



# PLAY IT SAFE ALL YEAR LONG

National Safe Boating Week: May 22-28



FREE! — Each year volunteers from the USCG Auxiliary and the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron offer free safety checks (without citations) for watercraft. The or-ganizations are dedicated to making boat-ing safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation, and related subjects.

# **FOCUS ON SAFETY**

# At Arizona's Boating Celebration 2010

The seventh annual Arizona Safe Boating Celebration is set for Saturday, May 22 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Lake Pleasant Regional Park.

Is your watercraft safe? Do you have everything on board that you need to keep your family safe while you are on the water?

Are you knowledgeable about Arizona's boating laws and regulations? Do you know what all those buoys mean?

The Arizona Safe Boating Celebration can put those worries to rest as you find out more about keeping your family and boat safe.

Festivities will again include events for the whole family:

• Free vessel inspections (without citation)

- · Kayak and canoe demonstrations
- · Life jacket exchange
- · Navigational buoy display
- Wakehoard demonstration
- · Drawings for great prizes
- · Scheduled swimmer rescue demonstration

Much, much more!

For additional information on the celebration, visit www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake\_ pleasant or azsafeboating.org

Lake Pleasant Regional Park is at 41835 N Castle Hot Springs Road, Morristown, AZ 85342. From I-17 take SR-74 (Carefree Hwy) west; turn right at Mile Post 19; three miles to park entrance.



PFD PROUD - This little girl is proudly displaying her new life jacket that was do-nated through the National Water Safety Council Grant given during a VSC in May

# Three States Join To Give One Message

Colorado River's Tri-State (Arizona, California, and Nevada) Boating Safety Fair 2010 will be held Saturday, May 22 at London Bridge Beach, Lake Havasu City, along the Bridgewater Channel at 1340 McCulloch Blvd. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A life jacket trade-in will take place again.

This seventh annual fun-filled family affair will kick-off National Safe Boating Week (May 22-28) by a group of state, local and federal boating agencies that want to encourage boaters to hit the water this summer, but safely and responsibly.

Organizers will be talking about challenges that boaters face while boating on the Colorado River and about general boating safety. Families will be given the opportunity to bring in one outgrown or unsafe life jacket to trade in for a brand new one (while supplies last), and boating-safety bags filled with promotional items and information about boating laws in strategic areas of the Colorado River will be distributed.

Also, boaters will get a free vessel safety check from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary before launching.



TRI-STATE TRADE-IN - One of the most popular (and valuable) events at the Tri-State Boating Safety Fair is a chance to bring unsafe or outgrown life jackets to trade for new ones (while supplies last). There is a necessary limit of one per family.

Events for the whole family:

- Giveaways
- · Information booths
- Life jacket trade-in: Bring unsafe or outgrown life jackets to trade for new (while supplies last); one per family, please.

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ARIZONA'S MESSAGE — on the Arizona Game & Fish Department's familiar and visible boat is shared by two other states (California and Nevada) at the annual Tri-State Boating Safety Fair Saturday, May 22.

### TALK ABOUT 'PERFECT'

# At Bartlett: A Beautiful Day, A Beautiful Boat



Ready To Fish

By Carol L. Allen

Easter Sunday 2010 was a day to remember. A beautiful day on Bartlett Lake with family and friends. A yacht with all the amenities. Gorgeous sunshine and temperature in the mid-'80s. Incredibly beautiful wildflowers and lichen-covered rocks. Sparkling blue water. What more could we have asked? Talk about perfect!

We spent about four hours cruising the lake, barbecuing, visiting in the comfortable seating areas, tanning on the upper deck, and some of our group even braved the cold, spring water to enjoy the thrill of the boat's big slide. Not me this time. Maybe in the summer. It did look like fun.

If you have not yet done so, I urge you to consider renting the Bartlett party boat. It is ideal for family outings, for company and/or large parties, for holiday celebrations, for memorable occasions such as weddings, and



**Bartlett Lake's Party Boat** 

other special times that may be in your future. Our home for the day was a two-story, 45foot pontoon yacht that can carry up to 30 passengers. There is a very comfortable lower deck and a top deck with patio furniture plus

the aforementioned sliding board.

