

Duncan Kent browses the boating market to bring you a heads up on the latest new kit.



IPAD CASE AND MOUNT £69.99

OverBoard, a leading designer and manufacturer of watersports and travel gear and official kit supplier to the RNLI, has launched a new, waterproof iPad Case Mount that allows complete protection for any iPad in all weather conditions.

Installing the iPad Case Mount is a breeze with three mounting processes to suit the needs of any boat. The Direct Surface Case Mount (£69.99), Fixed Rail Mount (£18) and Flexible Ram Mount (£30) provide the best fit on any boat deck, helm or grab rail.

The Case Mount is compatible with the OverBoard Waterproof iPad Case, which fits all models including the new iPad and enables full use of all touch screen controls. The case features the patented Slide Seal System ensuring your iPad is 100 per cent waterproof down to 6m depth, and will also float if dropped overboard.

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NEW MCMURDO FAST FIND 220 PLB £270

Safety specialist, McMurdo, has extended its range of emergency Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) its new Fast Find 220. This ground breaking satellite PLB is a stylish and versatile 406 MHz emergency beacon with built-in GPS, enabling a typical positional accuracy of $\pm 62m$. The 220 also benefits from new contemporary styling, including retro-reflective detailing for improved visibility in low light, a 6-year battery storage life and a floating pouch.

Waterproof to 10m and able to operate down to $-20^{\circ}C$, the Fast Find 220 provides a direct method of alerting the search and rescue authorities where no other forms of communication are available, using the 406 MHz SAR satellite communication system, COSPAS SARSAT. Despite its powerful 5W output, once activated it transmits continuously for a minimum of 24 hours. It also transmits a 121.5MHz homing signal and has a flashing LED to assist with night rescues.

Pocket-sized, the beacon weighs just 152gm and measures 34mm (D) x 47mm (W) x 106mm (L) and is supplied with a flotation pouch, lanyard and universal carrying pouch.

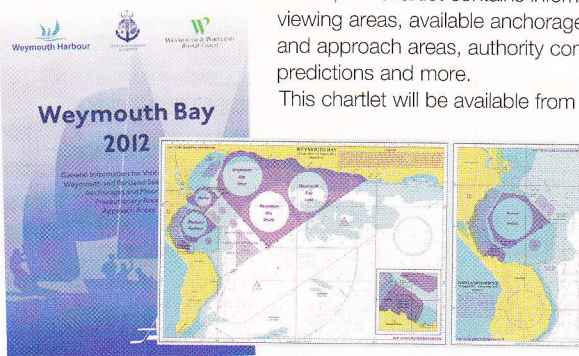


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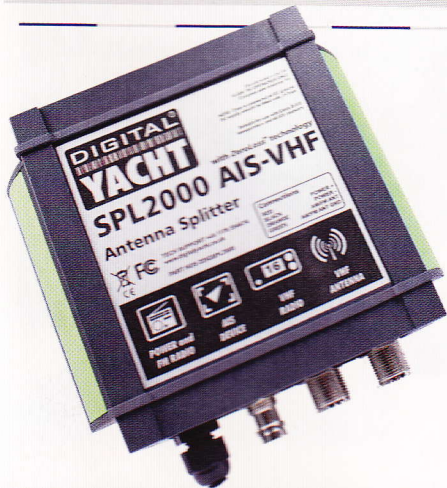
ADMIRALTY OLYMPIC CHARTLET £10

In collaboration with Portland and Weymouth Harbour Authorities, the UKHO has produced a laminated Admiralty chartlet specifically for visitors to the Olympic 2012 sailing events showing all the official information needed by visitors to the area in a folded, A4-size special edition. Based on precisely the same data that the UKHO is providing to officials and safety authorities during the events, the chartlet contains information of the event sailing and viewing areas, available anchorages and moorings, precautionary and approach areas, authority contacts, VHF channels, tidal predictions and more.

This chartlet will be available from Admiralty Distributors nationally and from most chandlers in and around the Weymouth and Portland area.



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AVIS-VHF ANTENNA SPLITTER £240

With more and more boat owners installing AIS receivers or transponders, the biggest issue surrounding the equipment is the installation of the extra antennas that are required. AIS requires a VHF antenna, but Digital Yacht's new SPL2000 AIS-VHF Antenna Splitter allows an existing antenna to be used for both the AIS and DSC VHF, and even with an AM/FM radio. Unlike most simple splitters, it can also be used with a Class-B transponder and incorporates special circuitry to ensure safe operation of the two transmitting devices.

The unit has four simple connections – an input for the main VHF antenna and then outputs for the AIS receiver/transponder, DSC VHF as well as an optional car radio output. It utilises Digital Yacht's new, patented, ZeroLoss technology to ensure the very best reception and transmission from all devices and, most importantly, it is fail safe – so should the unit ever stop working or lose power, it will not affect VHF radio operation.

The SPL2000 is waterproof, 12/24V, and the casing matches the current range of AIS transponders and receivers.

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