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# Worth Its Weight in Water



**W**hat makes a product truly valuable in the aquatics industry? If you asked 10 facility operators, you'd probably get 10 different answers. But as designers, builders, and managers, we all know real value goes way beyond a sleek design or clever marketing pitch. Out on the deck or in the equipment room, value is measured in hours of labor saved, in the peace of mind that comes with improved safety, and in the smiles of guests who keep coming back to a pristine facility.

This month, I'm thrilled to present *Aquatics International's* annual roundup of the industry's Most Valuable Products. These 25 standout innovations — curated from information provided by manufacturers in our January New Products Issue — are built to elevate any environment, from bustling community pools and splashpads to waterparks and resort pools, and more.

When we look through this year's MVP roster, a few clear threads jump out at us.

First, automation and operational efficiency are still king. Facility managers are constantly asked to do more on leaner budgets, and manufacturers are stepping up to bridge that gap with developments such as advanced water level controllers, expandable chemical automation systems, and more. We also see vital maintenance upgrades — ranging from new turbidity meters and cordless pool cleaning batteries to simple but oh-so-practical clips designed to keep automated cleaner hoses from tangling. The clear goal? Less manual labor and more uptime.

Second, safety is taking on new forms. Our list includes cutting-edge air monitoring systems that track trichloramines to ensure healthy indoor environments, modernized emergency pool phones, and chemical-free pest barriers. There's even a system that can turn a swimming pool into an on-demand defense against wildfires. Keeping patrons and staff protected is always a priority, and the tools to do it just keep getting better.

Finally, aesthetics no longer take a back seat to durability. Elevating the guest experience is essential, but it can't come at the expense of functionality. This year's top products reflect this balance perfectly. We're seeing ADA-compliant, corrosion-resistant rails and ladders alongside dynamic LED lighting and reinforced pool membranes. Manufacturers are also pushing the boundaries of visual design with new flooring options, 3D climbing panels, and splashpad buckets that use variable timing to add a bit of fun unpredictability to the water.

Ultimately, value is about tangible impact. The products we've highlighted aren't just new additions to a catalog, they're practical features designed to help you run a safer, cleaner and/or more beautiful facility.

So dive into this year's Most Valuable Products! I hope these innovations help make your upcoming season the most successful one yet.

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# AQUATICS LEADER CRAIG MERKEY SUDDENLY PASSES AWAY

The former AOAP Chair is remembered for tireless service and fostering connection in the aquatics community.

By Rebecca Robledo

**C**raig Merkey, an aquatics veteran and long-time active member of the Association of Aquatic Professionals, passed away of heart failure April 28 at his home. He was a month from his 52nd birthday.

Those who don't know Merkey may recognize his friendly face, as a long-time AOAP volunteer who always helped work the organization's marquee conference. He served on the AOAP Board for 15 years, including as its president.

In 2023, when Merkey led the organization, he was honored in *Aquatics International's* Power Issue. That year's issue specifically honored those who quietly influence the industry by working behind the scenes or driving important change while deflecting attention from themselves. That applied to Merkey, his peers said. During his tenure as AOAP president, for instance, the organization added a deputy director position, launched its director's school, grew its Board of Directors, and increased exhibitors on its tradeshow floor.

In an interview for his Power Issue profile, Merkey said a sense of community was instilled in him at a young age.

That showed in his volunteer work, AOAP said.

"He had a remarkable ability to make people feel included, valued, and encouraged to become involved," the organization said. "Craig made an impact that extended far beyond the work itself. His smile, sense of humor, and genuine kindness became a familiar and cherished part of the AOAP community."

Merkey recently cofounded a company called Aquatics by Design, which teaches learn-to-swim classes and provides lifeguard training. Before that, he was employed by Penn State Harrisburg for 15 years as its associate director of recreation and aquatics.

He also served as the auditor of Clay Township.

Craig A. Merkey was born May 23, 1974 in Ephrata, Pa., where he graduated high school. Drawn to aquatics from his first swim lesson, he assisted with swim instruction and became a lifeguard as a teen. He received his bachelors



Pictured top: Craig Merkey. Above: Merkey, holding the bucket, performs a team-building exercise with his staff.

degree in Education and Recreation at his home state's Lock Haven University, and earned a Masters in Higher Education at Pennsylvania State University. His plan was to teach during the school year and work at pools during the summer.

After receiving his bachelors degree, he worked as assistant director of a camp, then taught fifth and sixth grade for a few years. He then took his position with Penn State Harrisburg. In addition to his work there, he was known for his active involvement in various committees and events, such as commencement or setting up testing as the campus prepared to re-open following the COVID-19 lockdowns.

Merkey enjoyed camping, working on his trucks, and performing community service, including as a member of the local Lions Club for 31 years, and the advisor of the Ephrata Intermediate/Middle School Leo Club for 19 years.

Merkey is survived by his wife, Samantha (Smith) Merkey; children Victoria R. and John R. Merkey; father, John A. Merkey; and brother, Brad Merkey.

"While his loss leaves an immeasurable void, Craig's legacy will continue through the countless lives he influenced, the professionals he encouraged, and the community he helped build," AOAP said.

