County (i.e., El Sobrante, North Richmond, Tara Hills, Rollingwood, East Richmond Heights, Bayview, Montalvin Manor). Boaters must prove WCC residency to participate.



"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.

