



Gotta Have It

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SET THEM FREE

My old diesel engine has proven to be a great test bed for many a product, and this one will probably help countless other boaters out of tight spots. My helpers, and even the professional mechanic we eventually called in, agreed that when it came to freeing rusty, frozen bolts, the sample can of Free All (\$5 for a 12-ounce spray can) sent to me by Federal-Process Corp. (800/660-6140; freealloil.com) had no equal — and believe me, we were trying



everything short of dynamite.

Once sprayed on an affected part, Free All, a silicone-free, industrial-strength penetrating oil, spreads deeply into areas of corrosion. It is said to actually eat rust as it works, requiring less torque to break bonds than other products. All I know is that where others failed, it did the job on all but a few of the rusty parts we encountered.

If you do any of your own work, particularly if you run your boat in salt water, Free All deserves a place in your tool kit. Our rating out of five stars: ★★★★★

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A BAG WORTHY OF BIGFOOT

The BigFoot Bag from PortaQuip (577/883-0200; bigfootbag.com) brings a whole new meaning to utility bags. The line offers a unique and handy way to protect, store and carry your favorite stuff — from wakeboards to extra clothes — when you're planning a day on the water. Three versions are available: the Gear Bag, which is made of a denier polyester; the Cargo Bag, which comes in reinforced vinyl for heavy-duty situations; and the Camo Bag, which features a camouflage polyester for those times when you need to blend in with your surroundings. The BigFoot bag also

FUNNEL AND TOSS

Having to fill an outboard reservoir or sterndrive with oil can be a pain: It's hard to avoid drips and spills — and even harder to clean up after the inevitable happens. If you're a little on the accident-prone side, the new Fast Funnel (847/434-1560; fastfunnel.com) may offer the help you are looking for. Fast Funnel (\$1.50 for a pack of three) is a disposable funnel that can be used with anything from oil to cleaners to fuel additives. It's virtually mess-free, and there's no need to clean or store a dirty funnel — simply toss it when you're finished. Easy to stow in lockers, drawers or toolboxes, the Fast Funnel is made of sturdy, thick stock paper that can take whatever you need to throw down it.



SQUARE AWAY YOUR STICKS

If fishing is among your favorite onboard activities, then you know the value of a secure rod holder. TACO Metals (800/226-8201; tacometals.com) also understands, and has introduced an affordable Clamp-On Rod Holder (\$30) for light tackle use. Designed to accommodate nearly any mounting situation, this durable aluminum unit is available in either a satin or brushed finish, and is housed in an UV-resistant black plastic holster that is easy to clamp on. Choose from a 7/8x1-inch-diameter size for round tubes used on bow rails and grab rails, or a 3/4x1-inch-diameter to fit pipe used on leaning post backrests and T-tops.



works as a tarp or ground cloth, and features padded carrying handles and a water-resistant design. Each model comes in three different sizes: small (57x52 inches), medium (86x72 inches) and large (118x96 inches). Prices range from \$45 to \$132, depending on style and size. But beware: The original Bigfoot himself might be jealous.