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Hit the Deck

A sophisticated skateboard, a novel knife, and beachwear built just for you—summer essentials by STEVE CASHMIRE

SECTOR 9
BAMBOO CONCAVE PINTAIL
\$170

HAUTE WHEELS The very word “skateboard” smacks of adolescence, but four-foot longboards such as the **Sector 9 Bamboo Concave Pintail** (\$170; www.sector9.com) aren't the curb-grinding short-bed rides you see on ESPN2. Those tricks are for kids. The extended, sweeping turns of longboards are for style mavens, speed junkies, off-season snowboarders, and anyone else looking to carve—adults, in other words.

Stretched out and comfortable like a Caddie limo, the seven-ply bamboo deck tames the summer asphalt, trading shortboard maneuverability for high-speed stability and the drawn-out grace of a surfer's longboard—just what you want whether you're bombing down a mountain pass or cruising the neighborhood on a summer evening. Its 75a durometer wheels are on the softer end of the urethane spectrum, so you can lean into a 30-mph turn with the confidence that they won't lose their grip. And with 46 inches of concrete carvability, this board is big enough for a party of two.



LEATHERMAN
JUICE CS4
\$76

MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY BLADE Don't let the festive color and corkscrew fool you into thinking the **Leatherman Juice CS4** (\$76; www.leatherman.com) is a besotted wastrel or a multitool. With a high-perfect combination of saw, scissors, pliers, can opener, screwdrivers, wire cutter, and wickedly sharp blade, this five-and-a-half-ounce device is as tough as any hunk of silvered steel.

DIY DUDES Guys don't want to hit the beach looking like the Bobsey Twins. Avoid the affront with **O'Neill's Superfreak Custom Series trunks** (\$80; www.oneill.com). Run wild and personalized colors, prints, logos, and piping on every inch, but be forewarned: Fashion sense is not included. Whatever you create, stretchy neoprene panels and a 22-inch outseam make these the most comfortable boardshorts ever.

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TRUNKS
\$80



THE DOWNLOAD > Our indomitable (and slightly obsessive) gear guru taps into this month's buzz

I've never been **so entertained in the backcountry** as the night I played Frisbee—er, flying disc—with the Nite Ize Flashflight (\$22; www.niteize.com), a 185-gram light-in-disc. Twenty-two bucks, well spent...!! At 0.45, it was the lightest, most durable, and most durable...!! **weights only slightly more than the paper** on which it writes. But its ability to scribble at high altitudes, underwater, and even upside down makes this scrawler the heavyweight champ of pens. // I'm a big fan of the **iPod trade-in program** at Small Dog Electronics (www.smalldog.com/wag13041). It's painless, easier than eBay, and will net me about \$120 for my old 40GB pod. —S.C.



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