

# Lights Are On, But No One Is Home— They are all out boating

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LightShip



**B**oating is such a fun hobby, it's hard to come home sometimes. That's why we have been caught out after dark many times. That's why we need lights.

How many times have you reached for a flashlight, to find that the batteries were dead? Or, maybe the switch had been left on.

Lots of products are out there now to shed a little light on this problem.

## Lightship

Sol Light offers a solar-powered, hands-free light-emitting diode (LED) light called LightShip. It's very compact and inexpensive.

The great thing about using it on the boat is that it is waterproof. Not to mention, because it's powered by the sun, it never needs any batteries. How convenient is that?

It has two colors of lights: red and white, or clear. The light lasts a long time, as it can work up to eight hours at a time. It also turns off and on automatically. It's durable, which is handy because it comes with suction cups that allow it to stick to any flat surface. It can be used as a night-light or a flashlight.

The LightShip case comes in purple, yellow, pink, green, black and red.

Maglite



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My brother brags all the time about his wonderful flashlight from Maglite. It's a good size, approximately 12 to 14 inches long. It is waterproof with a rubber seal. It holds a four-cell battery pack, which is rechargeable. It comes with an AC/DC adaptor, which permits it to charge at home or in a car's cigarette-lighter outlet.

The beam can be adjusted from a straight, long beam to a beam that produces a widespread light. Available at most department and hardware stores, it is very lightweight and easy to handle.

Coleman



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Coleman earned its good name among outdoor-sports enthusiasts a long time ago. My husband has used his Coleman Power Mate on the boat for several years. A Halogen spotlight/lantern, it musters an impressive 1,000,000 candlepower.

The built-in stand leaves it hands-free, for safer boating at night. The handle is adjustable and is easy to use. When charged, the spotlight will last about 30 minutes; the 55-watt halogen bulb will last about four hours as a fluorescent lantern. It also comes with a 120-volt AC adaptor and a 12-volt DC adaptor, plus a nice over-the-shoulder carrying case.

It is a great investment.