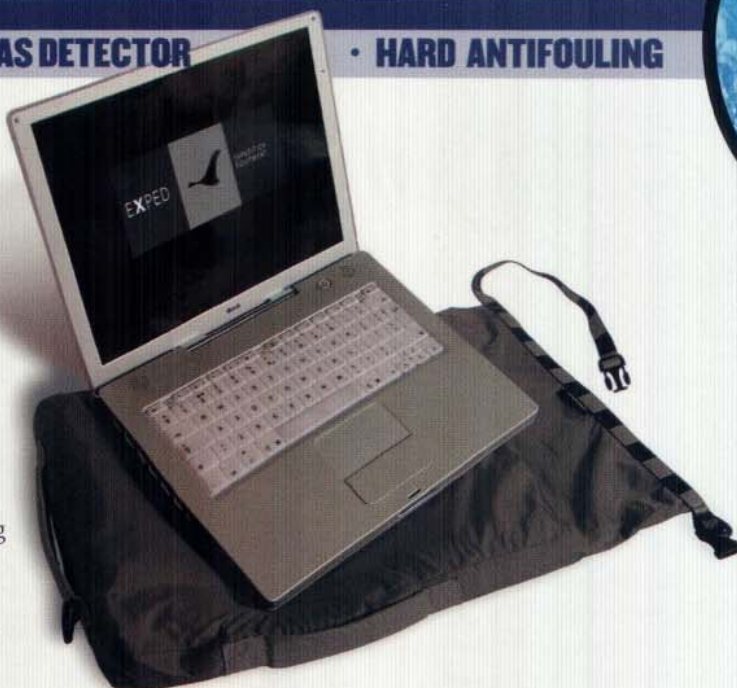


Dry computation

The demand for a laptop on board becomes increasingly compelling as navigation software erodes the fixed plotter market, but one fact remains inescapable – computers and water don't mix. This neat drybag from Exped addresses part of the problem, first encasing your machine in a padded bag, then sliding a roll-closed water-resistant sleeve over the top. Part of a range of similar bags designed to protect anything upwards in size from a PDA, the 'Crush' drybag retails for £8.51 ex VAT.

Contact: Lyon Equipment. Tel: +44 (0)1539 625493. www.lyon.co.uk



Waterproof sniffer

Gas detectors and boats suffer incompatibility issues – leaked gas collects deep in the bilge, an inhospitable environment for an electronic sensor.

Nereus Alarms have designed a waterproof LPG detector capable of withstanding total immersion. Two control units are available to drive one or two sensors, with the option of an external siren to supplement the internal buzzer. Prices start from £169.36 ex VAT. **Contact:** Nereus Alarms. Tel: +44 (0)1202 731886 www.nereusalarms.co.uk

Concealed art

Designed for the passerelle access door of Judel/Vrolijk's 152ft Baltic sloop, these hinges take the art of concealment to a whole new level. With no fewer than seven pivots, the action of these hinges is a miraculous example of the designer's skill – it's a shame they'll be hidden.

Contact: Bailey Marine. Tel: +44 (0)1202 885052 www.bailey-marine.co.uk



Stepping the sheer way

Stepping and unstepping the mast is usually left to the professionals, but craneage can cost around £65. British company Marine Performance Solutions have the answer.

They have updated the traditional sheer legs guyed fore and aft, to use telescopic aluminium poles which reduce to 2.5m when dismantled.

The Telescopic Mast Derrick can also be used at a reduced height to lift small engines and other loads up to 120kg. £178.68 ex VAT. **Contact:** MPS. Tel: +44 (0)1380 813367. www.marineperformancesolutions.com



Small but efficient

If you like the idea of saving a few amps here and there but aren't so keen on changing all your boat's light fittings, these LED bulbs from Norep International could be the answer. Designed to directly replace the tungsten bulbs in most existing fittings, the lamps use between 12 and 36 LEDs to deliver light outputs claimed to equal those of standard bulbs from 5 to 35 watts. Available in bayonet, festoon or projector types, prices start from around £5.20 ex VAT. **Contact:** Norep International. Tel: +33 238 709471. www.norepinternational.fr



Slippery customer

Flag's latest hard antifouling paint combines two ways of inhibiting marine growth: copper and PTFE.

Aimed primarily at faster hulls, the paint builds a thin film that is easy to scrub and leaches less copper into the environment than eroding antifouling. Flag's High Performance PTFE Antifouling is self-priming and should allow coating and relaunching within a day. A 2.5lt can costs

£55.28 ex VAT. **Contact:** Flag Paints. Tel: +44 (0)1621 785173. www.flagfinishes.co.uk