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# FLORIDA INDUSTRY DECLARES KEY LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES



The Sunshine State's swim-lesson-voucher program is expanded, while stricter equipotential bonding requirements were left on the floor.

**T**he industry in Florida is feeling pretty good about this year's state legislative session.

While some bills didn't go the way the Florida Swimming Pool Association had hoped, legislation receiving the most attention from the organization did. Among the highlights: The legislature once again decided against stricter equipotential bonding requirements and enhanced the state's learn-to-swim law.

The governor has signed into law legislature to expand the Florida Department of Health's swimming lesson voucher program to include children from one to seven years old, rather than capping it at four years of age. However, funding remains up in the air.

The Governor and Senate proposed funding the program with \$1 million. However, the House did not include the extra allotments in its budget bill.

A new stipulation in the law requires hospitals, birth centers, home birth providers, and childbirth educators to supply educational materials about drowning prevention after the birth of a child. The Department of Health has been charged with enforcing the new requirement.

Another bill, which would have required copper grids for equipotential bonding, did not fare as well. Last year, the industry beat back an attempt to remove the allowance of the single wire loop as an option for equipotential bonding in the Florida Building Code. This year, a bill was proposed that would have mandated the use of copper grid.

"It should be at the discretion of the pool owner, their contractor, and their engineer to decide what system is going to be best for them," said Dallas Thiesen, chief

government relations officer for the Florida Swimming Pool Association.

While this bill passed the House, it stalled in the Senate.

Other highlights of this year's legislative session, which lasts approximately 60 days and ends in spring:

- One bill addressed the issue of how to safeguard those who rent residential properties with pools and spas, whether short-term through apps such as Swimply, or long-term. The legislation would have required all pools at short- and longterm rentals to be outfitted with the pool barriers required in the Residential Swimming Pool Safety Act. This would remove the exception for homes built before 2001, if a pool or spa is being rented. While the Senate passed the legislation, the House did not. FSPA expects another such bill to be proposed in next year's legislative session.

- Legislation pushing to reform the Florida Department of Health did not pass. FSPA and others hoped to clarify the agency's authority, increase its transparency in rulemaking, and require certain training for DOH inspectors. Another bill sought to eliminate all professional licensing boards and continuing education requirements, delegating the job of licensing review and discipline to another agency. The bill failed.

- The House and Senate passed a bill establishing a subcontractor/supplier default rule that would require payment within 45 days unless the contract specifies other terms. If signed by the governor, it will allow the Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board to take action against contractors who don't comply. At press time, the bill awaited the governor's signature.

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# RETENTION POND DROWNING RESULTS IN MAJOR SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

As the potential hazards of retention ponds gain attention, one defendant must pay a large award after a toddler drowning.

**T**he surviving family of a toddler who drowned in a neighborhood retention pond has received a \$6 million settlement.

“This case underscores how multiple failures can converge to create a preventable tragedy — and why property owners must be held accountable,” said The Haggard Law Firm, based in Coral Gables, Fla.

As a condition of the settlement, the name of the child, family, other parties, and location of the incident cannot be disclosed.

In 2025, according to Haggard Law, the 26-month-old boy drowned in a retention pond directly behind his family’s apartment, merely a month after moving in. Concerned about water hazards on the property, the family had asked for an upper-floor unit, but were placed on the ground level adjacent to the pond.

In addition, the family had requested the repair of a torn screen leading to the patio, but, “the repair was not completed in a timely manner,” the attorneys said.

While his mother and other adult family members performed household chores, the law firm said, the toddler left through the broken patio screen, approached the retention pond, and fatally drowned.

In addition to failure to perform repairs and ignoring a safety-based placement request, the legal team accused the property holders of unsafe retention pond design, saying the floor sloped more steeply than code allows, causing it to lead quickly into deep water.

The defendants disputed this characterization, saying in part that the supervising adults lost track of the young boy for approximately 13 minutes and, therefore, bear at least part of the blame.

These bodies of water are becoming more common in housing developments, especially apartment complexes, HOAs, and commercial properties. Among potential hazards with retention ponds, the law firm lists overly steep slopes, lack of barriers, poor visibility or lighting, proximity to the residences, and inadequate warning signage.

## MINNESOTA DEEMS SWIMPLY POOLS TO BE COMMERCIAL

**W**hile the aquatics industry, pool owners, safety advocates, and government entities grapple with the question of how to govern short-term rental pools, the state of Minnesota landed on its answer: The state’s Court of Appeals affirmed a decision to treat pools rented through such short-term platforms as Swimply like commercial installations.

In 2021, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) declared that these pools are commercial facilities requiring the same licensing. A family that rents their pool through Swimply petitioned for the MDH rule to be overturned, stating that no law exists categorizing the pools as commercial, and that making such rules does not fall in the agency’s jurisdiction. The Court of Appeals disagreed with the plaintiffs on both counts. The decision is considered final.

## HERITAGE EXPANDS COMMERCIAL FOOTPRINT

**W**ith its latest acquisition, distributor Heritage Pool Supply Group has furthered its reach in the commercial market. Last month, the McKinney, Texas-based firm acquired Aquafinity, a wholesale distributor of commercial pool equipment, chemicals, and supplies. The companies did not disclose the terms. Headquartered in Jupiter, Fla., Aquafinity operates seven locations, collectively serving 20 states from the Sunbelt to the Pacific Northwest. Its former CEO, Jeffrey Meyer, will continue to lead the brand and its team. Aquafinity formed in April 2021 with the combination of five regional distributors: AES, ASSI, CES, Duffield, and KSI, in partnership with Alvaro Mendoza of CES and Rich Roberts of KSI. “We’re excited about our future together and look forward to being a trusted growth partner to commercial aquatics designers, pool contractors, and service professionals,” said Heritage President Scott Frost.



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# Clearing the Airway

These 15-minute in-service sessions focus on saving someone who is choking, and on working with a BVM.



By Pete DeQuincy

Choking is a life-threatening emergency, taking the lives of approximately 5,000 people annually in the United States alone. As a lifeguard, you have a high chance of encountering someone choking both at work and in your off-duty time. The first two land in-services below focus on developing proficiency in providing care to a conscious choking individual and to an individual who is unconscious as a result of choking.

Following these two, you'll find a bonus land 15-minute in-service for ventilations with a bag valve mask (BVM).

## DO IT YOURSELF

These sessions are all presented in the 15-minute Lean In-Service format I addressed in the last two columns. First, let's review the components of a 15-minute in-service, so you also can create effective, efficient sessions that best suit the needs of your team in the time allotted.

### SUMMARY OF THE 15-MINUTE IN-SERVICE FRAMEWORK

#### 15-Minute In-Service: Topic

Introduction	1 minute	
Skill No. 1	3 minutes	Benchmark to be achieved
Skill No. 2	3 minutes	Benchmark to be achieved
Skill No. 3	3 minutes	Benchmark to be achieved
Skill No. 4	3 minutes	Benchmark to be achieved
Closing	2 minutes	

#### Introduction

The introduction should provide the set-up and explanation of the first skill/activity.

#### Skills

Skill blocks should focus on one specific skill.

#### Closing

Allows for the trainer to provide feedback to lifeguards regarding their skills, the trainers' goal, and how the in-service aligns with overall job duties.

#### Benchmarks

These outline what the trainer hopes to achieve within the skill block. It can include acquiring a specific skill or achieving a certain timing goal.

The Lean In-Service allows opportunities for the trainer to identify gaps or rough spots that might require a new additional training block or a repeat of an existing block (skill refresher/polish).

### THINGS TO CONSIDER AS THE TRAINER

As the trainer, your critical eye is necessary to ensure your lifeguards are meeting your benchmarks. Keep in mind the following so your in-service is successful:

## LAND IN-SERVICE

15-Minute In-Service: Clearing an Obstructed Airway, Conscious Adult and Child Guest in Distress (GID)		
<b>Introduction:</b> How to clear an obstructed airway	1 minute	Give quick explanation and demonstrate the rescuer's role
<b>Skill No. 1:</b> Giving back blows and abdominal thrusts  2-person rescuer groups, with 1 rescuer providing care and the other acting as the Guest in Distress (GID)	3 minutes  Rescuers give effective back blows, abdominal thrusts; 3 rounds on GID, then switch roles.  Repeat the skill, striving for 3 rounds if time allows.	<b>Benchmark:</b> Rescuers should have effective body position and hand placement when providing care and supporting the GID, standing to the side when providing back blows, and standing from behind with 1 leg between GID's legs when providing abdominal thrusts.
<b>Skill No. 2:</b> Giving back blows and sternum thrusts to a pregnant or obese GID  2-person rescuer groups, with 1 rescuer providing care and the other acting as the GID	3 minutes  Each rescuer provides effective back blows and sternum thrusts; 3 rounds on the GID, then switch roles.  Repeat the skill, striving for 3 rounds if time allows.	<b>Benchmark:</b> Rescuers should show effective body position and hand placement when providing care and supporting the GID, standing to the side when providing back blows, and standing from behind with 1 leg between GID's legs when providing sternum thrusts.
<b>Skill No. 3:</b> Giving back blows and abdominal thrust to a child GID  2-person rescuer groups, with 1 rescuer providing care and 1 rescuer acting as the child GID	3 minutes  Each rescuer provides effective back blows and sternum thrusts; 3 rounds on the GID, then switch roles.  Repeat the skill, striving for 3 rounds if time allows.	<b>Benchmark:</b> Rescuers should show effective body position and hand placement when providing care and supporting the GID, standing to the side when providing back blows, and getting on their knees directly behind the GID with 1 leg between the GID's legs to provide abdominal thrusts. NOTE: Rescuer must lower themselves to their knees to be roughly the same height as the child GID.
<b>Skill No. 4:</b> Clearing an obstructed airway on self: providing abdominal thrusts or utilizing a chair or hard edge to simulate a cough  2-person rescuer groups, with 1 rescuer providing care to self	3 minutes  Rescuers should provide themselves effective abdominal thrusts and practice using a chair or hard edge (countertop or table top to help simulate a cough).  Practice on all 3: self abdominal thrusts, chair, and countertop.	<b>Benchmark:</b> Rescuers should have effective hand placement on self, and effective and safe body position when utilizing a chair and countertop to simulate a cough.
Closing	2 minutes	Provide feedback and remind lifeguards how the training aligns with the larger duties and tasks.

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LAND IN-SERVICE

15-Minute In-Service: Clearing an Obstructed Airway, Unconscious Adult and Child Guest in Distress (GID)		
<b>Introduction:</b> Introduction: How to clear an obstructed airway on an unconscious Guest in Distress (GID)	1 minute	Give quick explanation and demonstrate the rescuer's role
<b>Skill No. 1:</b> Conscious to unconscious; lowering a person to the ground when standing to the side of the GID to provide care  2-person rescuer groups, with 1 rescuer providing care and 1 acting as the GID	3 minutes  The rescuer works on lowering a GID when standing to side of the GID safely. After performing the skill, switch roles.  Repeat the skill to improve technique, and ask for assistance if needed.  Repeat the skill, striving for 3 rounds if time allows.	<b>Benchmark:</b> Rescuer should be able to safely lower the GID to the ground, protecting the GID's head and neck, and protecting oneself from injury. Rescuer should call for assistance to lower the GID to the ground if needed.
<b>Skill No. 2:</b> Conscious to unconscious; lowering a person to the ground when standing from behind the GID to provide care  2-person rescuer groups, with 1 rescuer providing care and the other acting as the GID	3 minutes  The rescuer works on lowering a GID when standing to side of the GID safely. After performing the skill, switch roles.  Repeat the skill to improve technique, and ask for assistance if needed.  Repeat the skill, striving for 3 rounds if time allows.	<b>Benchmark:</b> Rescuer should be able to safely lower the GID to the ground, protecting the GID's head and neck, and protecting oneself from injury. Rescuer should call for assistance to lower the GID to the ground if needed.
<b>Skill No. 3:</b> Clearing the airway by giving compressions, looking for a foreign object in the mouth, and attempting ventilations on the GID  2-person rescuer groups, with 1 rescuer providing care, and a manikin used as the GID	3 minutes  Each rescuer provides effective compressions (30:2), looks for a foreign object in the GID's mouth, and attempts to provide ventilations. Do 3 rounds on the GID, then switch rescuers.  Repeat the skill, striving for 3 rounds if time allows.	<b>Benchmark:</b> Rescuers should perform 30 effective compressions that could dislodge the foreign object blocking the GID's airway, open the mouth to look for a foreign object, and attempt 2 ventilations.
<b>Skill No. 4:</b> Lowering the GID to the ground and giving compressions, looking for a foreign object in mouth, and attempting ventilations on the GID  2-person rescuer groups, with 1 rescuer providing care, and a manikin used as the GID	3 minutes  Rescuer lowers the victim to the ground safely (can and should ask for assistance if necessary), then provides effective compressions (30:2), looks for a foreign object in the GID's mouth, and attempts to provide ventilations. Perform 3 rounds on the GID, then switch rescuers.  Repeat the skill, striving for 3 rounds if time allows.	<b>Benchmark:</b> Rescuers should become proficient at lowering the GID to the ground with or without assistance safely. NOTE: If lowering the GID to the ground requires multiple rescuers then do so.  Rescuers should perform 30 effective compressions that could dislodge the foreign object blocking the GID's airway, open the mouth to look for a foreign object, and attempt 2 ventilations.
Closing	2 minutes	Provide feedback and remind lifeguards how the training aligns with their larger duties and tasks.

- Be proficient at all skills before the in-service.
- Be mindful of your time management; it's easy to go over the time limit.
- It's okay to repeat a skill block if necessary.
- Less talk, more interaction. Keep your lifeguards engaged.
- If you have to explain something, consider doing a visual demonstration.

**COMMON MISTAKES SEEN DURING IN-SERVICE**

While performing the in-service, monitor your guards closely, watching for errors such as the following:

- The rescuer is standing in the wrong position to provide back blows or abdominal thrusts

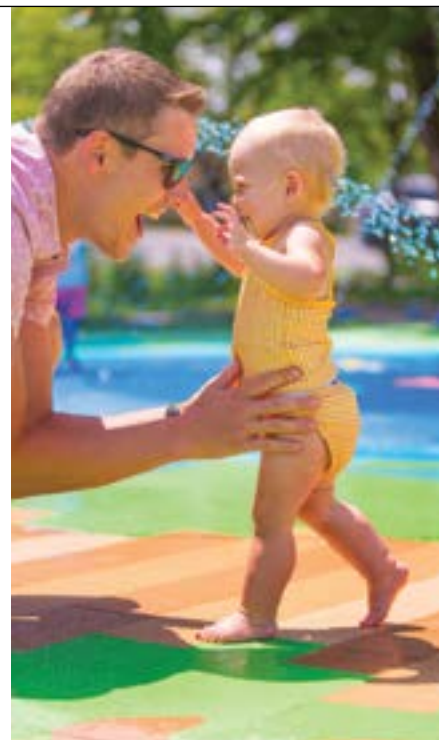
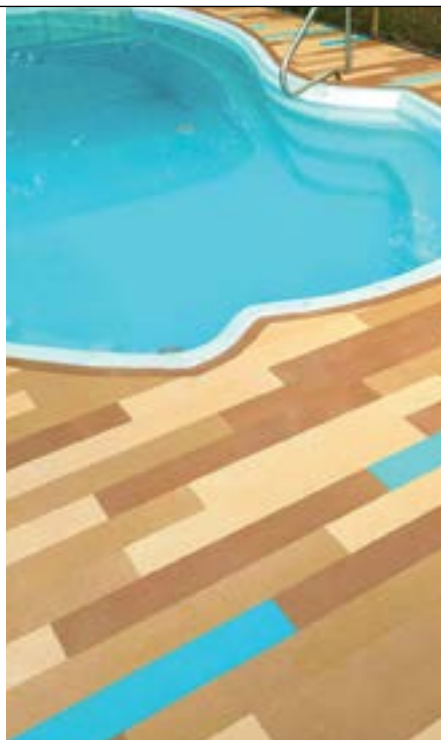
- Fails to protect the head and neck of the GID when lowering to the ground
- Rescuer compromises their own safety when lowering the GID to the ground
- Does not look for a foreign object before attempting ventilations

Remember, acting quickly can make all the difference in saving a life. Train your lifeguards to be confident and proficient. Remind them that asking for assistance when providing care for a person who is choking is encouraged.

Good luck and keep training.

## BONUS LAND IN-SERVICE

15-Minute In-Service: 15-Minute In-Service: Ventilations with a Bag Valve Mask (BVM) Water		
<b>Introduction:</b> How to ventilate with a Bag Valve Mask (BVM) on an adult	1 minute	Give a quick explanation and demonstrate the rescuers' roles in rescue breathing
<b>Skill No. 1:</b> Two-person rescue team provides rescue breaths via BVM  2-to-4 rescuer group, with 2 rescuers providing care on an adult manikin	3 minutes  Each rescue team provides 3 to 5 rescue breaths to the manikin.  Repeat the skill; strive for 3 rounds if time allows.	<b>Benchmark:</b> Rescuers can provide effective rescue breaths with a BVM. One rescuer opens the airway using the triple airway maneuver, and another squeezes the bag.
<b>Skill No. 2:</b> Maintaining an open airway and uninterrupted care when providing rescue breaths via a BVM. Two-person rescue team provides care; third rescuer takes over care in sealing the mask or squeezing bag. Then 1 rescuer steps away.  2-to-4 rescuer group, with 2 rescuers providing care on an adult manikin	3 minutes  6 transitions minimum, striving for 12 transitions or more  Each rescue team should provide 2 to 3 rescue breaths before a new rescuer steps in to take over.	<b>Benchmark:</b> Rescuers can effectively maintain an open airway and effectively provide rescue breaths with a BVM while a new rescuer steps in.  Provide uninterrupted care during the transitions.
<b>Skill No. 3:</b> Donning gloves before assuming role on the rescue team providing care with a BVM  Maintain an open airway when providing rescue breaths, during the transition between rescuers  2-to-4 rescuer group, with 2 rescuers providing care on an adult manikin	3 minutes  6 transitions minimum, striving for 12 transitions or more  Each rescue team should provide 2 to 3 rescue breaths before transitioning care.	<b>Benchmark:</b> Rescuers can successfully don gloves before stepping in as the primary or secondary rescuer (sealing the mask via triple airway maneuver or squeezing the bag).  Maintain an open airway while providing uninterrupted care during the transitions.
<b>Skill No. 4:</b> Don gloves and replace BVM with resuscitation mask from fanny pack, then step into primary or secondary roles to give rescue breaths  Maintain an open airway when providing rescue breaths, during the transition between rescuers  2-to-4 rescuer group, with 2 rescuers providing care	3 minutes  6 transitions minimum, striving for 12 transitions or more  Each rescue team should provide 2 to 3 rescue breaths before transitioning care.	<b>Benchmark:</b> Rescuers can don gloves and replace BVM with a resuscitation mask before stepping in.  Maintain an open airway while providing uninterrupted care during the transitions.
Closing	2 minutes	Provide feedback and remind lifeguards how the training aligns with the larger duties and tasks.



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# 2026 MOST VALUABLE PRODUCTS

Dive into Aquatics International's annual roundup of the industry's Most Valuable Products. These 25 standout innovations are built to elevate any facility — from waterparks and resorts to community pools, splashpads, and beyond. Product descriptions are compiled from our January New Products Issue based on information provided by the manufacturers.



## AAA COMMUNICATIONS

AAA Communications' new models of emergency pool phones include landline and cell phone models. The digital print "Call Emergency 911" on enclosure will not peel, bubble or scratch off. A universal mounting kit allows it to mount on a wall, vinyl, rail or chain link fence.

Contact: [epoolphone.com](http://epoolphone.com)



## APG FIRE SYSTEMS

APG Fire Systems turns a swimming pool into a ready-to-use defense against wildfires. This easy-to-install system draws water directly from the pool to protect property when every second counts. APG Fire gives reliable, on-demand protection powered by your own water source.

Contact: [APGfire.com](http://APGfire.com)



## AQUATIX GROUP

Designed and manufactured in Italy, BPM Aquabike is ideal for both basic and advanced aquacycling activities, high-intensity training and functional recovery. BPM Aquabike is suitable for pools from 110 to 180 cm.

Contact: [aquatix.com](http://aquatix.com)



## AQUA CREEK PRODUCTS

TruPro Rails and Ladders are engineered for ADA compliance and built with corrosion-resistant stainless steel. Available in standard and custom configurations for any commercial pool, they provide secure, ergonomic access with easy installation.

Contact: [aquacreekproducts.com](http://aquacreekproducts.com)



## AQUASTAR POOL PRODUCTS

Flow Sync Floor Return returns water evenly in all directions around the fitting through a sleek flush mount body that sits flush to the pool finish. It's designed to improve flow distribution and minimizes floor discoloration, making it ideal for sun shelves and beach entries.

Contact: [aquastarpoolproducts.com](http://aquastarpoolproducts.com)



## AQUAWORX USA

Aquaworx commercial filter packs offer thick fiberglass lids with a one-inch floor for no warping and easy drainage. Stainless steel hardware is used on all hinges/ latches and unions on pumps are installed for easy removal. All filter packs/ subpanels are UL1081-approved, EPA-validated & NSF-approved.

Contact: [aquaworxusa.com](http://aquaworxusa.com)



## BECS TECHNOLOGY

BECSys LVL+ is a water level controller that can also control a main drain modulating valve. Water level sensing options exist for a wide variety of installation situations. The LVL+ comes standard with Gbit Ethernet, EZConnect and is fully compatible with BECSys Live web-based portal.

Contact: [becsys.com](http://becsys.com)



## CIRCUPOOL

Recently upgraded with expandable chemical automation, CircuPool continually monitors and automatically maintains the pool's chlorine levels and pH balance, using ORP and pH sensors integrated into the chlorine generator cell, as well as a peristaltic acid pump and tank.

Contact: [circupool.com](http://circupool.com)



## CLEANER CLIP

Cleaner Clip was created to help prevent automated pool cleaners from getting tangled and knotted up. The clip simply snaps onto 1-inch hoses providing the rigidity to keep the hose straight while still allowing enough flexibility for the pool cleaner to move around the pool.

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FXPRO Series LED color-changing light fixture illuminates fountains and splash pads (underwater, wet or dry). It offers onboard DMX for more control, and can be anchored to a finished floor or wall. It includes nine LED RGBW (4000K White) color changing light diodes.

Contact: [fountainpeople.com](http://fountainpeople.com)



## INDUSTRIAL TEST SYSTEMS

The eXact Turbo Turbidity Meter is designed for commercial pool operators who require accurate turbidity measurement and reliable data documentation. The meter uses a built-in proprietary plastic photocell, removing the need for loose glass cuvettes in pool environments.

Contact: [sensa.com](http://sensa.com)



## JOB VALVES

The Top-Up Turtle is designed to sit on the pool edge and be connected to a standard garden hose. The Turtle is filled with water to give weight to hold the valve in position. A fully adjustable float level is easily set to maintain the desired water level in any pool to replace water as demand requires.

Contact: [jobvalves.com](http://jobvalves.com)



## KING TECHNOLOGY

The FROG Phosphate Remover 4Pro Drop 'N Go pod removes phosphates within 24 hours to restore water clarity. Simply drop the pre-filled pod into the skimmer basket and it goes to work removing phosphates. Each pod treats up to 10,000 gallons, eliminating up to 1,000 ppb of phosphates.

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## LANDMARK AQUATIC

AquatiCare is Landmark Aquatic's newly enhanced preventative-maintenance program, built to keep water safe and systems reliable. Customized service plans align with each facility's unique needs, covering equipment inspections, routine maintenance, and precise chemical care.

Contact: [landmarkaquatic.com](http://landmarkaquatic.com)

## LEN GORDON

Len Gordon's Smart PVC Fitting features permanently molded labels that clearly identify the usage of the connected line. No stickers to peel, no marker ink to fade, and no confusion during installation or future service calls.

Contact: [lengordon.net](http://lengordon.net)



## LIFE FLOOR

Planks are a new Life Floor tile shape which allow for greater design possibilities within aquatic design. They are 48" x 6" and can easily be used in tandem with Life Floor's 24" x 24" squares and 12" x 24" rectangles.

Contact: [lifefloor.com](http://lifefloor.com)

## POOLSIDE ADVENTURE

Poolside Adventure's new 3D Custom Color Translucent panels are designed to catch light beautifully, creating an eye-catching visual experience that transforms any AquaClimb installation.

Contact: [poolsideadventures.com](http://poolsideadventures.com)



## POOLSIDE BY CGT

The Infinity Pool Surface Membrane is a waterproofing/finish option engineered for a long lifecycle and backed by a 15-year warranty. Keeping it clean is the only required maintenance activity.

Contact: [poolsidebycgt.com](http://poolsidebycgt.com)



## RENOLIT

RENOLIT now offers a 20-year warranty on its new KOLOS collection of high-performance PVC reinforced membranes, specifically crafted for pools with heavy use and demanding conditions. It's engineered to handle extreme exposure to chlorine, abrasive substances, and other challenging chemicals.

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## SPILLWAY POOL PRODUCTS

The new Shelf Lounger is a self-contained tanning ledge designed to integrate seamlessly into any pool setting. Its cascading spillover edge adds a visual focal point while maintaining full pool functionality. Available in three sizes—8'x8', 8'x12', and 8'x16'.

