



Press Release

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Holiday Gifts for your nautical loved one or two...

The holiday season is upon us again, all across the land both sailor, fisherman, power boater and jet skier are thinking of holiday treats.

So, what should you get your loved one who has the nautical bug?

With tight budgets, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has some holiday ideas for you. Since the major mission of the Auxiliary is recreational boating safety, our suggestions will have safety of your loved one in mind.

We're going to group them into three categories, under \$200, under \$50 and priceless.

For those whose budget is not so constrained, here are a few ideas at under \$200:

- A four pack of Type III life jackets with holding bag
- A commercially prepared first aid kit
- A 12-gauge Flare gun

- Throw ropes
- Overboard poles
- Radar Reflector
- Safety harness
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Fuel vapor detectors (although your nose is the best detector)

For under \$50, you can get these types of gifts:

- A personal strobe for your life jacket
- Personal marker lights (chemical lightstick)
- Safety whistle
- Safety netting
- Type IV life saving devices
- Push button portable air horn

Items that are priceless:

- One of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary boating courses:
 - Multi-session courses:
 - Boating Safely
 - Boating Skills & Seamanship
 - Sailing Skills & Seamanship
 - Weekend Navigator
 - Seminars:
 - About Boating Safely
 - GPS for Mariners
 - How to Read a Nautical Chart

- Personal Water Craft Safety
- Suddenly in Command
- And for the kids:
 - Boating Fun
 - Waypoints

Last item – becoming a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and giving back to the community.

For more information on USCG Auxiliary courses, go to: <http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/>.

To join the Auxiliary, go to: <http://join.cgaux.org/>

From the 30,808 members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, have a safe and happy holiday season.