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FREE MARINE FLARE COLLECTION EVENT AT THE SANTA CRUZ HARBOR MAINTENANCE YARD

October 24, 2025 – Santa Cruz, CA— The County of Santa Cruz and partner agencies are hosting a free collection event to help boaters and local departments safely dispose of expired or unwanted marine flares.

WHAT: Marine Flare Collection Event

WHERE: Santa Cruz Harbor Maintenance Yard, 425 Brommer Street, Santa Cruz

WHEN: Sunday, November 9, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Marine Flare Collection Event is open to recreational boaters who live in or berth their boats within the participating coverage areas, as well as local fire departments, fire districts, and public works agencies.

Participants are encouraged to arrive with their flares safely packed in a sturdy container and remain in their vehicles while staff unload the materials. Proof of residence or slip fee is required for recreational boaters. No commercial flares or other hazardous waste will be accepted. This event is made possible by funding from CalRecycle.

A Safer, More Sustainable Option

Single-use marine flares, while essential for signaling emergencies, contain toxic materials that can be harmful if not handled or disposed of properly. Residents and agencies are encouraged to consider switching to reusable, battery-operated flares, which are safer, environmentally friendly, and more cost-effective over time. For more information visit: bit.ly/cdi-hhw

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