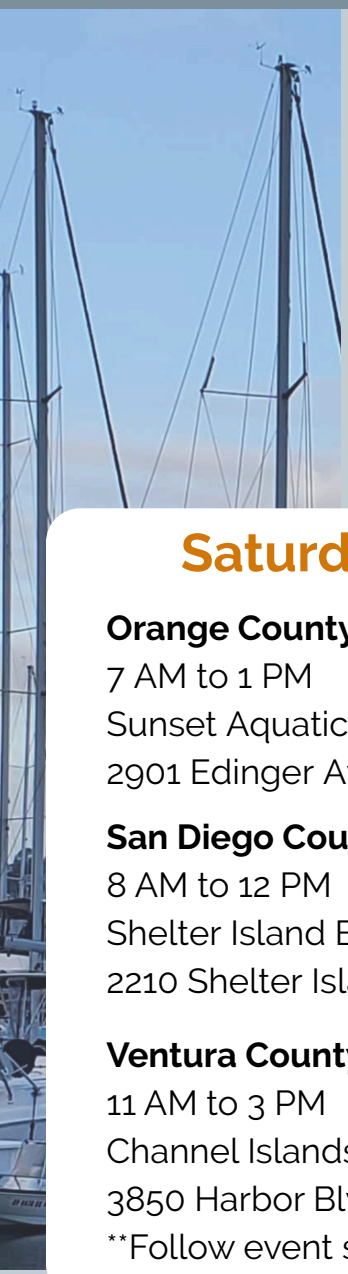
FREE Expired Marine Flare Collection Events



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!

****Flare drop-off during event hours only****

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 Parking Lot
3850 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard, CA 93035
Follow event signs for designated drop-off location.

"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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