Preparing a picnic (or a larger meal) or having a cocktail party is easy with a large propane grill, a refrigerator, and a bar with

The head is convenient and comfortable And, one of the most important items on



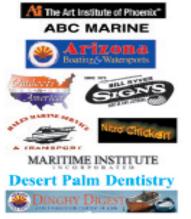
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board: a full supply of life jackets! We noted that the life vests came in a variety of sizes.

All in all, I find I cannot find enough positive words to describe this wonderful experience on a beautiful and convenient vacht.



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### ODDS ARE ...

# Preparation Keeps Them In Your Favor

By Mike Wallace

Superstition Search & Rescue

There is a pretty slim chance you are ever going to experience the feelings of panic from chronic thirst. Chances are you will never wander in a desert, delusional from mind-baking heat.

Most likely you will never suffer the horror brought on from unmanaged fear. Bitter cold may never progressively pull the life from your limbs, your mind then your body. You will probably never experience a long and horrible death from exposure.

The odds are in your favor that your outdoor adventures will be fun filled and safe. But, the odds are a funny compan-

When they are friendly, we enjoy their company. We hike the trails of adventure hand in hand with this friend, ignoring its unforgiving, relentless and evil side. When this outdoor companion turns on us, it is, in most cases, unexpected and has really poor timing.



LIFE'S LIQUID — Being prepared aids the ability to manage fear. Having enough water aids in the ability to hydrate and control fear. Having redundant fire starters, shelter, and proper clothing all aid in bodycore management, hydration, fear management, and how to be found.

I have written several times about the five principles of survival, skills and suggestions that we should all practice to keep

our friend (the odds) in our favor.

The first principle of survival is preparation. It seems obvious that we should



prepare for unseen problems that may arise while adventuring in the wilds.

But, most of the people we have rescued as a search team have not prepared for the unexpected. They have all been caught off guard by both the timing and seword "owned" because the responsibility to prepare for surprise is individual. Crisis is owned by choice. I will not list

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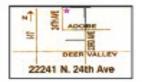


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- Registration decals displayed
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- Throw-able floatation device
- · Type B-I fire extinguisher
- · Ignition safety switch
- · Backfire flame arrestor
- · Ventilation system
- Muffler
- · Horn, whistle, or bell
- Daytime visual distress signals
- · Nighttime visual distress signals
- Navigation lights

Those 12 years of age and under must wear a USCG approved type I, II or III life jacket while underway on any boat or personal watercraft.



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# **Statewide Boating Education Classes**

April 2010						
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration		
Arizona Game and Fish Department	April 17 8 a.m 5 p.m.	Water Safety Center at Contact Point 1801 Highway 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 680-0359		
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	April 17 9 a.m 6 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department 5000 W. Carefree Highway Phoenix	\$30	(602) 559-1440		
United States Power Squadron	April 24 9 a.m 5 p.m.	Outdoor Sports 9100 E. Valley Road Prescott Valley	\$40	(928) 776-8426		

May 2010						
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration		
Arizona Game and Fish Department	May 1 8 a.m 5 p.m.	MWR Rentals Building #70914 NE corner of Irwin & Hunter Streets Fort Huachuca	\$0	(520) 533-6707		
Arizona Game and Fish Department	May 8 9 a.m 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department 1840 E. Broadway Road Mesa	\$8 per family	(623) 236-7235		
Arizona Game and Fish Department	May 15 8 a.m 5 p.m.	Roosevelt Lake Patrol Substation Mile Post 243, State Route 188 Lake Roosevelt	\$5 per family	(928) 467-2515		
Arizona Game and Fish Department	May 15 9 a.m 5 p.m.	Patagonia Lake Sate Park Sonoita Creek Visitors Center Patagonia	\$0	(520) 287-2791		
Arizona Game and Fish Department	May 24 & 25 5:30 p.m 9:30 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department 5000 W. Carefree Highway Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7235		

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Free vessel inspections • Life jacket exchange • Kayak, canoe, wakeboard and swimmer rescue demos • Navigational buoy display • Drawings for great prizes

May 22, 2010, 8 a.m.- Noon 41835 N. Castle Hot Springs Road \$6 park entry fee http://www.azsafeboating.org/



### **Events for the** whole family:

- Giveaways
- Information booths
- · Life Jacket trade in
- Courtesy vessel safety checks ...and a lot more!

