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**15 | MICRO ANCHOR**

Anglers who fish from small watercraft are often overlooked when new products are introduced, but not this time. ICAST's overall Best of Show winner, the Power-Pole Micro Anchor, is made specifically for small boats and kayaks. Weighing a mere 11½ pounds, it deploys into water as deep as eight feet, holding boats weighing up to 1,500 pounds in perfect position. Powered by a quiet 60-watt motor, the Micro Anchor deploys at a speedy 1.2 feet per second. **JL MARINE SYSTEMS, (813) 689-9932; WWW.POWER-POLE.COM**



**BEST WALLEYE HOOK**

**17 | RIP-N ROLL**

I thought the incredible slow-death wall-eye system couldn't be improved, but Matzuo proved me wrong. Rip-N Roll swivel hooks feature a sharper, meatier hook that won't bend when it rubs bottom. They're also larger than most bent hooks, allowing for easier hooksets on big fish. But the real blessing is a tiny swivel in the eye, making it a cinch to get your crawler cork-screwing properly, and at speeds much slower than you'd usually troll. Slow Death just got deadlier. **MATZUO AMERICA, 1-800-941-2029; WWW.MATZUO.COM**



**BEST TROUT FLIES**

**16 | MATCH'N CATCH**

I normally don't include fly-fishing items in my roundup, but these Swedish-made flies are so amazingly anatomically correct, I just had to include them. In fact, I honestly thought they were real insects when I first spotted them at EFTTEX—only the hooks belied them as fakes. The Match'n Catch collection includes all of the mayfly, caddis, stonefly and midge life stages, as well as scuds and terrestrials, in a wide range of sizes. Despite their delicate appearance, these flies are tied with synthetic materials that make them virtually indestructible. **J.SONSWEDEN AB, WWW.JSONSWEDEN.COM**

