



Laxworx Lacrosse Hardwall Rebounder 2.0 is made of high-grade materials that make for a durable product.

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'A yacht-like, durable good'

Laxworx releases the Lacrosse Hardwall Rebounder 2.0

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Neither lacrosse softwall rebounders nor brick walls are really that adequate for wall ball exercises. Laxworx, a Patchogue-based company, recently released its Lacrosse Hardwall Rebounder 2.0, which sports a fiberglass surface with an arc.

"Instead of just hitting one spot on a wall, you can hit it high or low and it still comes back to your stick, where a vertical surface or something like that doesn't come back true or nicely," said Tom Schaefer, who formed Laxworx in 2017.

Schaefer, a Sayville resident, owns and operates two businesses: Schaefer Boatworks, a custom builder of

high-end boats and yachts; and T&M Fabrication, a producer of custom and mass-produced fiberglass tooling and parts for the marine, automotive, construction and entertainment industries. His expertise in boatbuilding as well as fiberglass fabrication led to the creation of Laxworx's first rebounder, which hit the market in 2018.

Additionally, Schaefer's three children all played lacrosse throughout their childhood, and two continue to play: one at LIU

Post and one at Sayville High School, who recently committed to playing at Stanford University next year. Schaefer said they both use the Hardwall Rebounder 2.0 routinely in their practice sessions.

Schaefer bought his children their first softwall rebounder in 2011, when they were 11, 8 and 8 years old.

"The quality and the performance of it out of the box is subpar," he said. "After a little bit of weathering, a little bit of outside sun and rain, they start to rust out. The springs aren't really springy anymore. The fabric starts to rip and tear. Within a month or two, the performance is notably diminished. And then basically in a year or two, you are bringing the thing to the curb and looking for another one."

Using patent-pending technology from his other businesses, the Rebounder 2.0's surface is made with marine-grade, UV-stabilized resins, stainless-steel hardware that can withstand the elements, and a patented design that allows for a very natural throw and rebound.

"The performance of the Hardwall Rebounder 2.0 is vastly superior to all the softwall rebounders on the market today and will not fade," Schaefer

said. "The curved playing surface and performance are light-years beyond the traditional softwall rebounders."

"These are actually yacht-quality finishing materials that are going to last not just a month or year. It will last literally decades," he added.

In terms of notable upgrades, the 2.0 product also features an adjustability for the various heights of a player.

"We have 5-6-year-olds... It is a much different, soft throw coming from low. Then there is a 6-foot-4 college kid who is wailing on it," he said. "We wanted the ability for the adjustment so they can kind of set it up physically exactly to who they are physically and their lacrosse capabilities." ■