

Boat Shopper

ESSENTIAL GEAR FOR YOU & YOUR BOAT

Having the right gear is the best way to ensure good times on the water. To make it easy for you, here's a sampling of products that will let you get the most out of your boat and your time aboard.

POWER TALE LIGHTED TRAILER HITCH COVER –

Want to show your patriotism? Your college pride? Change your trailer hitch message to Mom's Taxi when you're not towing your boat? Power Tale trailer hitch accessory allows you to do all of the above with interchangeable graphics. The unit illuminates with standard running lights. The light intensifies when the brakes are applied.

Collegiate, Patriotic, Holiday, Sports and custom themes are available. Fits most standard 2" trailer hitch receptacles. Power Tale, Dept. SB, 5501 Frenchmans Creek, Durham, North Carolina 27713; (919) 361-2001; powertale.com



WONDER WASH MAKES ON BOARD LAUNDRY WONDERFUL –

Laundry on board a vessel without a built-in clothes washer is an unpleasant task at best. It's a choice of either washing everything by hand or lugging sacks of dirty clothes to the closest laundromat. Here's a third alternative: Simply fill the Wonder Wash with water, soap and up to 5 lbs. of laundry, close the pressure lid, and turn the machine handle at 1 turn per second for the recommended time. The manufacturer says the unit can clean 5 lbs. of laundry in just 1-2 minutes. Requires no electricity. Weighs 5.9 lbs. Laundry Alternative, Inc., Dept. SB, P.O. Box 1013, Middletown Springs, VT 05757; (888) 813-9559; laundry-alternative.com

DOCKMATE: YOUR NEW FIRST MATE –

Tired of the stress during the last few minutes of a cruise when you have to grab a cleat and fend off at the same time as you approach the dock? Dockmate aluminum telescoping pole extends to 72", well beyond the reach of a crew member's arms. It features a natural blended rubber loop has the tensile strength of over 900 P.S.I. to quickly and easily secure a cleat or dock piling, at a distance that reduces the risk of damage to your boat. It works equally well when you're trying to raft off to another vessel. Shoreline Supply, Dept. SB, P.O. Box 99, Crystal Lake, IL 60039; (815) 477-2927; shorelinesupply.com

