

Boating Basics: New Tool Sets For Mariners

(NAPSA)—Oh, buoy! Summer is here, and for many people, that means it's time to roll back the tarp and launch the family skiff.

According to a study by the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), 72 million people in the United States participate in recreational boating and a total of 17.5 million watercraft sail our lakes, rivers and oceans.

As every experienced boater knows, what's endearingly called "that hole in the water you pour money into" requires an awful lot of care to maintain seaworthiness. Sealing seams, safety checking equipment and polishing stanchions are labors of love for boating enthusiasts.

As with other sports vehicles, keeping a boat in tip-top condition requires a virtual cache of specialty tools. First and foremost, there's the need to stow a set of rust-resistant handtools housed in a water-resistant case—with a typical set including an assortment of hex keys, screwdrivers, sockets and ratchet handles in various sizes.

For example, a series of four specialty Great Neck Mariner's Tool Sets includes tool collections for powerboats, sail boats, personal watercraft, and trailer maintenance and repair, each housed in a portable, easy-to-stow waterproof case. Each set contains a complete assortment of tools,



Keeping your boat shipshape can be easier and less expensive with a set of quality tools.

ranging from electrical testers to spark plugs, for a specific type of watercraft or conveyance.

"Having a well-stocked tool set designed for harsh salt air conditions on board is a must not only for safety reasons but also for convenience," said Steve Maltese, Great Neck Saw's director of marketing.

Great Neck Mariner's Sets range from \$29.99 to \$69.99 and come with a limited lifetime warranty. They're carried at Gander Mountain, Marine One, Sportsman's Warehouse, West Marine, Valor and other fine retailers nationwide.

The entire Great Neck Saw line of quality hand tools can be viewed online at www.greatnecksaw.com.