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My experience with bailers is that if they are more than a few years old, they nearly always leak. When small bailer leaks become large ones, usually the gasket needs to be replaced. Layline sells replacement gaskets on page 55 of their current catalog. You can obtain a catalog from their website >www.layline.com<. Cost of a gasket is \$13 plus shipping. Much less than a new bailer at 83 bucks!

Gasket replacement is not easy but can be done with some muscle power. First, remove the bailer from the hull. Then separate the "wire" piece from the assembly by spreading it. Separate the remaining parts and remove the old gasket. Be sure to note exactly how the parts go together. Here's the secret: lubricate the new gasket liberally with liquid soap and reassemble the parts. It takes a bit of force. Reinstall the bailer in the hull using a good sealer like 3M 5200.