

## HERE'S TO IT

THREE THINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR AN ENJOYABLE BOATING experience: the plug in the boat, fully filled fuel tanks, and a frosty cold beverage within arms reach. These stick-on beverage holders provide a happy home for your cold one—no drilling or installation necessary. —JON MEADE

### SUPER SUCTION DRINK HOLDER

\$5 • [WWW.BOATMATES.COM](http://WWW.BOATMATES.COM).

This unit has a side mount for hanging or suction on the bottom that sit on a flat surface. It fits a Gatorade bottle and plastic cup, but a soda can was too loose to leave unattended.



### THE ULTIMATE BEVERAGE HOLDER

\$13 • [WWW.LIQUIDCADDY.COM](http://WWW.LIQUIDCADDY.COM)

The triple suction cup mount stayed solidly stuck to my transom. The swivel arm reduced spills and the rubber lining kept a soda can or 20-ounce bottle snugly in place while providing insulation. Construction is a resilient plastic.



### EDITOR'S CHOICE

### LIL' SUCKER DRINK HOLDER

\$3 • [WWW.LILSUCKER.COM](http://WWW.LILSUCKER.COM)

It offers super grip, takes up little space, and leaves plenty of green in my wallet. The downside? It requires a flat surface and may blow overboard when empty.



### GRIPFIT DRINK LASH

\$6 • [WWW.GRIFFIT.COM](http://WWW.GRIFFIT.COM)

The twin suction cups stuck like glue. It excelled at holding a large Gatorade bottle and a plastic water bottle, but I felt uneasy leaving a can in it. It also wanted to crush my plastic cup. It fits in a pocket and is washable.

## MISSING!

BOATING HELPS  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
BRING THIEVES  
TO JUSTICE.

### HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BOAT?

REPORT #0536186



### Unnamed

### 2002 DONZI 35ZF CUDDY

Disappeared 8/29/2005-10/5/2005  
from Storage America of Homestead, Homestead, FL.  
Last seen for sale on boattraderonline.com.  
Went missing again after it was reported to authorities.

Call the Homestead Police at 305/247-1535

**\$7,500 REWARD**

## BUILD YOUR DREAM BOAT

SHORT OF CASH FOR THAT HATTERAS? USE LEGOS. —DANIEL W. LONG

**GET WITH THE PROGRAM** "You don't have to buy the bricks, you can do it all virtually," says former Lego Master Builder Nathan Sawaya. Go to Lego's Factory Web site ([www.lego.com/eng/factory/default.asp](http://www.lego.com/eng/factory/default.asp)) and download Lego Digital Designer (LDD), a free 3D computer-aided program that lets you create models from an endless supply of bricks.

**INTELLIGENT DESIGN** "It's best to start small," says Sawaya. "Use little rectangles to make curves that will eventually establish a pattern your eye can follow, then fill in the gaps." For inspiration, there's a gallery of examples on the Web site. If you're baffled by the program, you may be too old. "Kids are good at manipulating it," says Sawaya. So borrow a youngster and tell him or her what you want.

**PIECE IT TOGETHER** After you're done creating the virtual vessel, buy the necessary Lego pieces from the Factory store. In one to three weeks you'll receive a kit customized with your name, a picture of the model, and extra bricks. You can also get instructions in PDF format. It can cost anywhere from \$20 to hundreds, depending on the number of bricks. Still, compared to the price of the real thing, that's a bargain.

