

## M1 personal transporter

£3,300



London's Spymaster is selling this motorised transporter as a handy way to gad about marinas or head into the port to do some shopping.

Similar to the well-known Segway, the M1 is lighter and cheaper. The Chinese manufacturer claims to have honed the design and made it more accessible. Certainly, the unit weighs a manageable 18.5kg and costs about 40 per cent less than a Segway. It can work up a top speed of 9mph (15kmh)

**Top:** Available in a range of vibrant colours, the police will see you coming

with a range of 12 miles (20km), and a full recharge from flat takes up to four hours.

We tested the M1 on the cobbles around St Katharine Docks and found it enormous fun. Once you've mastered the urge to correct your balance yourself, and let the machine's gyro do it for you, it is just a question of daring yourself to go faster and turn tighter. But fun as it is (and you

## Seajet 031 Samurai antifouling

£53.54/2.5lt

Last winter I applied the latest ablative (eroding) antifouling formulation from Seajet – 031 Samurai – to the hull of my Hamble based Nicholson 32, *Alibi*.

Unfortunately, she was placed on a drying, soft mud mooring for a few weeks prior to her deep-water mooring, with detrimental results.

She seemed fine through the early part of the season, but started to slow noticeably toward the end of August, although there was little sign of any

**Below Left:** Samurai was very impressive where we followed the instructions

**Below:** This dramatic controlled experiment was not quite what I had in mind

fouling along the visible waterline. On lifting her in early September, it immediately became very obvious what the problem was. The lower two-thirds of her hull were completely covered in barnacle fouling!

The results on the area of my hull closest to the waterline (traditionally the worst due to the heat and light from the sun) were impressive following a full season in this fouling-heavy area.

The dramatic fouling on the parts that had clearly been 'rubbed' free of antifouling shows how well the Samurai has worked. It also serves as a reminder to those planning to keep their boats on drying or semi-tidal soft mud moorings, even just for a few tides, that they must use hard antifouling. DK

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[www.seajetpaint.com](http://www.seajetpaint.com)



can watch the video at [www.sailingtoday.co.uk](http://www.sailingtoday.co.uk)), there is a problem with the M1. At present it is not certified as road-legal in the UK, so you can't take to the tarmac, but it is too fast to be allowed on the pavement either. So it exists in a strange limbo for use on private land where marina operators allow, or abroad. Or on the endless decks of your vast superyacht. SF

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## Gill Helmsman gloves

£40

These are a very well thought out ski type sailing glove. There is a lot to be said for this approach in cold weather sailing; have a warm set of chunky gloves, but just make them easy to tear on and off at a moment's notice.

Gill has achieved this with slippery nylon linings, which do not soak up moisture or stick to damp hands like a fleece lining would. The linings are secured at the finger ends so the gloves can't turn inside out when removed. They are waterproof to the impressive extent that I managed to drag my hands in the wake behind a moving boat for five minutes without a drop coming in.

There is one downside; I found them sweaty, although they do feature a breathable membrane. Most helmsmen do have occasional additional exertions, such as sheeting in the main, and then I found I got moist fingers, which soon became cold. JF

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