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HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

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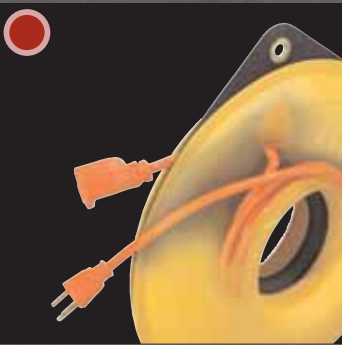
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GIFT HUNTING CAN BE A JOYOUS TIME, or a perilous adventure. As resourceful as you normally are — as proven out on the water — your mind and body seem to naturally stall when it's time to plan your family's gift list. No worries.

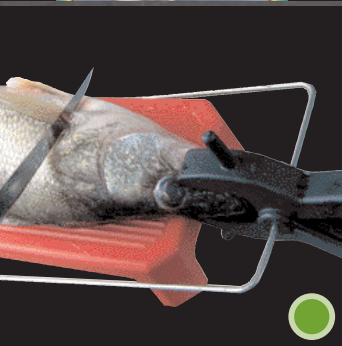
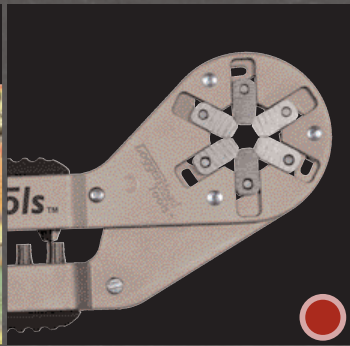
Let this guide be the launching pad for an endless supply of clever ideas, and make this year's hunt for the perfect present part of the festive season. Here are 40 stylish boating gift ideas to help get you started on your holiday list.



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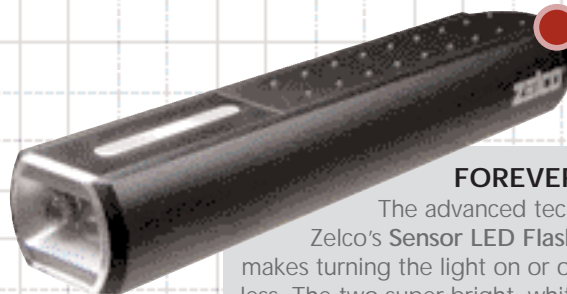
LOOKING GOOD

GADGETS



CLEAR TUNES

Tivoli Audio's first-ever digital portable radio, the **SongBook** (\$159.99) is a travel clock/digital radio that's perfect for your boat's cabin. It has a highly sensitive digital AM/FM tuner for clear and precise reception, and an adjustable, telescoping FM antenna and built-in AM antenna. The radio features a "seek" function to automatically search for signals around the world. It also features an "on demand" blue backlit LCD display that shows the station tuning, as well as a digital clock that includes an alarm and 20-minute sleep timer. (877) 297-9479, www.tivoliaudio.com.



FOREVER LIGHT

The advanced technology of Zelco's **Sensor LED Flashlight** (\$21) makes turning the light on or off effortless. The two super-bright, white LEDs produce a clear, crisp beam that can be seen more than a mile away. LED bulbs are energy efficient since they last for 100,000 hours and never need replacing. An override button on the bottom of the flashlight keeps the power off until you want it on. Two AAA batteries provide a burn time of approximately 17 hours. (800) 431-2486, www.zelco.com.



SPLASHY GROOVES

Sony's first splash-proof marine CD head unit, the **Sony HS70MW** (\$295.99), is resistant to both sunlight and salt-water. The model features a water-deflecting chassis cover, a UV-resistant faceplate finish and a red key illumination/white display configuration for superior visibility. It plays MP3, WMA, AAC and ATRAC formats, and comes satellite- and iPod-adaptor ready. (800) 488-7669, www.xplodsony.com.

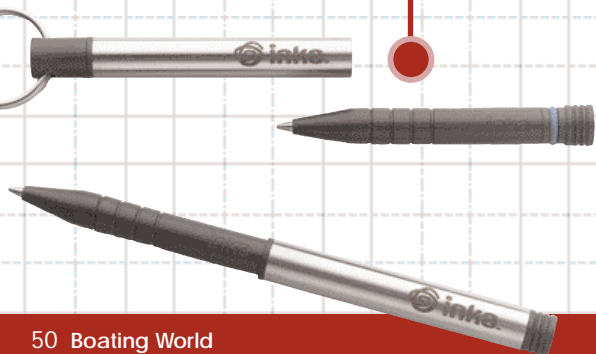
EXTREME PEN

Designed by Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the **Inka Pen's** (\$25) replaceable, pressurized ink cartridge and watertight, O-ring sealed enclosure ensures that it will write at any angle, and even underwater. Constructed from hardened, stainless steel and carbon-fiber composite, it attaches securely onto clothing, gear or keys, and offers excellent corrosion resistance in the most severe environments. (303) 443-5121, www.writeanywhere.com.



