

Disposal of Flares

Disposal of flares is an ongoing issue for boaters. As boaters, we need to replace our flares every four years from the date of manufacture, which is stamped on every flare.



Before we know it we have accumulated way more flares than we can ever hope to use in an emergency, so the issue of flare disposal comes to light.

Thanks to John Basler with the Cornwall Squadron, we have been directed to Roger Lalonde who disposes of flares voluntarily. Roger is one of only two [2] volunteers in Canada that have the pyrotechnic license to 'dispose' of flares. Roger is our local contact and is a CPS Life Member from the Cornwall Squadron.

Roger will dispose of your expired outdated flares, Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacons (EPIRB), personal and commercial emergency locators (ELT), Man-overboard smoke and light signals (pleasure crafts and commercial) by disarming and recycling the parts and disposing in an environmentally friendly way.



There is no fee for this disposal service however you will need to physically get your flares to Roger. This service is open to all boaters whether you are a CPS member or not. Remember - flares are considered a "dangerous good" so mailing or shipping them is not possible.

May we suggest that you co-ordinate your disposal efforts through your Squadron in hopes that a "milk run" can be arranged where different Squadrons collect the flares and then finish off in Cornwall.

Email Roger at seabreez@cogeco.ca to schedule a drop-off time.

Enjoy the water and boat safe.

Gord Alry

P/C Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron