

Power bike

Folding bikes are a popular accessory on large enough yachts – good for accessing distant shops or providing the crew with exercise as you meander down the Canal du Midi, or even biking to the shower block – but how about an electric folding bike? We tried out this Lynx – with 20in wheels – from PowaCycle. A combination of lithium ion battery and aluminium frame makes for a lightweight package – though at 20kg it's not something you'd want to carry very far. Controls are simple, acceleration brisk – maximum speed (power or 'assisted power') is 12.4mph.

Range is claimed as 13-18 miles with light pedalling on a flat surface. Battery recharge (you'll need shorepower!) is 6-8 hours. Altogether a good package, though there are lighter, unpowered alternatives. Priced £599.

CB says: Iron tops'l for shoreside