SHARK SHOT

Sealife's **DC500 Underwater Digital Camera** (\$499.99) features 5.0 mega-pixels and 3X optical zoom for clear and colorful pictures. It comes with a "Shark Mode" that eliminates shutter lag so you can avoid missing fast-action shots in or out of the water. This compact, one-button camera comes in a protective, rubber-armored case that's rated to a depth of 200 feet. (856) 866-9191, www.sealife-camera.com.





TRACKING TIME

For determining the operating period of an engine in elapsed hours, Sunpro's **Hour Meters** (\$45.99) are ideal for tracking the running time of your boat for scheduled maintenance, rental-use time, and warranty and service records. Both an analog and digital readout are available, complete with necessary mounting brackets for display. (216) 898-9200 www.sunpro.com.

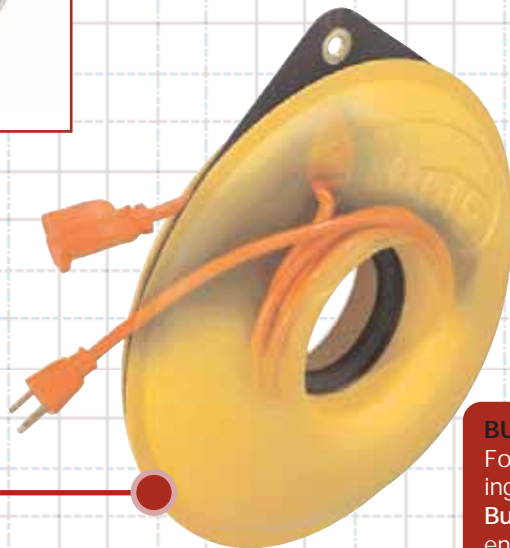


SAVING CASE

The **S3 Amabilia AMRE2300's** (\$119.90) industrial-strength protection exemplifies the new line of high-impact, waterproof cases from Italian designer Amabilia of High Performance Resin Cases (HPRC). The lightweight, watertight protective case offers the ultimate protection of electronic items out on the water, including cell phones, photography equipment, GPS units and two-way radios. (888) 924-2440, www.s3cases.com.

CORD CONTROL

The **Cordpro** (\$14.95) is a power cord management device that takes the struggle out of untangling cords when you are out on the dock on your boat. This donut-shaped contraption prevents cords from getting tangled by allowing only the desired amount of cord to be dispensed. Just feed the cord into the Cordpro, insert the plug end of the cord into the wall, place the Cordpro wherever desired, grab the opposite end and unwind. The remainder of the cord is neatly kept contained inside the Cordpro, untangled and ready for immediate use. (800) 700-6784, www.cordpro.com.



BIONIC MULTI-TOOL

The first in a series of multi-tools of the award-winning Bionic Wrench® technology, Loggerhead Tool's **ImmiX™ Universal Tool** (\$74.95) blends the functionality of up to 34 full-sized tools in one universal design. This compact multi-tool features two retractable, stainless-steel knife blades and assorted standard screwdriver heads. It has an electrolysis nickel finish and comes in a durable synthetic case with a leather belt loop. (888) 564-4374, www.loggerheadtools.com.

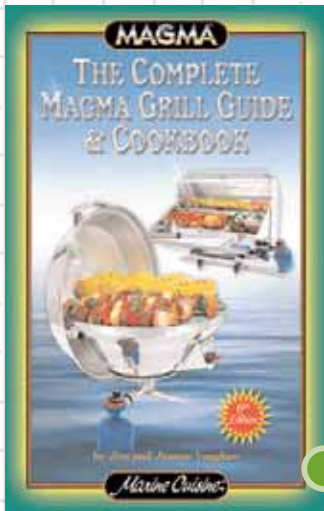


BUFF POWER

For early season wax application or mid-season sprucing, the powerful Ryobi One+ System's **P430 18-volt Buffer/Polisher** (\$29.97) cordless buffer/polisher enables boaters to quickly clean and buff. At 4,000 orbits a minute, the 6-inch orbital pad handles a large working surface area in no time, with a Grip Zone that allows for an easy one- or two-hand operation. The unit comes with an application and buffing bonnet and is available exclusively at Home Depot. (800) 525-2579, www.ryobitools.com.



