



Product Launchings

Tiller Clutch review

Doug Montgomery, a reader and product tester for Good Old Boat, sails a 1979 Catalina 22 on Lake Ray Hubbard outside Dallas, Texas. He tested the new Tiller Clutch earlier this year. Here is his review:

"I was shipped a tiller-control device called the Tiller Clutch, sold by Wavefront Marine. It retails for \$69.95, so there are less expensive tiller-controllers on the market, but I give the Tiller Clutch pluses for ease of installation, one-handed operation, and the minimum of cockpit space it takes up. The clutch mounts on the underside of the tiller and you engage or release it by activating a control paddle using just one finger of the hand with which you are steering.

"We have all seen and used different types of homemade remedies made from bungee cords and line. I have even tried to duplicate the technique Joshua Slocum used when he sailed hundreds of miles through the Pacific Ocean without touching the helm.



"There are several devices on the market. Not one among them is perfect but, for simplicity of installation and use, I would recommend this product over some of them. The \$69.95 price tag might occasion a second look, but I can remember times when I would have paid many times more than that for the convenience of the Tiller Clutch!"

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