

# GEAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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NEW GEAR

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## ▶ WALKER BAY AIRDOCK

The AirDock is a lightweight, inflatable floating platform. The larger dock (8 feet by 8 feet) weighs just 49 pounds and collapses to a 30 inch by 26 inch by 14 inch package; the smaller dock measures 6 feet by 6 feet. Ballast bags at each corner of an AirDock capture water to keep the dock from slipping sideways on the water's surface. The larger dock looks stable enough to support off-center loads and to serve as a dive platform for swimmers. Walker Bay states that the AirDock has a rigid surface and will support tables and chairs. D-rings around the perimeter would be handy for joining up multiple units, but if you want to tie up an AirDock alongside your boat, you should come up with a way to protect the boat's topsides. \$1,299 to \$1,999 (model depending). **Walker Bay**; 604-682-5699; [www.walkerbay.com](http://www.walkerbay.com)