ONBOARD ENTERTAINING



STICK ONBOARD

Perfect for onboard living, Stixx Suctionware™ by DFL™ has created a **Paper Towel Holder** (\$27.99) that's suction-based and less likely to plunge away from you and into the water. This stainless-steel product adheres to the counter top and features a brake to control the amount of paper reeling off the roll. For easy towel loading, simply press the release button to remove the lid, load the roll and replace the top. (212) 679-7702, www.dfl-designforliving.com.



JUICE IT UP

Leatherman's **Juice C4S** (\$75) knife is great for an emergency picnic on the docks. The C4S comes with a corkscrew, useful serrated scissors and other handy-quick tools, including pliers, wire cutters, and four screwdrivers, as well as a convenient saw and awl. Built on a medium-sized chassis, it's protected by ice-blue anodized aluminum handles and has a lanyard attachment to keep it nearby and ready for use. (800) 847-8665, www.leatherman.com.

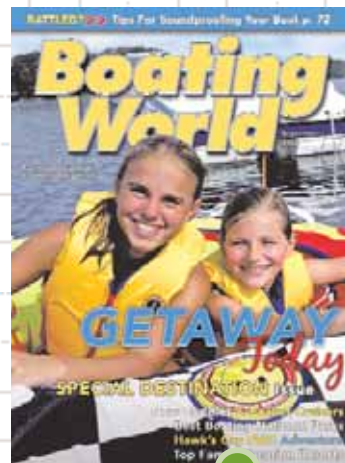
MAGMA COOKS

The sixth edition of Magma Products' popular *The Complete Magma Grill Guide and Cookbook* (\$9.95), by Jim and Jeanne Vaughan, contains 130 pages of easy-to-prepare recipes, techniques and insider tips on how to get the most enjoyment out of onboard grilling. Written for both amateur and professional chefs who use Magma grills, the Magma cookbook guides users through full-course meals, from appetizers to dessert. (562) 627-0500, www.magmaproducts.com.



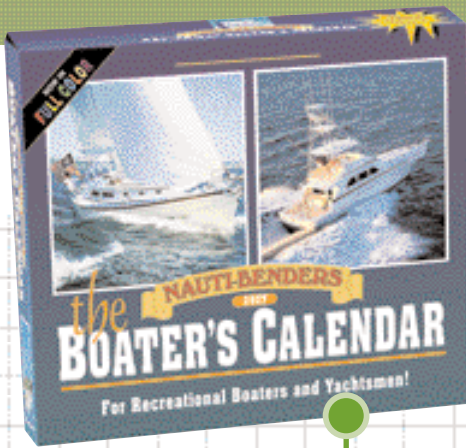
FLIPPIN' FUN

Rockhill Products' **Flip-Flop** (\$19.99) fillet board lets you clean one side of your fish, then quickly flip it over to clean the other half. This fish cleaning board has an attached stainless-steel swing-arm that's fitted with a high-strength nylon clamp. Opening up to 3 inches wide, the clamp allows you to grab hold of any size fish and securely brace it for scaling, skinning or filleting. This high-impact, polystyrene plastic board has rounded grooves to provide you with a non-slip surface, making it easier to both fillet and clean. www.rockhillproducts.com.



SURE THING

Still not sure what to give your loved ones this holiday season? When in doubt, just remember that any boater would enjoy a one-year subscription to everyone's favorite *Boating World* magazine (\$12.95 for 10 issues). To subscribe, contact (770) 955-5656 or visit www.boating-world.com.



