

# THE LITTLE ONES

You want the youngsters to last more than 45 minutes on the boat? We've used these kid-specific products to make long days fun for everyone.

## Stearns Character Vests

Try dangling an old orange life jacket and saying, "Hey, Timmy, you want to dress like Mae West?" Doesn't work. But say, "Want to suit up like Spidey?" and the kids will practically jump into this Type III water-sports vest. We've seen it happen. **Essentials:** \$29.99, [stearnsinc.com](http://stearnsinc.com)



## 3 Top Picks

### DiveMaster Mask and Snorkel Combo

There's something cool about the view underwater that excites kids of all ages. We use snorkel kits like this to keep the fun level up – around either boat or dock. **Essentials:** \$39.99, [overtons.com](http://overtons.com)



### Aqua Zooka

The easiest squirt gun we've ever seen. Dip, pull, shoot – up to 60 feet. Preschoolers can fire off the 12-inchers, preteens the 32-inchers. **Essentials:** \$7.99-\$13.99, [airhead.com](http://airhead.com)



### Fun Net

Kids really love to catch anything that moves – and this is a great solution when you can't get a fish to bite a hook. We've seen little ones light up when the Spider-Man minnow net comes out. **Essentials:** \$4.96, Wal-Mart stores



## Me4Kidz Medibag

Sure, we could put together our own first-aid kit – but we'd inevitably forget something. This sturdy red box is stuffed with 72 items, from Crayon bandages to anti-itch ointment, for when scrapes and stings happen out on the lake far from your medicine cabinet.

**Essentials:** \$29.95, [me4kidz.com](http://me4kidz.com)



## K-9 Float Coat and Doggles

Our editor's daughter's Coton Du Tulear has the "I get to go on the boat!"

tail wag when strapping on this PFD. This pooch flotation device is one of the best we've seen, with side buckles, a front buckle, leash loop and top strap for the boat hook in case of a dog dunking. She even likes the shades. **Essentials:** \$49.95-\$69.95, [ruffwear.com](http://ruffwear.com); \$9-\$21, [doggles.com](http://doggles.com)



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