### Life jacket trade-in:

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Bring in your unsafe or outgrown life jackets
- · New life jackets will be available
- (while supplies last) One per family

Saturday, May 22, 2010 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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### **DO YOU KNOW?** Questions Answered; Questions Asked

By Ron & Rose Werner

United States Sail & Power Squadrons

Last month we asked some questions about boating protocol. See how your answers apply:

· What is the traffic flow on the lake and when can it be different?

Counter clockwise. Easy rule is to keep the near shore to your starboard (right side). You may go outside of the traffic pattern when not at cruising speed and have valid reason for doing so.

On the water, who has the right of

No one. You must take all appropriate actions to prevent an accident.

· Under the captain, who is the most important (and a required) person?
The observer! The observer must be

assigned and may not have any other task.

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# Saturation Patrols Have One Purpose: To Save Lives

Picture Lake Havasu on a sunny day, and you might think of college students with cases of beer on board, racing up and

down the waterways. You might say to yourself, "It's just harmless fun."

But, operating a boat while impaired is just as dangerous — and just as illegal — as drinking while driving a car. The legal limit for blood alcohol is .08 in

The penalties are similar, too; like driving under the influence, operating a boat under the influence is a Class One misdemeanor.

### Saturation Patrols And **OUI Checkpoints**

To detect and remove impaired and unsafe boaters, officers from the Arizona



Game and Fish Department and other agencies in Arizona and bordering states of California and Nevada conduct saturation patrols. A boating law-enforcement saturation patrol is on the water for one reason only — to save lives.

Saturation patrols and OUI checkpoints, a similar operation, are conducted on Arizona's lakes and rivers during the busiest boating months (March through September).

If you're waved over by an officer during a saturation patrol or you enter an OUI checkpoint area while boating Arizona's waterways this summer, don't worry — if your boat operator is sober



and the boat is safe, you'll quickly be on your way again.

The boat's driver will be checked to ensure he or she is not endangering others by operating a boat while under the influence of alcohol, and your boat will be assessed for its safety equipment to ensure it meets legal requirements.

### Consider Taking A Class

For a responsible and safe boating ex-perience on Arizona's waterways this summer, consider taking an eight-hour boating education class near you or take it online. For boating education information, please call (623) 236-7325

### Renew Online

Renew your vessel registration online at www.azgfd.gov/watercraft. There you will find links to renew your registration online, boating fees, rules and regulations, forms, and facts

For questions call (602) 940-3000.



# 10 Safety Tips For Outdoor Watersports

Jane Warren

towabletubesdirect.com

As the summer season approaches, people tend to get involved in more out-door activities. One activity is watersports. And, as with any sport, participants need to be aware of safety guidelines in order to enjoy being in or out on the water, minimizing the potential for accidents.

According to a 2005 report from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there were 4,292 deaths that were reportedly caused by watersports accidents. Most any accident or tragedy can be avoided if we put an emphasis on safety during any kind of watersports.

Whether you are swimming, fishing, surfing, boating, tubing, or skiing, water safety measures should be taken.

Some useful tips regarding safety precautions during water sports are listed below:

### 1. Know How To Swim

If you know how to swim, you will nat-urally feel more comfortable with any kind of watersport. Swimming lessons can be equally beneficial for both children and adults. It is even better for adults to have advanced swimming skills, so they are prepared to assist children and anyone else who may experience difficulty in the water.

