

Hostess with the Mostess

You've been invited on your friend's boat - dinner or a few days in paradise. Everyone knows you don't want to turn up empty handed and with these clever gift ideas you can impress even the most discriminating hostess.

Towels by Changibles start as a cute bag that you could fill with sunscreen or a bottle of wine. One side has an anchor design and the other side is perfect for adding a boat name or hostesses initials. The towels open with the tote turning into a fitted top perfect for the captain's chair. (\$92 each, Changibles.com)



For the perfect gift for the bar, consider the Authentic Models Port and Starboard Cocktails Shakers (\$155 each) the Brass Diving Helmet Ice Bucket (\$255) both from nauticalhome.com.

Windy Roundtree has recently taken over the site and is adding new products all the time. Also check out the shell picture frames and pewter rope napkin rings.



For a green alternative, try a custom tote bag from Sea Bags. Made out of recycled sails, each bag is designed and inspired from the sail itself and all vary in texture and fabric. Also pick up your limited edition Celebrate a Cure Sea Bag Wine tote (\$35 - \$150 depending on size) and 50% of the proceeds go to the Women's Cancer Fund at the Maine Cancer Foundation. (www.seabags.com or call 1.888.210.0744)



By collecting turned-in float-rope purchased from Maine lobsterman, Penny Johnston started the Maine Float-Rope Company creating colorful doormats made from 100% recycled float-rope. These mats are virtually indestructible and they even float - a great gift for every boat. A percentage of sales are donated to the Gulf of Maine Lobster Foundation. (The mats come in two sizes - \$50 and \$80 from www.mainefloatrope.com).



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we hope you get
invited back!*