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*Just like the wind... it's free!*

## Product News

## Lowtide

The **Sailing GPS** is an innovative new portable designed specifically for sailing. Just enter the directions of the wind and your destination, and presto, your optimal tacking angles are displayed. Add information like boat length, wind speed, and distance to the waypoint, to get a unique read-out of the **Tacking Time to Destination™** and distance on each tack.

Standard GPS chartplotters do not account for the fact that sailboats need to

zig-zag upwind. But if they don't know sailboats tack, they don't know how far you are actually traveling to get to your waypoint. And without knowing that distance, obviously it is impossible to calculate the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) correctly. The Sailing GPS solves this problem.

The Sailing GPS also has a special artificial intelligence program for learning the unique performance for your individual vessel on all points of sail (the "polar plot"). Polar

plots are sometimes simulated by velocity prediction software, and some manufacturers provide these specifications for a new model of boat. However, that doesn't account for the fact that even with two skippers having the exact same model of boat, one may be weighed down with anchors and cruising gear, while the other has new sails and a smooth hull for racing. The Sailing GPS provides individual polar plots for each vessel, to provide the most accurate projections of the shortest arrival times and optimal tacking angles.

For more information check [www.TheSailingGPS.com](http://www.TheSailingGPS.com)



A common sailboat aggravation is protecting the engine control panel in your cockpit from the ravages of sun and rain. There are countless ways to enclose it in a box or construct a pseudo-window to shield it from the elements. Unfortunately, these options are often inconvenient and unattractive. Some sailors buy a new panel, which may be difficult for older models.

Now there is an inexpensive and elegant solution that both looks good and works well — the **PanelVisor™**.



A clear plastic shield to protect Yanmar B-type panels from weathering.

The **PanelVisor™** is made of Lexan with UV protective coating on both sides. Tachometer and indicator lights are clearly visible, with easy access to the ignition switch and stop button. The visor attaches directly to the panel using its existing holes. Its low profile design means no obstructions in the cockpit; it protrudes less than the key does.

For more information go to [www.SeaworthyGoods.com](http://www.SeaworthyGoods.com)

**IntelligentBoatCare** announces two new products; **AShipShapeSailboat** and **AShipShapeMotorboat**. Using Anticipated Event Forecasting, the Shipshape software products predict and manage what maintenance is due and when. A customizable and intuitive graphical interface makes the software easy and a pleasure to use. Detailed maintenance schedules have

been carefully written by experienced marine industry professionals - IntelligentBoatCare has done most of the work already.

**AShipShapeSailboat™** lets you know what needs doing and when to do it. It tells you the parts you need and the tools that might help you get the job done.



And when you can't remember where you stored the part that you need, the program will even tell you where you put it!

Now you can do your planning at home on your computer and arrive at the boat ready to get to work.

For more information contact [www.intelligentboatcare.com](http://www.intelligentboatcare.com)

A simple and clever solution to increasing the cooking area, the **Boaties Fry Pan** is a pan designed specifically for use on boats and recreational vehicles. The rectangular form provides significantly more "cooking-space." This is the first time that the product - which is a huge success in Europe and down under - is available in North America.

The 10" x 8" frying pan is made of



heavy gauge aluminum, and provides good heat transfer and consistent cooking temperatures right into the corners of the pan.

Two layers of non-stick coating makes low fat cooking easy.

The compact handle with an oven-proof silicone rubberized grip minimizes the overhang from the stove, while the sloped front

edge makes it easy to slide hot food off the pan. Pouring hot liquids is easy and accurate, using one of the corners as a spout.

You can now fit a full size frying pan on your stove at the same time as a kettle, a large pot or even a second Boaties Fry Pan.

An optional Stainless steel, domed lid is now available for the pan and increases the cooking functionality greatly.

For more information check [www.salisboatsupply.com](http://www.salisboatsupply.com)