



COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 21 of 2025

Disposing of Unwanted Marine Flares

(This is a reissue of Local Notice to Mariners No. 65 of 2022, which is hereby cancelled)

Notice is hereby given that from 31st December 2022, HM Coastguard will no longer be offering a voluntary, public-facing flare disposal service to private individuals who have personal flares to dispose of. From that date, private individuals will need to use a third-party disposal service to dispose of their personal flares.

Information regarding registered disposal service providers can be found at [The Green Blue](#) website, which is hosted jointly between the RYA and British Marine.

Further information and guidance can be found in [MIN 687: Changes to how individuals can dispose of redundant flares](#).

None of the CHC sites currently accept flares for disposal, therefore please **do not** leave any flares at the sites.

This local notice to mariners will remain in force until further notice.

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Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.