# 2. Use A Life Jacket/Personal Flota-

tion Device (PFD)
According to 2006 statistics, approximately 90 percent of individuals who died in a boating accident were not wearing life



SAFETY FIRST — Jane Warren is a resident of Atlanta, Ga., and the Web publisher of towabletubesdirect.com, a Web site that provides information on tow-behind tubes and other watersports products. She and her husband Jim spend several months every year in Grand Cayman. They enjoy spending time outside in various types of outdoor sports activities that include both land and water. Warren is also very conscious of safety in watersports activities. She lost a cousin in a drowning accident when they were both teenagers, and she has seen other close calls for people out on the water. Knowing the basics of water safety and using common sense can make the difference in any day at the lake or

jackets or any other type of flotation device. Even if you know how to swim, there may be circumstances when you are not able to swim back to the boat or shore.

A life jacket helps you float on the surface of the water with little effort. Being

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The Unlimited Light Hydro Racing Association and the Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing Series will make their first stop in Arizona, April 30 - May 2 at Firebird Raceway

This three-day event is jammed packed with speed and horsepower. The ULHRA boats will be skipping across the water at over 150 mph, throwing a "water rooster tail" over 20 feet in the air, all while racing around the Firebird Lake with up to five other boats.

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more information, http://www.firebirdraceway.com/web/contactus.html.



COLLEGE SAILING — US SAILING, the national governing body of the sport, has created a new four-year membership designed specifically for the college sailor. US SAILING has partnered with the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) to create a new college sailing Web site that provides useful resources for the college sailor and helps promote this segment of our sport. For more information on the new US SAILING College Membership, please visit our new college sailing Web site at http://college.ussailing.org/Home.htm.



PURE MAGIC — Water in the Sonoran desert of Arizona is pure magic. After spending nearly 15 seasons in the Salt River Canyon we at Salt River Rafting have realized that there is no place we would rather be from the end of February until the end of May. For that reason, James, Mike and Wiley at Salt River Raft-ing IIc have decided we will always be there running trips. There will always be a Salt River Season: Plan on it, count on it and enjoy it! High water or low water, big season or small season, large rafts or season or small season, large rafts or small inflatable kayaks, Salt River Rafting would love to share the canyon with you. The 2010 whitewater rafting season continues until Sunday, May 23. Call Mike in the office at (719) 539-3555 or (800) 425-5253. Economy got you down? We lowered the price on our most popular trip, the Full Day Saturday Price is now the same as the rest of the week. We are now the only company in the canyon not charging only company in the canyon not charging extra to go rafting on Saturday.







# New Regulations For Boaters Go Into Effect

NOW it's the LAW for boaters in Arizona for waters infested with invasive quagga mussels

"Our boaters have done a good job so far of voluntarily practicing "clean, drain and dry" as a part of responsible boating. Now Arizona has regulations in effect requiring boaters to follow those practices at lakes known to have quagga mussels," said Tom McMahon, the Arizona Game and Fish Department's invasive species coordinator.

Quagga mussels were first discovered in Arizona waters in Lake Mead in January of 2007. A single adult quagga mussel can produce a half-million larvae in a single year. Since being introduced in Mead, likely from being accidentally transported on a boat put into the lake, these prolific invaders have spread rapidly.

Waters in Arizona officially designated as having aquatic invasive quagga/zebra mussels include



- Lake Mead Lake Mohave
- Lake Havasu
- Lower Colorado River below Havasu to the international boundary with Mexico

"I can't stress enough the important role boaters and anglers have voluntarily played in helping prevent the continued spread of these unwanted invasive species," McMahon said. "For those who have been complying, thank you. You did the right thing for the right reasons."

Now there are new regulations, called "Director's Orders," in effect. The measures were authorized by the Aquatic Invasive Species Interdiction Act passed last

July by the Arizona Legislature.

Those boaters who don't follow the procedures outlined in the newly created regulations can actually be cited by law-enforcement officers. To view the Director's Orders, visit the Game and Fish Department's Web site at

www.azgfd.gov/mussels.

These new regulations require day-use boaters to follow four simple steps. Before leaving the vicinity of a water officially listed as having quagga and/or zebra mus-

- Remove any clinging material such as plants, animals and mud from anchor, boat, motor and trailer
- Remove the plug (if applicable) and drain the water from the bilge, live-well, and any other compartments that could

- Drain water from the engine and engine cooling systems
- Ensure watercraft, vehicle, equipment, or conveyance are allowed to dry completely

Before launching your watercraft someplace else, — this waiting period is essential to kill residual larvae not eradicated by the above three steps. If you use a boat again in less than five days from the previous use, replace the bilge drain plug, and disinfect the bilge by pouring in not less than one gallon of vinegar; the vinegar can be drained from the bilge upon arrival at home (vinegar can be reused several times).

