

LIFT AND TUCK



When you witness Sea-Legs in action for the first time, it appears as though it popped out of a sci-fi movie. After watching the

robotic motions of the motorized pontoon lift, you nearly expect it to start walking.

Far from fictional, Sea-Legs is a fixed pontoon lift that is automatically activated with a quick flip of a switch inside the boat. Easy to operate, it can be used on just about any surface, even soft-bottomed waterways. Since it is permanently attached to the bottom of your pontoon (it can be used on most 20- to 28-foot pontoons), no muscle is required and it can be raised to a height of 6 feet on the standard model and 8 feet on the extended model.

Off the water, Sea-Legs makes it convenient to store your pontoon above ground when not in use. Since it weighs less than 200 pounds, it will not affect boat performance and is

Web Locker BOATING INFORMATION BONANZA

So, you think you've discovered boating? Maybe so, but have you discovered www.discoverboating.com, produced by the National Marine Manufacturers Association?

Just about any boating-related informational need you might have can probably be satisfied at the Discover Boating site, which offers tips on buying a boat, the distinction between different types of boats and how to choose



the one that best fits your lifestyle, boating news and events, frequently asked questions, boating advice, links to other boating and angling Web sites — and the list goes on and on.

Next time you're surfing the Web, take a few minutes (or hours, if you have the time) to visit www.discoverboating.com.

compatible with any pontoon trailer. The motor that powers Sea-Legs fits neatly under a seat and when not in use, the "legs" tuck safely under the deck to allow for normal boat operation.

Sea-Legs' suggested retail

price is \$4,250 for the standard 6-foot model and \$4,500 for the extended 8-foot model. Installation is an additional \$300.

For more information or to find a dealer in your area, contact Sea-Legs; (952) 934-7000; www.sea-legs.com.

LIFTING SPIRITS

A NEW SYSTEM OF BOAT LIFTS IS AIMED AT PONTOON AND DECKBOAT OWNERS

A swim step is a great addition to a boat, especially for watersports enthusiasts and swimmers. Unfortunately, it can be difficult to maneuver onto from the water — particularly for young or handicapped individuals.

TNT Lift Systems has designed three types of lift systems for pontoon and deckboats (Bikini Lift Series) that make getting in and out of the

water safer and easier.

The fully hydraulic lifts can be lowered below the surface of the water and have 300- to 500-pound lifting capacities, depending on model. Better yet, they are automatically controlled with just the push of a button.

The largest unit (HDA double unit) is the size of a typical swim step and is controlled via a corded remote at the stern. Smaller in size, the SA single unit is large enough to hold

one person at a time and can be easily affixed to a boat with the hardware already attached for a swim ladder. The third lift in the Bikini Series, the SLT step lift, also has a single-person capacity, but has the added benefit of being portable.

TNT lifts can be installed at the factory or as an aftermarket accessory. The lifts are already available as an option on various new boats, including those from Donzi, Doral, Silverton, Grand Banks, JC Manufacturing, Crest Pontoons and Landau.

As an aftermarket accessory, pricing starts at \$2,495. TNT also manufactures

lifts for transporting tenders and PWCs (Sport Lifts) and custom-designed lifts (Ultra Lifts). For more information on TNT Lift Systems, contact the company; (800) 826-8377; www.tntlifts.com.

DYNAMITE DECK — TNT's family of lifts range from portable units to larger, fixed units that span the width of the stern.

