

PERSONAL GEAR

Peewee Performers

Don't let the lower overall ranking of the smaller lights in the adjacent table hide their value. Yes, they give off significantly less light, but this is an advantage in some common situations on board.

On the micro side of our test pool lie the key-fob LED lights that give off a wide burst of light. Dr. LED's Green Bean shoots out a startlingly bright beam of light a short distance. Inova's Microlight, available in red, blue, green, and white, has a two-level brightness control and can be switched into flashing mode. Clipping these handy little lights to a jacket zipper, key chain, or leaving them in foul weather gear pockets can prove to be very useful.

IQ Light's SP-3 by Seacurity Products produces an even beam and multiple light levels that gives the night watch a handy chart reading light or the light he needs to locate a shackle in a cluttered locker. Its light weight and lanyard make it user-friendly, and the unit's auto-on feature engaged when immersed in water, is a real value added.

Inova produces the Montblanc of pen lights, small flashlights that are ruggedly built, ergonomic in design and useful in tight confines. Their Bolt line varies



Good things come in small packages: These mini lights are handy for cockpit chart checking or to keep in the pockets of foul weather gear.

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in light intensity and size, while the X series ranges from powerful mini spotlights to diffused wide-angle light sources, all nicely machined and finished with easy-to-grab handles. Inova's multi-functional 24/7 proved to be the most versatile of the bunch.