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My Christmas Wish List And a 10% discount to boot

Wow!! It's hard to believe that Christmas is just down the road or more nautically speaking, the next channel marker. With the season rapidly approaching, I've decided to list some great gift ideas that are sure to make any angler or boater beam with joy.

There are a number of places to pick up some great nautical gifts, but my favorite is the Sunshine Ace Hardware stores (see ad for locations). Why? It's simple. They are virtually a one stop shop. From rods and reels to hooks and lures to anchors to trolling motors, the four Sunshine Ace Hardware stores (www.sunshineace.com) carry it all, plus, as the name implies, it has the best hardware selection in the area.

I personally head to their Bonita Springs store. My buddy, Mike Larko is the manager of the best fishing department in Lee, Collier, Hendry, or Charlotte County. I asked Sunshine if they would extend a straight 10 percent "GiddyUp Discount" on my Christmas picks if readers took this article directly to one of their stores. They simply said, "Yes!" The following are my ultimate picks for best angler Christmas presents. Keep in mind, Sunshine Ace Hardware will give you 10 percent off any my picks, but you have to remember to present this article at the store when making your purchase.

1) **Sea Claw Anchor.** This anchor has brass flukes and locks you down in the swiftest of currents. It has breakaway structure capability via a simple plastic twist tie. It is the choice of most Pro Guides. Visit a Sunshine Ace and they will analyze your needs and hook you up with the proper size.

2) **Power Pole Shallow Anchor.** As the kids would say, this product is "The Bomb." I cannot think of any fishing product that offers inshore anglers more of an advantage than the Power Pole. Push a button or hit the remote control and down goes a graphite pole that stops you dead in your tracks with stealth and precision. The device is mounted at the stern and looks like a large white canister. Power Pole Shallow Water Anchors are designed and work best for boats under 23FT or less. My 24FT Pathfinder is equipped with this incredible device and it works perfectly. Power Poles are usually not subject to discounts. The retail price is \$999.00. Ten percent off is serious jack especially around Christmas. With the savings, you can buy your Sea Claw. The price does not include installation.

3) **Quantum Cabo Spinning Rod.** These rods are hot. They carry a lifetime warranty



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with no deductible. From Mangrove Snapper to Tarpon, Quantum Cabo rods perform as well as any rod I've ever used. If you want to see how tough they are tune into Southwest Florida Outdoors on Fox 4 Television beginning Nov. 14. The easiest way to remember the time slot is one half hour before the NFL Pre Game or 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. We use Quantum Rods exclusively on Southwest Florida Outdoors and I use them in my charter business. Oh, by the way, these rods are absolutely gorgeous in appearance. Visit a Sunshine Ace Hardware to get for really great pointers on how and where you fish. They will know exactly what length and weight rod works best for the way you fish. Don't forget this "Waves" article if you want 10 percent off.

4) **Quantum Cabo Reels.** These reels match the quality, appearance, and durability of the Cabo Rods. In my opinion, a reel is only as good as the drag system. These reels have the best drag system I've ever used. They are absolutely gorgeous in appearance and tougher than Dick Butkus. Quantum does not discount reels. Maybe Sunshine Ace Hardware doesn't believe anyone reads this column and is putting me through some kind of test.

5) **Motor Guide Trolling Motor.** My 24FT Pathfinder is equipped with the Minn-Kota Riptide. Sunshine Ace in Bonita Springs carries both vendors. I'm going to nudge you towards Motor Guide, because I like the reliability and simplicity of Motor Guide. Motor Guide and Minn-Kota usually will not discount. Sunshine Ace has promised 10 percent off Motor Guide or Minn-Kota Trolling Motors. There has never been a better time to buy a Trolling Motor, espe-