



Marine Distress Flare Warning

Acceptance of Time Expired Pyrotechnics (TEPs, i.e. out of date flares) at Police Stations

This notice has been circulated to sailing clubs and marinas in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight for the information of their members, owing to the overwhelming quantities of TEPs being handed in at police stations. With immediate effect Hampshire Constabulary stations will accept a **maximum quantity of 10 flares** from **individual members of the public only**.

MCA Marine Rescue Co-ordination Centre Solent will accept TEPs from **individual members of the public, and from small independent fishing vessels**, by prior appointment, tel 023 9255 2100. HM Coastguard is not responsible for the disposal of TEPs and accepts them at its own discretion and subject to storage availability.



Commercial organisations must make alternative arrangements for the collection and disposal of their TEPs: see Marine Guidance Note MGN 287 (M+F) for further details of commercial disposal options.

Please refer to the MCA web site www.mcga.gov.uk for *General Advice for the Disposal of Time Expired Pyrotechnics* and for Marine Guidance Notice MGN287 (M+F), *Disposal of Out of Date Pyrotechnics*.

Hampshire Constabulary
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To report anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood issues, call 101.



In an emergency, dial 999.