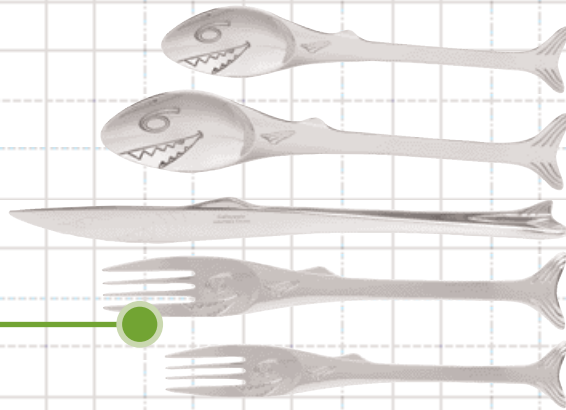
MARK YOUR DATES

Never miss a boating date with Penchant Publishing's 13th edition **Nauti-Benders Page-A-Day Boater's Calendar** (\$13.99). This fully illustrated, daily calendar has a nautical puzzle on every page, and covers every aspect of boating, from the simplest to most complex boating topics, in an easy-to-understand format. (603) 383-4000, www.penchantpublishing.com.



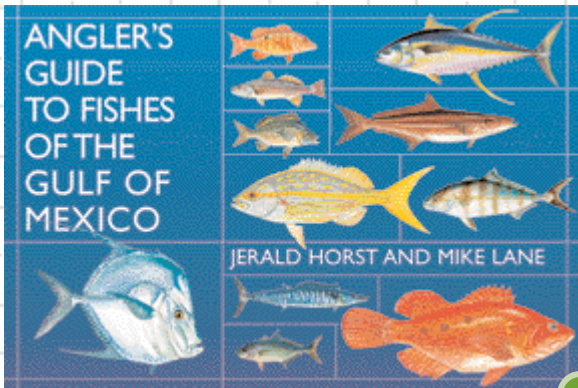
FISH FLAIR

Designed with an angler's flair, Galleyware's **FishStix** flatware (\$69.95) is a complete 20-piece set that features an engraved smiling fish on each piece of flatware. Great for coastal living and guests aboard your boat, this five-piece place setting is 100 percent stainless steel and includes a knife, salad fork, dinner fork, teaspoon and table-spoon. (302) 996-9480, www.galleyware.com.



PICNIC IN STYLE

For an unforgettable picnic out on your next boating excursion, **Ascot's Ultimate Backpack For Four** (\$109.99) includes all the accessories you need, complete with a **Thermal Shield™** insulation system for your food and drinks, a large 55-inch-by-55-inch soft woven blanket with carrier, an extra front storage compartment, and insulated detachable wine pouch. (877) 676-9266, www.picnicatascot.com.



GULF SOUTH GUIDE

A top-notch fishing guidebook, **Angler's Guide to Fishes of the Gulf of Mexico** (\$35), by Jerald Horst and Mike Lane, is a practical one-stop reference and must-have for anglers fishing in the Gulf South. Filled with superb illustrations and detailed diagnostics, this intensively researched data also makes an invaluable tool for biologists and fisheries experts. (504) 368-1175, www.pelicanpub.com.

HOT TEA-ZER

If you like to enjoy a little hot tea on cool mornings on your boat, check out the Tea-zer™ beverage holder's **Tea Tumbler Tea Sampler** (\$19.99). It includes the Tea-zer brewer and carafe and four separate tins of loose-leaf I-opener™ tea, including black oolong, jasmine and rose. The Tea-zer 10-ounce, loose-leaf brewer system features double-wall construction for retaining heat, a stainless-steel basket for the tea bags, and an innovative sip lid with perforated holes that prevents swallowing loose-leaf particles and decreases spills. (800) 753-5647, www.pacific-cornetta.com.



ADVENTURE



PADDLE ON

Paddling enthusiasts can get the portability of an inflatable kayak with the rigidity of a hardshell in West Marine's **Advanced Frame™ Single Touring Kayak** (\$399.99). The removable aluminum rib forms and reinforced seams give the bow and stern a rigid shape that improves paddling efficiency and tracking ability. Its large rear compartment and forward bungee deck lacing provide extra space for camping gear, and includes military-spec air valves, carry duffel and a foot pump. (800) 685-4838, www.westmarine.com.



BEEF IT UP

With a complete overhaul for 2007, CWB's **Transcend 138** wakeboard (\$495) is made for those who enjoy the hardest "wake-to-wake buck" on the water. It has twin tunnels off the tip and tail, a beefed-up center spine, and a fin system that extends for added traction. The Transcend has an innovative center spine to break up landings, as well as an extensive smooth top shaping for the tip and tail. (425) 775-5416, www.ridecwb.com.



