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SCOTT COGHLAN

THE simplest ideas are often the best, and so it is with the Australian-designed Life Cell safety pods.

Inspired by a lucky escape at sea for the company directors, Life Cells are something that every ocean-going small boat should carry, because they are a real life saver.

In December 2011, Scott Smiles, Rick Matthews and their two young sons were stranded at sea after their boat sank suddenly 10km off the coast of Sydney.

With only seconds to grab essential safety equipment, they quickly found themselves clinging to an esky in the open sea and in a catastrophic situation.

It's one of the most common tales of disaster in Australian waters — boats coming to grief and the passengers being unable to access and use the safety equipment and devices in the chaos that follows.

This near miss led them to the creation of Life Cells, which come in four sizes and are available from most boating stores, including Perth outlets such as All Boats and Caravans and LeisureCat.

The smallest of the Life Cells is designed for trailer-boat users and assists



Life Cells are an ingenious way to store your safety gear on a boat.

two to four people, while the biggest, the Crewman, can carry equipment for eight and they are authorised for commercial and recreational use.

No longer do boaters have

to worry about the all-important survival gear, such as the EPIRB, flares, torch and even lifejackets going down with the ship.

A Life Cell will provide the peace of mind of knowing that

you're fully prepared for any emergency, and that the equipment that might save your life will always be at your disposal and in working condition when needed.

Former Australian Test

captain Mark Taylor is a keen fisher and boater and doesn't hit the water without his Life Cell.

"The Life Cell is a huge step forward in the safety of the boating industry and

should definitely reduce the amount of fatalities on our waterways in the future," he said. "I know that Scott and Rick have put a lot of time and effort into the development of a top-of-the-range safety product, it will be well received in the boating industry and it is a product that I would have in my boat for peace of mind for myself and my family."

Life Cells are lightweight and highly visible, and are fire, impact and UV resistant.

They come with a mounting bracket that allows the Life Cell to float off the bracket if the vessel sinks.

Life Cells can also be used as flotation support while in the water, with the buoyancy easily supporting the weight of the average person.

They also come with a lanyard so the user won't be separated from the Life Cell in an emergency.

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