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I am hoping to see this bill passed. As a conscientious boater for many years, who dutifully updated his flares whenever necessary, I have accumulated many outdated flares -- far more than are even a prudent seaman needs to carry. Like many other boaters, I am also diligent about not disposing of the flares improperly. The last time I was able to do so was some years ago when Coast Guard Station South Portland held an open house to learn how to use flares that allowed me to discharge a number of them.

I know that many people simply throw their old flares away, which is a disaster waiting to happen. I would be happy to pay a surcharge on new flares and a disposal charge for getting rid of old flares to reduce my stockpile.

I urge you to support this sensible legislation.