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Good Gear & Equipment

On the market today there's a vast array of great gear, gizmos and equipment available to outfit your new trailerboat. Let's check out some of the best of these products and services.

When you buy a new boat package there is often a limit to what you can get fitted at the dealer level. The fit-out and set up process will continue for some months after you take delivery of your new pride and joy.

For most people, this process of making a new boat "your own" is an enjoyable one. Fitting new gadgets, tinkering with this and that on the boat to get it "just right" is part of the boat ownership process. And, there's no shortage of good gear and equipment that you can buy to make your boat just that bit better, easier to use, or more practical.

3M Boat Care Products

When you wander into a marine chandlery or boat shop, you'll find there is a great variety of boat care and maintenance products to choose from. One of the best brands on the market is 3M Marine. 3M has a huge range of products designed specifically for marine use. The company has waxes for fibreglass boats, along with a full range of marine adhesives and sealants.



For fibreglass boats for example, 3M has a range of different polishes and waxes. For new or good condition boats, 3M recommends its Marine Protective Liquid Wax, or its Marine

Clean & Shine Wax. Both of these products combine a cleaner, rubbing compound restorer and high gloss wax into the one application.

For fibreglass surfaces with light or medium oxidation, 3M's Fibreglass Cleaner & Wax is ideal. This combines a light cutting compound and a wax finish to provide a high gloss and durable protection from external contaminants. It also contains a retardant to reduce damage caused by ultra violet light.

For older trailerboats, or those with heavy oxidation, chalking, fading, minor scratches, rust and exhaust stains, 3M recommends its Marine Fibreglass Restorer & Wax. One application of this stuff will do wonders for your boat's exterior finish, especially if it's looking tired and worn.

In addition to its full range of polishes and waxes, 3M has products designed to

rejuvenate dull, tired looking upholstery and plastics. Some of these products include 3M Marine Outdoor Vinyl Cleaner, Conditioner & Protector, 3M Marine Vinyl Cleaner & Restorer, and 3M Marine Clear Plastic Restorer. The latter is ideal for removing fine scratches and haziness from most marine plastics.

Contact: www.3m.com.au - or call 136 136.

Boatcatch Quick Launcher

Thanks to Boatcatch, slipping and sliding on the boat ramp will be a thing of the past. It's a unique coupling device that allows you to quickly and efficiently launch or retrieve your boat onto its trailer without setting foot on the boat ramp.

Boatcatch reduces the danger and wasted time inherent in traditional launch and retrieval methods. You can quickly motor off and on, thereby eliminating the stress of holding up other boats.

Made of 100% marine grade stainless steel and starting at 8 kg this incredibly strong, robust, and innovative product will give you the confidence to launch and retrieve from the comfort of your boat - especially convenient if you're on your own.

With only three moving parts it requires little maintenance and being highly polished Boatcatch is an attractive accessory to any trailerboat.

Australian designed and assembled, it's available in two sizes - small for boats up to 6.0 m, and large for boats over 6.0 m. The device comes with a universal mounting bracket and a lifetime warranty. Boatcatch is available online or through most boating suppliers. RRP: \$440 (Smaller size) and \$638 (Larger size). Contact: www.boatcatch.com.

Easy Anchoring With Woolfinch!

Are you tired of heaving on that anchor rope every time you change fishing spots? Or maybe you're not quite as strong as you once were? Well the answer to your anchoring woes is to invest in a Woolfinch electric anchor winch.

The Woolfinch was developed by



former commercial fisherman, Jeff Woolford. Disappointed with the way some winches are put together, Jeff decided to build his own winch - one that was "simple, robust and idiot proof." The prototype was soon developed, and when others showed great interest in the Woolfinch (and coaxed Jeff into building a winch for them) what started out as a hobby became a fully fledged business.

Today there are four standard models in the Woolfinch range. They include the Model 1500 for boats up to around 5.2 m, the Model 2000 for craft in the 5.5 - 7.0 m range, the Model 2500 for craft 7.3 m - 9.0 m, and the Model 3000 for craft to 12 m.

All Woolfinch drums are made from marine grade aluminium and stainless steel, the electronics are sealed from the elements and there are two motor sizes available (1400w and 1700w).

