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ROUND-UP OF NEW EQUIPMENT

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New gear

CCTV for yachts

Marine theft is as frustrating as it is costly. Bob Angell's patience finally wore out when his outboard was stolen from his yacht's swinging mooring on the River Hamble. His quest for peace of mind resulted in the development of C-view's CCTV system for boats. Simple but effective, the entry-level 'MemoCam Plus' package uses a camera to automatically record events onto a removable memory card, once a motion detector has been triggered. MultiMedia cards (ranging from 16-64MB) can store up to 10,000 monochrome images in high-resolution format, which you can remove and view.

Incorporating camera, motion sensor and MMC card, the main unit resembles a smoke detector, so will probably go unnoticed by an intruder – but if you want to foil a heist you can set it to trigger an audible or visible alarm upon detection. Memocam includes



LEFT: Camera unit, remote control and memory chip
 BELOW: 'Live' onboard

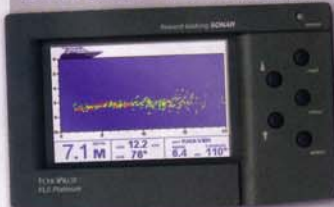
three input terminals so you can add either more CCTV cameras, or pressure sensors to the cabin sole or hatch.

As soon as either of these are triggered or motion is detected by the camera's sensor, it begins recording events.

For yachtsmen seeking further security, C-view also manufactures a range of surveillance extras, including its advanced 'NetEye Lite' model, which uses a remote CCTV camera to send live video to your PC! A powerful modem compresses the images and sends them real-time via a cellular phoneline so you can always monitor your yacht (or at least when the alarm is triggered, when it will alert your mobile phone). This technology could prove popular with yachtsmen worried about leaving their boats abroad, who can check up on them using a simple GSM mobile phone dial-up.

Price: £495 for entry unit, includes camera/sensor, remote control, 250-12v converter and 16MB memory card. (Live video link with external camera £1,500)
Contact: C-view
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Main stockists: Aladdin's Cave
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BRIGHT IN FRONT



Sonar specialist Echopilot is launching a colour screen version of its innovative Forward Looking Sonar at the London Boatshow in January. Echopilot first brought its forward-looking sonar technology to the marine market over 10 years ago, using a micro-processor to display 'live' imaging of what lies ahead. With a sunlight-viewable screen the new FLS Platinum boasts a higher output, less clutter and greater range (200m over its predecessor's 150m). The platinum model uses a wireless link from the transducer to processor to ease installation and will be PC-compatible.

Price: around £2,000
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THREE IN A BAG

You're going ashore for the evening but don't quite know what clothing to take – will it turn cold when the sun sets, or perhaps even rain? The three-in-one 'Skoody' garment has been designed to tackle such dilemmas. A fleece scarf covertly contains a hooded top, which drops down by unfastening Velcro tabs. If rain threatens, it can then simply be reversed and used as a water-resistant coat. Made from a combination of polyester microfleece and shower-resistant nylon (machine washable), the Skoody comes in two children's and three adult's sizes and is available in nine colours. With fully adjustable cuffs, hood and waist it's an impressively practical invention,



which fits neatly into a drawstring bag.
Price: Adults £30; children £25
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JAWS IN YOUR POCKET

A practical yachtsman's tool, 'Skipper's Lock Knife' features a powerful 8cm (3in) stainless steel blade with serrated teeth as sharp as a piranha's.

A locking marlinspike is included for ropework plus a shackle key with incorporated screwdriver. Designed to



be used with cold, wet hands, the blade has a finger slot for easy opening and the rubberised handle has a lanyard attachment hole. Available in blue or yellow, it measures a pocketable 12cm (4½in) when closed.

Price: £20 **Contact:** MarKat
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