

Marine Binoculars

If you like fishing or any other marine activities that might include using a boat then you should get yourself a pair of marine binoculars. These are extremely useful for spotting things that might be in your path, or which are there as a safety reminder e.g. buoys and markers. These binoculars are a terrific aid to your night time vision and to the distance that you can see, marine binoculars are waterproof and an indispensable aid to water activities.

For those who are new to marine binoculars the 7x found in the binoculars reviewed below for example, refers to magnification, thus things are magnified seven times and this is felt to be the maximum amount of magnification that can be properly handled when out at sea. So 7x50 referred to below is the magnifying factor times the size of the lens, which is generally 50mm. So 7x50 is the most generally accepted size of binoculars designed for marine use – this is because that particular combination gives a steady image along with the maximum of transmitted light that can be accepted by the human eye.

Nikon have a number of different models of marine binoculars, one of the more popular sets seems to be the 7x50 CF Waterproof Ocean Pro Binoculars which come complete with their own case. The Nikon 7x50 is constructed from durable lightweight polycarbonate and has a number of useful features, its 50mm objective lens allows for maximum light gathering and the large central focus knob makes it easy keep your focus. The field view is thirty eight feet at a hundred yards and the fold down rubber eye caps are designed to protect the eyes from bumps in rough waters - these binoculars are both waterproof and fog proof.

The Steiner 7x50 skipper marine binoculars with compass is more expensive than the Nikon 7x50 but has a number of extra features. These binoculars come with highly crafted optics for greater brightness and enhanced contrast; cat optics provide the brightest possible images when light is low and enhanced contrast in rough weather and bright sunlight. The high quality optics are designed to protect the eyes from harmful UV radiation and the Steiner Sports-Auto-Focus is designed to give the wearer maximum comfort. Steiner 7x50 skipper marine binoculars body is made from shock absorbent makralon fiber reinforced polycarbonate with slip-proof rubber armor. These binoculars come complete with carry case and lens straps and are ideal for boating activities.

When you buy marine binoculars there is often a choice between waterproof and those that are non-waterproofed; waterproof binoculars are more expensive but are specially designed for wet conditions. Some binoculars will have waterproof written on them while others may say nitrogen filled, which means the same thing.

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