Contact: [spillwayspas.com](http://spillwayspas.com)



## THE VACDADDY

The BattDaddy battery accessory is a new power source developed for The VacDaddy system to enable cordless pool cleaning when needed. It provides up to two hours of continuous runtime on a full charge. The design allows full suction performance without an external power cord.

Contact: [thevacdaddy.com](http://thevacdaddy.com)



## USAQUAMAX

The new USAquamax offers a Turboguard titanium heat exchanger with lower amperage requirements. Options include heating only or with a cooling option available for cold weather operation. USAquamax is competitively priced and protected from internet vendors.

Contact: [USAquamax.com](http://USAquamax.com)



## VORTEX AQUATIC STRUCTURES

EPIK, part of the VECTORY collection by Vortex, introduces a patent-pending dual-bucket system that evolves the traditional tipping-bucket experience. By incorporating alternating release cycles and variable timing, the design creates less predictable and more varied water sequences than conventional singlebucket structures.

Contact: [vortex-intl.com](http://vortex-intl.com)



## WAPOTECH

The Aqus ClearAmine Air Monitor measures 12 air parameters providing a calculated surrogate value that accurately duplicates airborne trichloramine residuals in a natatorium. It continually measures, data logs, displays, and helps manage air quality with multiple connectivity options.

Contact: [wapotech.com](http://wapotech.com)



## WATERS CHOICE

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# Exercise and Training



## A) AquaBLAST

**Product:** AquaBLAST

**Features:** this portable fitness bag sets up in seconds using 5-6 gallons of pool water; supports cardio, strength training, weightlifting, and kickboxing; designed to float underwater in 3-5 feet, AquaBLAST offers low-impact, highintensity workouts and fits into a small carry bag for easy storage

**Contact:** [aquablastfit.com](http://aquablastfit.com)

## B) Aquatic Development Group

**Product:** EpicSurf

**Features:** deep-water stationary surf wave, designed to make surfing accessible to anyone, anytime, anywhere; offers a customizable surf experience tailored to each guest; rapid wave technology can be quickly adjusted to match every rider's choice of board and skill level, from beginners learning to surf to experts perfecting their tricks and turns

**Contact:** [epic.surf](http://epic.surf)

## C) Colorado Time

**Product:** Infinity Pro Start System

**Features:** designed with exceptional auditory and visual features to ensure every race begins with precision and clarity; a powerful built-in speaker delivers clear, robust start signals; a bright strobe light integrates with the start tone to provide a visual start cue

**Contact:** [coloradotime.com](http://coloradotime.com)

## D) Hayward Commercial Aquatics

**Product:** CAT 5500

**Features:** water chemistry controllers with TDS, temperature and salt monitoring; equipped with stateof-the-art sensing and control capabilities tailored specifically for salt chlorine applications; offers pH, ORP, conductivity/NaCl, backup sanitization and internet-based monitoring

**Contact:** [hayward.com](http://hayward.com)

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### E) Landmark Aquatic

**Product:** NinjaCross

**Features:** this overhead aquatic obstacle course turns any pool into a hub for fitness, fun, and friendly competition; designed for all ages and skill levels; ideal for classes, leagues, and even paid spectator events; Landmark Aquatic partners with NinjaCross to help facilities level up their programming

**Contact:** [landmarkaquatic.com](http://landmarkaquatic.com)

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### F) Lincoln Aquatics

**Product:** Classic Plus Stor Lane Reel

**Features:** new and upgraded version of the Competitor Stor Lane Reel; includes an aluminum frame and new aluminum end wheels for durability; includes 5-inch stainless steel locking casters; new end mounted tow handle allows for easy maneuverability of the reel

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### G) Recreonics

**Product:** Wibit Sports BalanceTrack Modular Inflatable Combination

**Features:** users start the Wibit Sports BalanceTrack with skillful balancing, then choose between two thrilling options: twist and turn on an upward climb or take a shortcut with a challenge of jumping the corners, then finish course by jumping through the target and into the water

**Contact:** [recreonics.com](http://recreonics.com)

### H) Spectrum Aquatics

**Product:** Sprint with Rapid Lock

**Features:** engineered with faster, easier adjustments for athletes and coaches; features Rapid Lock foot wedge system; eliminates traditional cables and pins in favor of a smooth paddle-style handle for quick positioning and secure locking; built for competition and designed for durability

**Contact:** [spectrumproducts.com](http://spectrumproducts.com)

### I) Sprint Aquatics

**Product:** Sprint Aquatics Water Walkers

**Features:** an alternate option for traditional cardio; dual resistance is excellent for deep water workouts; designed for lower extremity exercises for fitness, rehabilitation or therapy; increases balance and strengthens muscles without the impact of gravity

**Contact:** [sprintaquatics.com](http://sprintaquatics.com)

### J) VIVO Aquatics

**Product:** Blu

**Features:** Alpowered chat interface provides in-depth and personalized guidance for addressing routine and intricate challenges in aquatic management, whether it's troubleshooting a water chemistry issue on a pool or evaluating an underground leak

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## A) Counsilman Hunsaker

**Product:** Aquatic Design Services

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**Contact:** [counsilmanhunsaker.com](http://counsilmanhunsaker.com)

