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Frank's Tacklebox

By FRANK SARGEANT

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At the last CCA tournament, there was a demonstration of an electric arm that extended off the back of a flats boat to act as an anchor. Can you find the name and address of the company that made this thing?

- W.L., Tampa> That would be the PowerPole, from J.L. Marine Systems of Brandon. Clever rig. It's a sort of automatic stake-out system. The arm mounts on the transom, and at the touch of a button it extends down to penetrate the bottom with a composite rod, thus anchoring the boat. It works in water only up to six feet deep, but for flats anglers that's usually all that's needed. The maker says it's quieter, faster and much easier than conventional anchors, and does less damage to the grass. It costs about \$1,200. You can reach the company at (813) 689-9932 or www.power-pole.com

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