

## PORT CIRCULAR 6 OF 2016

**To:** All Port Operators

**From:** Captain of the Port

**Date:** 4 April 2016

**Re:** EXPIRED DISTRESS FLARES

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The Gibraltar Port Authority would like to inform all port operators that disposal of all flares must be carried out by licenced contractors.

If any have expired or appear to have deteriorated through damage or through being left in water, it is requested that you quarantine them immediately in a separate container and remove them from the vessel as soon as possible.

DO NOT keep them as back-ups and DO NOT set them off on bonfire night. It is a criminal offence to set a distress flare off, other than in a genuine emergency.

Using a distress flare beyond its expiry date could easily lead to serious injury and could potentially cause damage to a vessel or other property.

Currently the only licenced entity providing the service for the disposal of flares is Pyrotech.

Information for safe disposal can be sought from [info@gib-pyrotech.com](mailto:info@gib-pyrotech.com)

**BY ORDER OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT**