

PS VALUE GUIDE ANCHORS FOR SOFT MUD (OVER \$200)

ANCHOR MODEL	PRICE & SOURCE	WEIGHT	SUGGESTED BOAT LENGTH	STYLE	SET RATING	HOLDING POWER	SET RATING	HOLDING POWER
					3:1 Scope		7:1 Scope	
Anchor Right Sarca	\$412 anchorright.com.au	30 lbs.	23 - 34 ft.	Plow	Good	420 lbs.	Fair	500 lbs.
Bulwagga ✓	\$238 navstore.com	17 lbs.	20 - 30 ft.	Hybrid	Good	450 lbs.	Good	480 lbs.
Danforth Deep Set II	\$249 boatersworld.com	23 lbs.	30 - 36 ft.	Danforth-style	Good	350 lbs.	Good	450 lbs.
Davis Talon XT ✓	\$275 davisanchor.com	36 lbs.	30 - 36 ft.	Plow	Good	450 lbs.	Good	450 lbs.
Fortress FX-23	\$269 boatersworld.com	16 lbs.	39 - 45 ft.	Danforth-style	Good	375 lbs.	Good	475 lbs.
HydroBubble \$	\$249 anchorconcepts.com	15 lbs.	30 - 40 ft.	Plow	Good	480 lbs.	Excellent	480 lbs.
Kingston Plow	\$249 jammarine.com	36 lbs.	30 - 36 ft.	CRQ-style Plow	Good	450 lbs.	Excellent	380 lbs.
Rocna 15	\$383 rocna.com	28 lbs.	30 - 39 ft.	Plow	Good	300 lbs.	Good	440 lbs.
Spade A80	\$449 West Marine	16 lbs.	25 - 34 ft.	Plow	Good	250 lbs.	Excellent	460 lbs.
Super Max Pivoting	\$475 creativemarine.com	45 lbs.	28 - 36 ft.	Adjustable Scoop Plow	Good	400 lbs.	Good	500 lbs.
Super Max Rigid	\$475 creativemarine.com	47 lbs.	30 - 38 ft.	Plow	Good	300 lbs.	Good	425 lbs.
XYZ ★	\$395 bestmarinesports.com	13 lbs.	30 - 38 ft.	Plow	Good	500 lbs.	Good	500 lbs.

\$ Budget Buy ✓ Recommended ★ Best Choice

The top performer with a price to match, the XYZ is our Best Choice for soft mud. The HydroBubble is a lightweight performer with a comparatively low price. The Davis Talon and the Bulwagga earned Recommended ratings.

The FX-23 performed above average at the short 3:1 scope by setting easily and holding 375 pounds. At the more typical 7:1 scope, it performed with the best by holding 475 pounds. The light weight of the FX-23 made it easy to carry around especially when compared to some of the other behemoths in this group.

The FX-23 is priced at \$269 and carries a lifetime warranty.

Bottom Line: This lightweight Fortress is easy to tote, carries a great warranty, and holds with the best at a 7:1 scope. Holding power trails off at short scopes.

HYDROBUBBLE

Several models and sizes of the HydroBubble are available, even an anchor with breakaway capabilities. Construction materials can be a combination of aluminum alloy and stainless steel or galvanized steel. The common element in all the anchors is a sealed flotation chamber fitted to the shank that, according to the maker, always brings the plow to rest in the proper position to dig into the bottom. We tested the Standard Series model 45. It performed superbly in the mud, earning a Good set rating at the short scope and an Excellent

on the long scope, holding 480 pounds at both scopes. This anchor has a limited lifetime warranty.

Bottom Line: The mid-priced HydroBubble (\$249) is an excellent soft mud performer with an outstanding limited lifetime warranty.

KINGSTON PLOW

The Kingston Plow is a CQR look-a-like. It is constructed from galvanized steel and is available in five weights, from 20 to 60 pounds. Ours weighed 36 pounds. This anchor set easily in both tests earning Good and Excellent rating. On