SAFETY ESSENTIALS

To maintain your family's health and safety during your next adventure, Athena Brands offers **Safety-To-Go** (\$99), a unique emergency preparedness kit designed for three specific needs during any type of disaster — cooking, food and safety. The kit comes with essentials for survival during any emergency, including lighting, radio, first aid, blankets, light sticks and water purification tablets. In addition, it contains a Wind 'N Go flashlight and mini LED lantern, which don't require batteries or electricity to operate. The durable nylon bag also doubles as a cooler. (800) 272-8603, www.athensbrands.com.



GLOBAL FORCE

Sportstuff's **Nuclear Globe** (\$289.95) bump-and-bounce, 7-inch sphere inflatable has the inset cups on the outer surface to help you grip and paddle the globe as you spin through the water. It features a heavy-gauge PVC bladder, speed safety valve and tie-down grommets. (888) 814-8833, www.sportstuff.com.

REEL DEEP

Specifically designed for deep-drop fishing, Daiwa's **Seaborg SB500Fe Fishing Reel** (\$599.95) is a "power-assist" tackle that's portable and user-friendly. The interchangeable, compact batteries give the reel mobility around the boat, and is great for casting jigs and large baits, or for dropping to depths of 800 feet. Special features include a programmable jigging function, 11 ball bearings plus roller bearing, and a compact, castable design. (800) 736-4653, www.daiwa.com.





ROD AND REEL IT

A unique addition to any angler's fishing equipment, Plano Tackle Systems' 1415 Z Series Rod and Reel Case (\$49.99) is the perfect blend of hard case protection and soft-case convenience. Constructed from heavy-duty molded EVA foam exterior, this hybrid case is large enough to carry two two-piece fishing rods with reels attached up to 6 feet 6 inches in length. The case measures 55.5 inches by 9.5 inches by 5 inches, and is lined with a molder foam interior. (630) 552-3111, www.planomolding.com.

AIRHEAD FOR TWO

A state-of-the-art, kid-friendly craft, Kwik Tek's Airhead Viper 2 (\$228.99) is a cockpit-style towable that has a hull-like bottom for a lively, yet stable ride. The Viper series are a favorite for young NASCAR fans and small children who feel more secure riding on the inflated cockpit floors. The durable, 30-gauge bladders are completely encased in double-stitched nylon, with no exposed PVC, and the handles have neoprene knuckle guards for comfort. (800) 436-9219, www.kwiktek.com.



COOL FISHIN'

The first and only mobile storage unit on the rear of a personal watercraft, CoolCruise's CoolFish (\$299.99) allows fisherman to keep bait or fish alive aboard their craft. The fisherman-friendly system consists of an Igloo marine grade cooler with a 25-quart aerator, a booted waterproof switch and 30 inches of air-line tubing. CoolCruise's universal fit allows for easy installation on most personal watercrafts. It's lightweight and easily detached for cleaning, towing or off-season storage. (662) 808-COOL, www.coolcruise.com.



FUTURE ANGLERS

The perfect gift for future anglers, a portion of the proceeds from purchasing Plano Molding's "Take Me Fishing" Starter Tackle Box (\$9.99) will be donated to the Future Fisherman Foundation, which aims to bring the wonderful sport of fishing to everyone. The tackle box includes assorted starter tackle, brass bailed latch and a full-size lift-out tray. (703) 519-9691, www.futurefisherman.org.



CONTOUR YOUR CRUISE

One of Connelly's best cruisin' tubes, the Dually Deluxe Tube (\$179.99) is a fully covered, two-rider inflatable with contoured, air-filled back supports, 2-inch thick, removable 840 Denier nylon-encased seat cushions and padded handles with foam backed knuckle guards. The inflatable uses a 30-gauge PVC for the right amount of inflation without shape distortion. Its internally reinforced handle system eliminates all surface-mounted webbing and rough-cut edges from around the grip area. (425) 775-5416, www.connellyskis.com.



LOOKING GOOD



EXOTIC EYES

For performance eyewear, Costa Del Mar's **Bahia Mar** sunglasses (starting at \$169) offer superior lens technology, fit and durability, and come with a lifetime warranty. Reminiscent of the popular "aviator" style, the teardrop-shaped lenses provide greater coverage from the wind and sun. Made from nickel-silver alloy, they're hypoallergenic, polished and laser-welded for a lightweight fit. (800) 447-3700, www.costadelmar.com.

STUFF IT

Built for marine lifestyles, SportPak's new **Stuffbags™** (\$4.97-\$8.97) are made tough, with extra-durable, waterproof nylons and oversized zippers. Available in four sizes, the Stuffbags have double-sewn seams that are seam taped to produce an industrial-strength carrier to keep your gear dry and organized. (800) 258-8458, www.sportpak.net.