There are also new regulations being implemented for long-term users (includes moored boats). These are boats that have been in the water for more than five days and are at the highest risk of harboring attached invasive mussels.

Watercraft, boats, vehicles, equipment or conveyances that have been moored for five days or longer in waters that are infested with quagga mussels will likely be heavily contaminated with larval and adult mussels," McMahon said. "Watercraft moored longer than a few weeks or months in those waters will most certainly be contaminated with adult mussels.

There are mandatory decontamination procedures for the long-term moored boats that include -

Remove any clinging material such as plants, animals and mud from anchor,

boat, motor, equipment and trailer

Remove the plug (if applicable) and drain the water from the bilge, live-well, and any other compartments that could hold water.

Drain water from the engine and engine cooling systems

Physically remove all visible attached mussels from boat surfaces, motors, impellers, outdrives, rudders, anchors and through-hull fittings

Flush engine and cooling system and any other through-hull fittings with hot water that is exiting those areas at 140 F for 10 to 30 seconds.

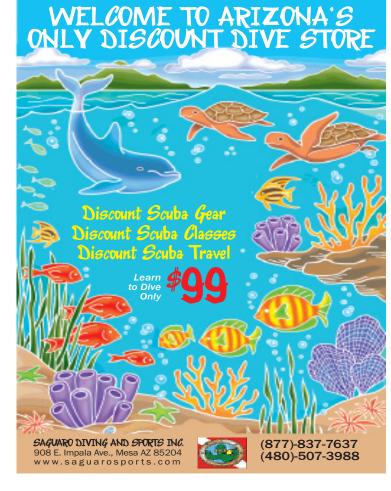
Keep the boat out of water and ensure all areas of the boat are dry, including bilge, through-hull fittings and engine, for a minimum of during the months of November through April and from May through October.

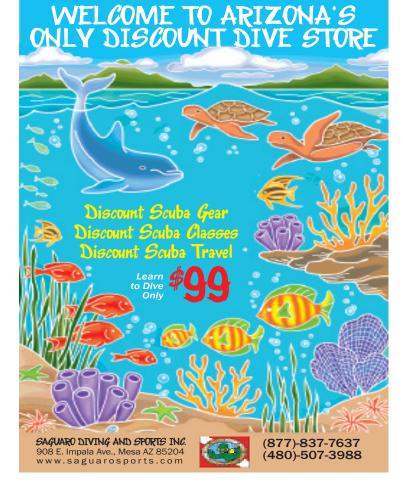
The Arizona Game and Fish Department held a series of public meetings and a Webcast in January to present the proposed Director's Orders and solicit comment. The final regulations became effective this month.

"It is critical for anyone who uses watercraft, or has a business reliant on watercraft, to understand the essential nature of this aquatic invasive species containment effort," McMahon said. "The spread of quagga mussels has far-reaching impacts, both financial and ecological, that can touch virtually every resident of the state."

Arizonans taking their boats to other states should first check with 100th Meridian: http://100thmeridian.org/Video/DMAM2008\_WM.asp.











**BOTTOM LINE** 

# Remarkable Fishing At Powell For 2010

The first largemouth bass has been seen tidying up a nest site. That heralds the beginning of spring fishing excitement.

The largemouth bass spawn during the next four weeks will create indelible fishing memories for those lucky enough to be fishing on those magic days when bass are visible in shallow clear water, and eager to chase anything that comes near the nest.

Bass spawn every year, but this year the average size of bass caught will exceed any yearly average in the recent past. The spawning peak will come during the warmest five consecutive days in late April unbroken by a cold front.

Bass continue to spawn in May but spring runoff will raise the lake, cloud the water and make finding nesting bass much harder. If your bucket list includes catching a 3-6 pound largemouth bass then a spring trip to Lake Powell is mandatory.

