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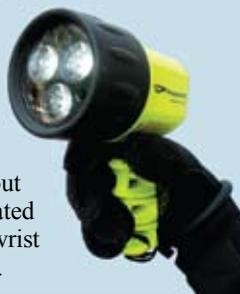
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LATCH ONTO A MINIWAVE

Locks on lights often generate dark thoughts when you try to activate them at depth while wearing thick gloves in cold northern waters. However, Princeton Tec got it right with its new Miniwave LED. The trigger can be easily unlocked by stiff fingers encased in 6-millimeter gloves and then switched to the two output positions. In the high setting, three light-emitting diodes provide 170 lumens of bright blue light for up to four hours. In the low setting of 118 lumens, the miserly LEDs can stretch juice from four C cells for 10 hours or more. Although a bit bulky, the Miniwave provides the same intensity of light as Princeton Tec's much bigger and heavier Shockwave LED, which uses eight C cells and has longer burn times. LEDs are rated for 10,000-plus hours of life, virtually eliminating discovering a burned out bulb when you arrive at a dive site. The pistol-grip handled casing is rated for a depth of 300 feet. The Miniwave comes with alkaline batteries, a wrist lanyard and, in the U.S., a lifetime warranty. www.princetonotec.com.



SQUISH JELLYFISH STINGS

Even armed with Jellyfish Squish, you won't want to actively seek a fight with deadly box jellies or Portuguese man-of-wars. However for divers and beach lovers who chance upon the nematocysts of any of hundreds of varieties of jellies, the product can quickly soothe the sting. Jellyfish Squish was developed by Coastal Solutions with the help of marine biologists at the Skidaway Island Institute of Oceanography, Savannah, Ga. Nearby Tybee Beach was a testing ground for formulae. Unlike popular home remedies of Adolph's Meat Tenderizer, baking soda or peeing on the burning rash, Jellyfish Squish has been scientifically tested and proven to work on the stings within minutes of application. In addition to halting the sting with a topical anesthetic, the product neutralizes the venom in the nematocysts on the skin. It has been endorsed by the American Association of Lifeguards and complies with USFDA guidelines. The product is available in a spray bottle or convenient stick. www.jellyfishsquish.com.



REELLY GOOD MANTA



Carrying and using a reel just got a lot simpler with the CR-1 from Manta Industries. Instead of having a top-mounted handle to snag all loose ends in your dive bag, the CR-1 has a streamlined Goodman-style mounted on the side of the reel. Slipping a hand through the handle positions the fingers to control the line during deployment and retrieval. The uni-body cast aluminum frame is anodized to protect against oxidation. The spool is machined from durable plastic and supplied with 400 feet of No. 24 nylon braided line. Tolerances between the frame and the reel are computer controlled, allowing for smooth operation and minimizing the chance of line jumps and jams. A thumb screw that's big enough to be operated with gloved hands, can lock the reel for use in running search patterns. www.mantaind.com.

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ADD FLASH TO YOUR PHOTOS

With our little digicameras we're all getting almost professional looking underwater images. What's lacking is that extra punch of light beyond what can be delivered by the itsy-bitsy camera-mounted strobe, which mostly just illuminates the backscatter. SEA&SEA can change that with its new YS-17 digital strobe and accessories kit. The YS-17 is a TTL slave strobe that can be mounted on an arm and triggered by the camera-mounted strobe. By masking off the camera unit and mounting a fiber-optic line in front of it, the YS-17 can be triggered at the appropriate micro-second, yet the camera-mounted flash is blocked from creating backscatter. The strobe has a 70- by 53-degree beam angle. To cover a wider angle or to eliminate shadows, multiple YS-17s can be fired from the one hot-wired to the camera, with their "through the lens" metering system controlling the overall flash output. Two AA batteries deliver a guide number of 14 at full power and recycle in three seconds. A two-step control can be used to lower the output manually. www.seaandsea.com.



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