

# GIFT IDEAS

## Boating: Now Is A Great Time To Catch The Wave

(NAPSA)—Feel like a landlubber when trying to find a terrific gift for your favorite old salt? Here are a number of suggestions from the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA):

- **Jesse knows jet-skiing.**

Catch the wave, just like the governor of Minnesota. Jet Skis, Wave-runners and Sea Doos are affordable, and certain models are roomy enough to carry an entire family. To check out some of the latest models, visit the Web sites at [www.seadoo.com](http://www.seadoo.com), [www.kawasaki.com](http://www.kawasaki.com) and [www.yamaha.com](http://www.yamaha.com).

- **It's a boat, yada, yada, yada.** Want a boat like Jerry Seinfeld? He just bought a 26' Boston Whaler for his family. To find a dealer near you, go to [www.bostonwhaler.com](http://www.bostonwhaler.com).

- **The second sexiest sport?** That would be sailing, according to Dr. Ruth Westheimer. The Walker Bay 8 ([www.walkerbay.com](http://www.walkerbay.com)) is an excellent two-person starter boat for under \$400, but sailboats come in all sizes and prices. To find the sailboat that's right for you, visit [www.discoversailing.com](http://www.discoversailing.com).

- **Get your feet wet.** Looking for a great weekend getaway? Best buys on sailboats, motor-boats or yachts? The latest and greatest in toys and accessories on the water? A great gift is a subscription to a boating magazine, such as *Boating World*, *Great Lakes Boating*, *Southern Boating*, *Sailing World*, *Yachting* and *Pontoon & Deck Boat* and *Boating*. Look for the magazine that's customized for your area of interest. Subscriptions are relatively inexpensive and the gift lasts all year long.

- **Dive in.** What about the smallest and brightest dive light in the world? The new NEMO 8C produces 100,000 peak candlepower with "no leak construction." It's submersible to 500 feet and backed by Pelican's lifetime guarantee. Retail price: \$79.95. For more info, go to [www.pelican.com](http://www.pelican.com).

- **You're all wet.** Wet-Notes allow you to write in wet conditions and even underwater. This waterproof notebook fits neatly in a shirt pocket. For more info, see [www.ritchienavigation.com](http://www.ritchienavigation.com).

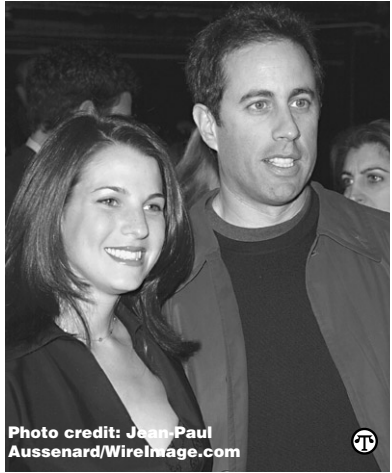


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- **Glassy gifts.** Joe's jug, Mary's mug...what about custom glassware for a gift? Choose from a wide selection of glassware, pitchers and mugs; select a design or create your own—at [www.glassboutique.com](http://www.glassboutique.com).

- **Hook, Line & Printer.** A CD-ROM for the fishing and outdoor enthusiast, with nearly 400 fishing and outdoor images. Easy-to-use, ready-made templates help you create your own greeting cards, letterhead and calendars with a fishy theme. For more information, go to [www.weems-plath.com](http://www.weems-plath.com).

- **Chart your getaway.** For a unique gift, check out [www.uscharts.com](http://www.uscharts.com), the nation's largest private publisher of nautical charts and guides. U.S. Charts manufactures affordable laminated charts, chart paks and charting products. Plus, they offer many charts free online.

Finally, if you're thinking about taking the plunge and buying a boat—any kind of boat—the site [www.discoverboating.com](http://www.discoverboating.com) can help you find one that's right for your family and your budget. The site delves into the various kinds of boating and provides lists of dealers, boat shows and a useful nautical glossary. You can even submit questions for Steve, the Discover Boating guy.

Remember, when shopping for a boat, to look for NMMA-certified models, which receive top marks for safety.