Largemouth live in the brush that rings the shallows around the lake. They go very shallow on warm afternoons and are spooky when approached. It takes a very stealthy cast to catch them shallow before

they spawn.

More often they are in thick cover. Lures bouncing through tree limbs get their attention. The lure must stop for a while to entice a bite. So, use big baits with lots of surface area - that settle slowly to the bottom for best results.

When bass are on the nest they are much easier to catch. A slow settling, weightless bait, like a plastic senko is

Many big fish will be caught on beds this spring. Male bass guard the nest. Male bass should be returned to protect the young eggs and fry on the nest.

Put them back right where they were captured and then watch them go straight back to the nest site. It is fine to take a picture, weigh and measure the fish first. An exact replica of a huge fish can be done in fiberglass just from the length and girth dimensions

Expect to catch a big one but be ready to record the feat before a quick release

Female bass are the ones that should be targeted for harvest, if desired. Better yet,

FAMILY FISHING — Jacob Berry, 8, and PAMILY FISHING — Jacob Berry, 8, and little brother Jet, 2, went bass fishing with Dad Perry Berry from Page, Ariz. Fishing is a family affair and late April will be the time to get all of the family into some quality largemouth bass.

keep smallmouth bass, which are more

Crappie will spawn during the same time frame. This spring will offer the best crappie fishing seen at the lake for a very long time. Be aware of the 10-fish crappie limit. Keep enough for a meal but not enough to stock the freezer.

Largemouth and crappie have returned to prominence because of the ephemeral brush ring around the lake. brush disappears in the next few years, their populations will decline as well. That is why they are still cautiously protected when they appear to be available in large

Striped bass remain in the backs of the canyons. Small stripers are in the upper 15 feet while larger fish are now becoming more active in the deeper water (15-35

Trolling is still the best method to catch them. Shallow running (6-12 feet) small baits take small fish at a fast pace. Deeper running (20-30 feet) lures take the 3-4 pound fish at a slower rate.

Fishing with spoons and jigs on the bottom near schools seen on the graph is improving every day. There is still no movement of stripers to the main channel and there have been few fish caught on

Fat stripers like action baits and will show little interest in a passive anchovy. If bait is your choice, then try slow trolling a whole anchovy on a salmon-mooching rig in 35 feet of water.

There is more than can be said, but the bottom line is that fishing will be remarkable in 2010.

At press time, lake elevation: 3,619 and water temperature: 52-56F.









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# TIGHT LINES

# Catfish Difficulties With First Stocking; Fish Replaced

From 5-15 percent of the catfish delivered from Arkansas did not survive the journey or the stress of the late-March stocking into the Phoenix and Tucson area Urban Fishing Program waters.

"Our catfish supplier is terribly embarrassed [as are we] and has pledged to replace all catfish for free in our upcoming stockings. The supplier is taking serious steps to ensure our next catfish delivery meets or exceeds our standards," explained Eric Swanson, Urban Fishing Program manager.

While the loss of fish is unfortunate, from 85-95 percent of the delivered catfish were successfully stocked. Anglers have reported fair-to-good fishing for catfish with numerous limits taken. A 4.7 pounder was caught a few days after the stocking at Tucson's Lakeside Lake and submitted for Big Fish-of-the-Year honors. Catfish in

the 4 to 8 pound range have been reported from Surprise Lake.

Swanson described the root of the problem as, "A long, hard, cold winter in Arkansas meant that feeding of the pondraised catfish could not begin in late February and March as usual. Consequently, some of the 8,000 catfish loaded and delivered to Arizona's urban lakes were unusually stressed due to lack of food, fat reserves and energy.

reserves and energy.

Some of the catfish simply were not strong enough to endure the 24-hour journey to Arizona in the close quarters of a 200 gallon tank."

Game and Fish biologists assisting with the stocking removed many of the weakened fish from the tanks. Others went into the lakes with the stronger fish, but even-

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# Boat U.S. Photo Contest Grand Prize Winners Can Take Their 'Fish' Home

Wouldn't it be nice to keep that lunker around forever?