## B) Fountain People

**Product:** FXPRO FlushMount Underwater LED Lighting

**Features:** designed in a niche-housing that is poured flush with the fountain floor or wall making it ideal to renovate fountains and splash pads that have foot traffic; made of 316L stainless steel; designed for underwater, wet or dry applications; on-board DMX driver is individually addressable with a DMX controller

**Contact:** [fountainpeople.com](http://fountainpeople.com)

## C) Life Floor

**Product:** Life Floor Surfacing Play Features

**Features:** enhance guest experience with surfacing play features that become part of the attraction; hopscotch, treasure hunt pathways, four square, twister, and lifesized checkerboards are just some of the games that can be designed into any surface

**Contact:** [lifefloor.com](http://lifefloor.com)

## D) Polin Waterparks

**Product:** The EpiCombo

**Features:** this four-person enclosed themed combo waterslide offers the unique combination of shuttle slide speed and bowl slide twists; it's integrated with patented Utexture, NLE (Natural Light Effects), utilizing state-of-the-art light and transparency technologies

**Contact:** [polin.com.tr](http://polin.com.tr)



## E) Poolside Adventures

**Product:** AquaNinja FLX  
**Features:** kinetic energy play structure specifically designed to be installed over water; inspired by Ninja Warrior, this floating obstacle course transforms pools into interactive adventure zones; suitable for all ages and abilities and offers a safe, fun, and challenging way to test balance, creativity, and endurance  
**Contact:** [poolsideadventures.com](http://poolsideadventures.com)

## F) Recreonics

**Product:** Wubit AquaTrack Standard Inflatable Combination  
**Features:** this Wubit all-time classic features the most popular pool products for standard pools; running, climbing, jumping and sliding require different skills that make this a diversified obstacle course for everyone  
**Contact:** [recreonics.com](http://recreonics.com)

## G) RENOLIT

**Product:** RENOLIT SOLID  
**Features:** RENOLIT SOLID is a reinforced PVC membrane created for splash pads and pool decks; for new construction or renovation; 80mil thick membrane makes deck surfaces waterproof and slip-resistant; solution for common problems including cracks, chips, peeling paint and more  
**Contact:** [renolit-alkorplan.com](http://renolit-alkorplan.com)

## H) Rico Rock

**Product:** RicoRock custom GFRc for parks and aquatic facilities  
**Features:** GFRc (glass-fiber-reinforced concrete) rock can be used to create waterfalls, water features, seating, design theming and more; steel reinforced construction is lighter weight and less expensive than natural stone; building process is easier to control and predict; made in USA  
**Contact:** [ricorock.com](http://ricorock.com)



### I) Vortex Aquatic Structures

**Product:** Elevations  
**Features:** complete, ADA-inclusive, multistory play zone; wheelchair accessible with extra wide ramps and bridges, and a circular path for easy access around the structure itself; waterfeatures are closer to the ground and easily accessible by kids of all abilities  
**Contact:** [vortex-intl.com](http://vortex-intl.com)

### J) Water Odyssey

**Product:** Dinosaur Fun Forms collection  
**Features:** includes Dino Cera, Dino Lil Raptor, and Dino Diplo sprayers; encourages splashing, exploration, and imaginative play; easy to install; interchangeable with other Fun Forms features; coated with Aqua Armor for chlorine, UV, and vandal resistance; ASTM compliant  
**Contact:** [waterodyssey.com](http://waterodyssey.com)

### K) WhiteWater

**Product:** AquaAdrenaline  
**Features:** combines the freedom of aquatic play with the challenges of an adventure course; designed for purpose-built pools or repurposed existing pools that meet specifications; accommodates multiple age groups and physical abilities; high play value, low staff-to-guest ratios, spectator appeal  
**Contact:** [whitewaterwest.com](http://whitewaterwest.com)

### L) Wrmth Corp.

**Product:** WAV Lounge Chair  
**Features:** comfortable, heated casual chair is controlled through a smart device; dial the temperature up or down with ease; uses minimal electricity and connects to standard power outlets; several chairs can share a single circuit; WAV chairs can be connected to each other to form bench combinations  
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Contact: [aquaworxusa.com](http://aquaworxusa.com)



## KING TECHNOLOGY

The FROG Clarifier 4Pro Drop 'N Go pod works fast to visibly improve clarity by removing cloudy water within hours. Every pre-filled pod contains a concentrated dry formula engineered to remove and prevent cloudiness. There's no measuring, spilling, leaking or under- or overdosing – simply drop into the skimmer basket.

Contact: [kingtechnology.com](http://kingtechnology.com)



## LIFE FLOOR

Destination Tiles are specifically engineered for aquatic venues and uses Life Floor's slip-resistant and cushioned surfacing technology. They feature Mediterranean motifs that mirror luxurious designs typically found in ceramics from the region. There are 12 standard patterns available that can be combined for a standalone design or selectively chosen to complement a larger theme.

Contact: [lifefloor.com](http://lifefloor.com)



## WATER ODYSSEY

The new Dinosaur Fun Forms collection features the Dino Cera, Dino Lil Raptor, and Dino Diplo themed sprayers that deliver dynamic spray effects that encourage splashing, exploring and imaginative aquatic play. Using a simple connection and anchoring system, it's easy to update and transform any facility into a prehistoric, immersive aquatic play environment.

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