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[1] Follow the Tide

Pre-programmed with tide information for 275 worldwide locations through 2016, the Gravton watch from Reactor is pretty dam cool. The stainless-steel watch features a dual-mode analog/digital design that allows you to turn off the LCD so the watch functions in analog mode only. Press any button and the LCD comes to life with digital time display, tide data and features such as an alarm, timer and chronograph. It may not look like a watch you'd wear while riding, but it is depth-rated to 200 meters and comes with a poly-leather band (\$275) or a stainless-steel band (\$300).—JJ
800-291-6800, www.reactorwatch.com

[2] No Sweat

Put on Kawasaki's embroidered hooded sweatshirt and you'll be the envy of the crowd. You might say, they'll be green with envy. With sharp color contrast—black/green for men and white/green for women—and super-comfortable heavy weight material (80 percent cotton/20 percent polyester), you'll be the warmest person on the beach. A drawstring hood provides extra protection and a roomy front pocket offers plenty of storage. Available in sizes small to extra large, the sweatshirt, which costs \$59.95, has a stretch rib waistband and cuffs, along with the company logo embroidered on the chest.—HS
949-460-5688, www.kawasaki.com

[3] Up a Creek

Most of us wouldn't venture out on a boat without a paddle, but who thinks to carry one aboard a PWC? The reason is obvious—room. Kwik Tek comes to the rescue with the Jet Logo telescoping paddle. Its collapsible design measures only 20 inches but expands to 3 foot, 9 inches with a twist of the handle. Featuring a corrosion-resistant aluminum shaft and plastic blade, the \$21 paddle allows you to stroke your way to shore far easier than the alternative—getting in the water and kicking. Its bright orange blade also works as a signal device should you become stranded.—JH
800-624-1297, www.jetlogic.com

**Hassle-Free Power**

In the market for a new battery? Check out Yuasa's High-Performance Maintenance-Free batteries. Perfect for any PWC, the batteries offer increased starting power and 30 percent more cranking amps than Yuasa's standard batteries thanks to a radial grid design and additional plates. And for those of you who have better things to do than mess with a battery, you'll appreciate that the permanently sealed VRLA (Valve Regulated Lead Acid) battery never needs refilling, although periodic charging is necessary. It also features a spill-proof design and a casing that protects against corrosion and resistance to vibration—a nice feature especially if you use your PWC in rough conditions. Yuasa says the \$90 batteries will last up to three times longer than conventional batteries.
610-929-5781, www.yuasabatteries.com