Submit a photo of your best catch to the BoatU.S. Angler Catch of the Month Photo Contest, and you could win \$50 and other prizes, plus be entered to win a realistic replica of your fish from Mount This Fish Company, which specializes in handpainted fiberglass replicas.

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The monthly photo contest, which started this April and runs for seven months, offers two categories: saltwater fish and freshwater fish.

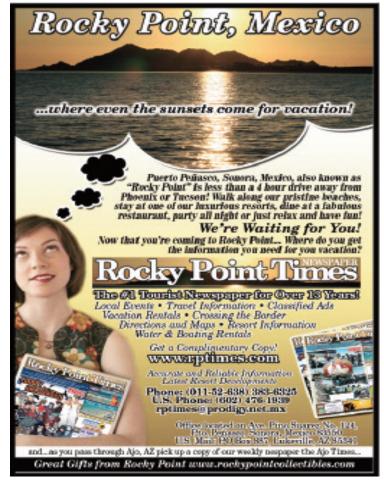
Winners of these monthly contests can take home a \$50 BoatU.S. Visa gift card, BoatU.S. Angler logo items, a "gift bag" of fishing gear and a framed Catch of the Month winner's certificate to proudly hang on the wall.

For complete details and how to enter, go to <a href="https://www.BoatUSAngler.com/contest">www.BoatUSAngler.com/contest</a>.

In November, all of the 14 monthly winners will be automatically entered into the Grand Prize drawing to win the replica mount from Mount This Fish Company, the newest sponsor of the photo contest. Their full-size mount replicas are perfect to commemorate that special catch, while their "Half Sided Series" are great additions to decorate a home or office.

All mounts are hand airbrushed and can be displayed indoors or out. To view the wide selection of full mounts, half mounts and 3D mounts — as well as their online specials — visit <a href="www.mounthis.net">www.mounthis.net</a>.

BoatU.S. Angler is a membership program from the nation's largest association of recreational boaters that offers services and helps protect the interests of boatowning anglers. Visit <a href="www.BoatUSAngler.com">www.BoatUSAngler.com</a> for more.



# TIGHT LINES

# Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute White Seabass Tourney **Gets New Name**

Bill Poole Memorial Angling Tournament: July 10-11

### Contributed By Jack Innis

The second annual Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute (HSWRI) Benefit Tournament has a new name and new dates, but the food, fishing, and fun will remain the

The tournament was recently renamed the Bill Poole Memorial Angling Tourna-ment to honor legendary long-range fishing pioneer and sportsman Bill Poole. This year's contest will be held Saturday, July 10 with a gala awards barbecue and fundraiser the following day.

Proceeds from the contest go to furthering HSWRI's white seabass stock-enhancement program, the largest in the world. Since 1983, HSWRI has released more than .4 million juvenile white seabass back into the ocean, ably fulfilling its mission to "return to the sea some measure of the benefits

White seabass populations were at critically low levels when the HSWRI program began. Today, thanks in part to HSWRI's efforts, the white seabass fishery has staged a remarkable recovery and is considered vi-

Ingrid Poole, Bill's longtime spouse and now owner of the sportfishing boat Excel is pleased with the new arrangement. "Bill was mindful of the ocean's limits from very early in his career," she noted. "He encouraged his passengers to keep what they needed and leave the rest for another day. This is the perfect event to honor his legacy."

This year's event will be expanded to include most major inshore and offshore species. Anglers will compete for a wide variety of awards in both senior and junior divisions.

As in previous years, this will be a family oriented, non-money tournament designed to encourage sportsmanship and ocean awareness.

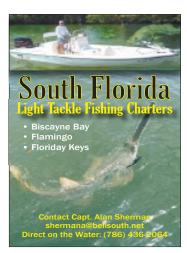
Those who don't choose to fish may still purchase tickets to attend the Awards Barbeque Banquet and Raffle/Auction on Sun-

day, July 11 beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The banquet — held at HSWRI's lovely bayside headquarters — will feature closeup encounters with SeaWorld animals, guided tours of HSWRI's hatchery and breeding programs, and a deluxe raffle/auction sponsored by recreational fishing in-dustry's top personalities and manufacturers.

