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Victoper A1200T Rechargeable Flashlight (2-Pack) Review: A Bright, Budget Light for the Marina

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The Victoper A1200T 2-pack. [Check the current price on Amazon.](#)

★★★★★ My rating: 4.5 out of 5

The short version: The Victoper A1200T is an inexpensive, USB-C rechargeable aluminum flashlight with a zoomable beam and a lot of light for the money. It made late-season walks down the dock noticeably safer for my wife and me, the spot beam is genuinely fun on the slip at night, and it proved to be a handy work light below deck.

It is not a purpose-built marine light: it doesn't float, it has no red night-vision mode, and the rubber cover over the charge port came off on one of ours. Treat it as a great dock, cabin, and truck light.

Why a good handheld light matters on a boat

Here in the Pacific Northwest, the evenings close in early once fall arrives. By late October it's dark well before dinner, and a lot of marina trips end in the dark. Docks at night are no joke: uneven planks, cleats, dock lines, hoses, and the wet, slick mess the seals and seabirds leave behind. A light that shows you exactly where you're putting your feet is basic safety equipment, not an accessory.

About this test. As editor of SailboatsUSA.com, I review gear by putting it to work on my own boats. I perform most of my own maintenance on two older sailboats here in Pacific Northwest waters: a 1976 Columbia 8.7m and a 1977 Catalina 30. I wanted two things from this light: enough brightness to make the walk down the dock after dark safe, and a dependable work light for the below-deck jobs every boat owner does with one hand while holding a light in the other. Everything in this review comes from using both lights myself, with my wife using the second one, not from the spec sheet.

Unboxing and first impressions

The 2-pack arrived with two flashlights, each with a wrist loop, and two USB-C charging cables. The first thing I noticed was the housing: aluminum alloy with a textured grip that feels solid and sturdy in the hand. These don't feel like the plastic throwaway lights you find in a checkout bin.



The A1200T 2-pack as it arrived. [See it on Amazon.](#)

I put both on charge right out of the box. Charging is plain USB-C, so the same cable and charger that handle your phone will handle these.

The one negative showed up here. The small rubber cover that protects the charging port pulled off completely, and I couldn't easily get it seated again. On land that's a minor annoyance. Around salt water it matters more, because that little cover is a big part of what keeps spray and rain out of the port. If yours comes loose, reseal it with a pen or pencil and push it back into place. It's important to protect the charge port from moisture.

On the dock and aboard

Walking the docks at night. This is where the A1200T shined, literally. On high it throws a bright, clean beam that lit up the dock far enough ahead that I could see and step around every patch of seal and bird droppings instead of discovering them with the soles of my shoes. My wife carried the second light, and having one each made both of us feel much safer getting to and from the boat after dark.

The zoom. The head slides to adjust the beam from a wide flood to a tight spot. Flood is what you want for walking and for working around the cockpit; spot is what you want for reaching out. Victoper rates the focused beam at up to 656 feet. I didn't measure that, but in spot mode it reaches well out across the marina.

The button and modes. Everything runs off a single on/off button. One click turns the light on, a second click switches it to a fast flash, a third to a slow flash, and a fourth turns it off. You can also press and hold the button to turn the light off, which is handy when you click into a flashing mode and just want it dark. Victoper lists five modes in all: High, Medium, Low, Strobe, and SOS.

Looking into the water. Just for fun, I narrowed the beam all the way down and pointed it straight down off the slip. The tight spot cuts through the surface glare well enough to see a few feet down, and it was a good time watching for fish and other marine life around the dock.

Below deck. I also put it to work inside the boat: looking into the bilge, opening and closing the seacocks, and checking the engine oil before starting the engine. These are cramped, dark spaces where you're usually holding the light in one hand and working with the other, and the A1200T's brightness and compact body suited the job well. The flood setting lights up a whole compartment at once, and narrowing the beam puts the light right where you need it, like the dipstick or a seacock handle in a tight corner.

Specifications

Body	Aluminum alloy, textured grip
Modes	High, Medium, Low, Strobe, SOS
Beam	Adjustable focus, flood to spot
Rated beam distance	Up to 656 ft (manufacturer claim)
Battery	1800mAh rechargeable
Charging	USB-C
Water resistance	IP65
Floats	No
Red light mode	No
In the box	2 flashlights with wrist loops, 2 USB-C cables, manual

What sailors should know before buying

IP65 means splash-proof, not waterproof. IP65 protects against rain and spray from any direction. It is not rated for submersion. Combined with the fact that it doesn't float, that means a dropped A1200T is a lost A1200T. The good news is that both lights come with a nice wrist loop, so slip it over your wrist before you take one in the dinghy or lean over the rail.

No red light. There's no red mode for preserving night vision, so this isn't the light I'd reach for on night watch or for reading the chart in the cockpit underway. For that job, keep a red headlamp handy.

Charging from the boat's 12V system. Victoper confirmed you can charge it from a standard USB car charger plugged into a 12V outlet, which is exactly what most of us have at the nav station. Don't wire it directly to 12V.

Salt and corrosion. Victoper makes no specific saltwater corrosion-resistance claim for this model. Aluminum and salt air don't love each other, so give it a fresh-water wipe-down now and then, and keep that port cover closed.

Runtime. Victoper lists an 1800mAh battery but doesn't publish runtime figures for each brightness level. In my use so far, battery life has not been an issue for dock walks and evenings at the slip.

How it compares

I haven't tested these alternatives myself, so this comparison is based on their published specs and an independent bench review. Prices are approximate and change often.

	Victoper A1200T 2-pack	GearLight S1000 2-pack	UST Floating Flashlight
Approx. price	About \$16 for two	About \$21 for two	About \$15 for one
Power	Built-in 1800mAh, USB-C	3 AAA or one 18650, no onboard charging	3 AAA alkaline
Zoom	Yes	Yes	No
Water rating	IP65 (splash-proof)	No IP rating published	IPX8 (submersible)
Floats	No	No	Yes
Brightness	Very bright (lumens not published)	About 290 lumens measured on high	About 100 lumens

Versus the GearLight S1000. The GearLight is the best-known budget zoom light, but it runs on AAA batteries or a loose 18650 cell that needs a separate charger. For a boat, the A1200T's built-in USB-C charging is the bigger convenience: it tops up from the same USB port at the nav station that charges your phone, and there are no spare AAAs rattling around the chart table. An [independent bench test at 1Lumen](#) measured the S1000 at roughly 290 lumens and rated it 2.5 out of 5.

Versus the UST Floating Flashlight. If you need a light that survives going overboard, the UST is the purpose-built choice: it floats and is rated IPX8. The trade-off is a much dimmer beam, no zoom, and disposable batteries. I'd keep a floating light like the UST in the ditch bag or dinghy, and use the A1200T as the everyday dock and below-deck light.

Pros and cons

What I liked

- Very bright, with a beam that genuinely improves safety on the docks
- Zoom from wide flood to tight spot is easy and useful
- Solid, sturdy aluminum body
- A nice wrist loop on each light helps keep it from falling into the water
- USB-C charging, compatible with a 12V USB outlet
- The 2-pack makes sense: one for each crew member, or one aboard and one in the truck
- Very low price for what you get

What could be better

- The charge-port cover came off and was hard to reseal
- No red night-vision mode

The verdict

For the price, the Victoper A1200T 2-pack is an easy recommendation for boat owners who want a bright, rechargeable light for the walk down the dock, bilge and engine checks, the cabin, and the truck. It made our evenings at the marina safer, and the zoom adds real versatility. Just know its limits: it isn't a floating, waterproof, or night-vision light, and you'll want to keep an eye on that port cover in the marine environment. I like these lights so much that I'm buying a few more. At this price, I can keep one at home, in both of our cars, on the boat, and in my shop.

Buy it if you:

- Want a bright, reliable light at home for when the power goes out
- Want one in your truck, where it's as important as the spare tire
- Need to stay safe walking down the dock to your slip at night
- Want a light kept aboard for routine inspections like bilge, seacock, and engine checks
- Board and leave the boat after dark and want to see every step, line, and cleat

Skip it if you:

- Need hands-free light for working in the engine compartment or on deck; consider a headlamp instead
- Need a light that floats or can be submerged; get a purpose-built floating light instead
- Stand night watches and need a red mode to protect your night vision

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