

## PS picks and peeves

Of the sound signals tested, the gas horns, below right, were the best performers; however, the Falcon Sports propellant is flammable, so PS does not recommend taking it aboard. The West Marine EcoHorn, top left, was not as loud as its competitor, Taylor Made EcoBlast. Both horns require numerous strokes on a small pump to refill the air canister, making it difficult to issue repeated blasts. The Orion Safety Blaster, below left, requires a lot of lung power, making it near impossible to blow it loudly for the ABYC-required six seconds. The whistles, above, are good for back-up, but they are not adequate as primary sound signals.

