

NEW PRODUCTS

BEFORE IT'S COOL

Feast your eyes on the gear *Paddler's* investigative reporters found at August's Outdoor Retailer, the largest industry trade show in the world



GLACIER POGIES

GLACIER GLOVE—They may still look like mittens on the

outside, but believe us, inside these are some tough pogies. Glacier Pogies are fleece-lined with a 3-millimeter neoprene shell. The guts also have a unique internal neoprene device that works as a gasket, keeping heat in and rushing water out. The gasket is tight enough around your wrist to maintain heat, but still loose enough to allow easy on/off access to your paddle. One size fits most. **\$34.99, Available:** Winter 2008/2009; www.glacieroutdoor.com



CO-PILOT

NRS-NRS' Co-Pilot knife has everything you'd want in a real-life companion. It will stick around even when the going is rough, thanks to its unique locking sheath. It is blunt when it should be (on the tip for safety), and smooth when called for (but serrated as well). Whenever you need a beer it will be right there with its bottle opener. And the knife is smaller than a typical PFD knife, so it can always fit in those tight squeezes. **Available:** September 2008; **\$40;** www.nrsweb.com



NEO AMPHI CONVERTIBLE PANT

EXOFFICIO—When

Grammy's birthday is at 2:30, you can still paddle till 2:19 and rush to that party, looking great, without having to change your bottoms—if you are wearing ExOfficio's Neo Amphi Convertible Pant. They are made with Nio Nycott, an extremely lightweight, quick-drying, wrinkle-resistant nylon with a peach finish. The Neo Amphi Convertible Pant is also water- and stain-resistant, and features Sun Guard 30+ for UPF protection so you won't have to worry about spilling your Kool-Aid or getting burnt in Grammy's backyard. Multiple pockets are strategically placed for easy access and securing valuables. The Neo Amphi Convertible zips off to a downright flattering 11-inch short for women and a 10-inch short for men. **\$75** for women, **\$80** for men. **Available:** March 2009;

www.exofficio.com





KID'S SPLASH

BENDING BRANCHES - For how cute those little tykes look trying to navigate with Pop's massive paddle, it's extremely inefficient and they usually end up miserable. Save yourself some halfway-through-the-day pep talks—and your child some adequacy issues they will have to deal with in adulthood—and get them a Kid's Splash paddle. From the bright fun graphics to the small shaft diameter your kids won't think their paddles are mere parental hand-me-downs. The Kid's Splash is well balanced, lightweight, sturdy, and comfortable to grip. **Colors:** Black blade/Silver anodized shaft/Black grips; **Weight:** 32 oz; **Blade Size:** 6.78" x 17.66"; **Lengths:** 180cm, 200cm; **Available since:** March 1, 2008 **\$49.95;** www.bendingbranches.com



INTERLOCK PROPHET

SMITH—Our biggest fear with the Prophets is that the paparazzi will start flooding popular take-outs—mistaking boaters for the likes of Paris Hilton and Matthew McConaughey. With the Prophet, Smith has become comfortable enough with the success of their original Interlock glasses keep the technology and place more focus on style. You can enjoy looking like Ashton Kutcher—as Associate Editor Christian Knight points out when Joe the Intern slips on Paddler's swag pair of Prophets—but still have functionality of easy-to-change lenses to serve you well in the river or outside of the clubs you are getting paid to be seen at. **Colors:** Black/Polar Grey; Camo Tortoise/Polar Brown; Stout Fade/Polar Brown; **Available since:** July 1, 2008; **\$149;** www.smithinterlock.com



LOPRO SKYBOX

YAKIMA—Say goodbye to those nerve-wracking garage entrances. You know, the ones where your white-knuckled hands grip your steering wheel, and your ears become hypersensitive to that awful scraaaaaatch sound. The LoPro Skybox—made of 80-percent recycled plastic—was designed for all of you with tall vehicles, low garages, or just looking for a low-profile, space-saving solution. At 15.5 cubic feet, this cargo box embraces the design of the original SkyBox series, but features a solar-powered light that automatically illuminates the SkyBox when opened. That will help you pit-crew it on those sketchy nighttime side-of-the-road, tool-searching sessions. **Color:** metallic charcoal gray; **\$649;** **Available:** January 2009; www.yakima.com



RIVER COUCH

AIRE—Hey there, river potato. How many thwarts have you deflated just a tad to try and make that raft a little less awkward on your aching lumbar when you get off the water? Well, there's no more need for multitasking rafts thanks to AIRE's River Couch, a quantum leap forward in durable, inflatable furniture. This inflatable sofa has Summit 2 valves, carrying handles, and even beverage holders on the arm rests. While the River Couch may not have the ergonomics to negotiate Class V rapids, how many rafts do you know that can hold your drinks? **Available:** January 2009; **\$599;** www.aire.com