COVER UP

When on-water conditions call for extra protection, Sea-Doo's **Riding Jacket** (\$199.99) has you covered. Designed for both the active watercraft rider and the casual boater, this water-resistant, breathable jacket is lightweight and engineered for all types of weather conditions. It has a removable, adjustable hood with translucent panels for 180-degree peripheral vision, a key clip in the inside right pocket, oversized mesh pockets for gloves or goggles, underarm ventilation, adjustable hem and wrist rings, and reflective details. (715) 848-4957, www.sea-doo.com.

HIP AND COMFY

SmartWool's women's **Synergy Pants** (\$110) are cool-weather pants made with a comfy-wide waistband and blends of SmartWool and nylon for a closed-knit fabric, which sheds moisture on the outside, while still absorbing and then evaporating it from the inside. This versatile piece can be rolled over to wear lower to the shape of a hip yoga pant. (800) 550-WOOL, www.smartwool.com.

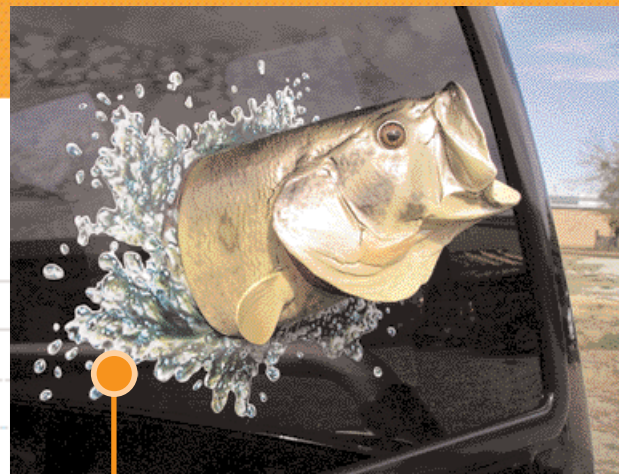


PERFECT SIGHT

TYR's **Aqua Shield II** (\$50) goggles offer the ultimate solution for hard-core watersports enthusiasts constantly battling the glare and salt from the water. These floatable favorites feature anti-glare, reflective-coated lenses with UV protection, and a vented wraparound lightweight frame that optimizes field of vision. They're made with an adjustable elastic woven headstrap and include a soft pouch for storage. (800) 252-7878, www.tyr.com.

GROWING FEET

Now available in kids' sizes, Chaco® **Headwaters** sandals (\$50) are the next generation in performance sandals. As the only APMA (American Podiatric Medical Association) approved sandals for kids on the market, they feature a BioCentric™ footbed that help kids avoid common foot and developmental problems. The adjustable pull-through strap system accommodates growing feet, and the open design helps keep kids' feet staying cool and comfortable. (970) 527-4990, www.chacousa.com.



BASS OUT

Let it all hang out with a ShatterSports' 3-D Static Cling Bass (\$14.95) window decal, featuring a largemouth black bass molded from an actual fish and hand-painted with authentic details, right down to the bright red gills and realistic eyes. When applied to a window, the ShatterSports 3-D Static Cling Bass looks like it's jumping right out of the water. (888) 242-4415, www.shattersports.com.

FLOATY DOGS

Neo-Paws™ International's **Life Vest** (\$26-\$52) is your dog's new best friend out on the water; it's reflective handles make the preserver visible both day and night, and allow you to pull your pet quickly out of the water with ease and comfort. The life vest is made of a sturdy nylon and is available in seven sizes — XS to XXXL — to fit any breed of dog. (888) 364-7463, www.neopaws.com.



FANNY FLOAT

Keep you and your belongings afloat with Stearns' **Inflata-Belt™ Max Belt Pack** (\$94.99), an adjustable waist bag that automatically inflates when submerged in the water. Worn comfortably around the waist, the heavy-duty waist belt and torso straps slide for a custom fit. (800) 333-1179, www.stearnsinc.com.

CASUAL WARMTH

If you're looking for cold-weather clothing that can be fashionably worn in layers or stand alone, Gill's new **Traverse Crew Neck** (\$89.95) offers a casual style with high-tech performance. Warm and easy to wear, the Traverse wear has a knitted outer-fabric bonded with a micro-fleece lining, which creates a highly breathable fabric that provides plenty of warmth. (770) 945-0564, www.gillna.com.

