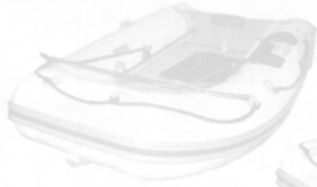


1. Doggy Dozing If your dog spends his days lounging on the deck of your boat, now he can do it in style and proper boating fashion, with First Mate Pets' new line of pet beds designed specifically for the marine environment. Offered in three sizes (starting at \$139) and two colors (classic navy and linen), the beds feature a nonskid bottom, and are water, stain, mildew and fade resistant. The cushion is a solid piece of density memory foam, which is encased in a removable ripstop nylon lining and an outer Sunbrella cover. The beds roll up for storage and come with a free storage bag and tie downs. First Mate Pets, www.firstmatepets.com.



2. All Aboard! Let's face it, dinghies aren't the easiest vessels to get in and out of. But with a Ding-ez boarding bar, you'll have a much easier time hopping in the dinghy for a ride. The company offers two types of bars—a collapsible bar that folds down atop the pontoons (\$399–\$459), and a bow bar that mounts to a boarding step or seat in the bow (\$239). All bars are made of stainless steel and will fit any dinghy up to 15-feet long. Ding-ez, 877-602-2922; ding-ez.com.



3. Electrify It When your days of grinding winches are coming to an end (or you're just flat-out tired of hauling sails up manually), you have few options . . . buy a powerboat, or electrify your winches. As you know, neither of these options is cheap, but there is a third option. For \$699 (considerably less than electric winches), the WinchRite will do all the hard work for you. Weighing in at a mere 6.5 pounds, the WinchRite socket pops right into your winch and from there, just pull the trigger and up goes the sail. The cordless, weather resistant, device has a variable speed and dual rotation and is as easy to store as your old winch handles (it floats, too). Sailology, 661-312-0546; www.sailology.com.



4. Find Me With DSC Nobody wants to fall overboard, but with the ever-changing technologies in the world of personal locator beacons [see *Nautical Know-How*, November 2010], at least now rescuers can find you easily. One such new technology, the Orcadsc, developed by BriarTek, longtime makers of Naval man overboard systems, uses Digital Selective Calling (DSC) to alert that there's a man overboard. No extra equipment is required, just a little programming of your MMSI number into the device and you're good to go. If the 3-ounce device (\$375) is submerged for about 3 seconds, it will send an alarm to your VHF radio on channel 70, alerting captain and crew that a member has gone in the drink. Rescue authorities can also locate the man overboard by the device's locating signal. BriarTek, 703-548-7892; www.briartek.com.



5. A Hanging Chadd The Chadd Padd is a reusable mat designed to sop up fuel or oil before it reaches the water. That's good for the environment, and might even save you a fine. The 10" x 10" bib-like device fits over the fill ports of most recreational boats and can absorb up to 4.5 ounces of fuel or oil. It is antistatic treated, and can also be used as a drip pad when changing or refilling hydraulic fluid. The Chadd Padd has a suggested retail price of \$10 for 6 mats, while a roll of 36 sells for \$35. Chadd Padd, 888-393-8358; www.chaddpadd.com.