All net proceeds from this event benefit HSWRI, a 501(c)-(3) non-profit organization and world leader in white seabass stock enhancement.

For more information contact Karen Terra, (619) 226-3881 or kterra@hswri.org.



# 'Shark Tooth' Fishing's Best Invention In A Decade Making its debut at the 2010 BassmasThe molded plastic Shark Tooth al-

ter Classic, the "Shark Tooth" was a perfect pair with winner Kevin VanDam. who not only won his third Classic but also had signed on to endorse one of the most innovative ideas to hit the fishing industry in a decade and has now been named the "Best of Show" for the 2010 Fred Hall Fishing Show - both this sea-

sons big winners!
The Shark Tooth Leader Control System, simply described, is an elastic band in four sizes. It is made to work with all types and sizes of line on spools from tippet to bulk braid.

lows the user to position it on the spool, drawing the line through the hole, creating tension as it is unspooled.

Then the stainless steel cutter cuts the length of line you need, leaving a 5/8 inch tag line each time.

The Shark Tooth keeps your line on the spool, helps you load your reels, manage your line and tippet, and eliminates the need for nippers and line waste.

The Shark Tooth Leader Control System — originally developed for the fly fishing industry — has taken bass/freshwater and saltwater anglers by storm.

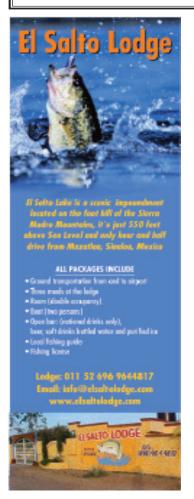


Currently, the Shark Tooth is available at a limited number of tackle shops across the country and at www.flyfishingxtreme.com

For more information, call Darla Bardellli: (623) 340-7719 or Robert Holt: (406) 925-1479.



BIG BOY! — This is quite the picture and story even if you aren't into fishing, but please show it to anyone you know who likes to fish FYI: This sturgeon is still alive, just worn out from the fight. As the sports fishermen they are, they turned him loose after the photo. This sturgeon was caught in the Missouri River, North of Bismarck, N.D., earlier this spring. It weighed out at over 1,000 pounds. The big boy was 56" around the girth and took over 6 and a half hours (and four dozen beers) for the four guys taking turns reeling it in. Any sturgeon over about five feet has to be released unharmed and cannot be removed from the water. They are brood / breeding stock and probably older than most of us. *Anonymous* 





# Arizona Game & Fish Commission Supports 'Right To Hunt And Fish'

If passed by Arizona Senate, HCR 2008 would let voters decide on state constitutional amendment to make hunting and fishing a right.

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission supports House Concurrent Resolution 2008, a measure that would create a state constitutional right to hunt and fish.

HCR 2008 has passed the Arizona Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Infrastructure and Public Debt by a 5-1 vote. At press time, it was scheduled to go to the Senate for consideration and, if passed, will go on the ballot in the fall

Robert Woodhouse, a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, testified in favor of the bill at yesterday's Senate committee hearing.

"The Arizona Game and Fish Commission stands in support of HCR 2008," said Woodhouse. "We believe it is a needed amendment to our constitution."

In response to questions from the committee, Commissioner Woodhouse added



HONORABLE TRADITIONS - Arizona Game and Fish Commission member Jack Husted said. "Hunting and angling are long-standing and honorable traditions. HCR 2008 recognized the right to hunt and fish and will protect that right for all citizens

that the amendment would protect the right of citizens to lawfully hunt and fish and that it would retain the commission's authority over wildlife management as granted by the legislature.

During his testimony, Woodhouse also

HCR 2008 WOULD PROTECT — the right of citizens to lawfully fish and hunt, testified Robert Woodhouse, member of Arizona Game and Fish Commission, at a recent Senate committee hearing. He added that it would retain the commission's authority over wildlife management as granted by the legislature.

thanked the resolution's sponsor, Rep. Jerry Weiers (R-Glendale), for his leader-ship on this issue, and thanked the National Rifle Association, one of the leading proponents, for its willingness to work collaboratively on the language.

The commission voted on Feb. 23 to support HCR 2008. HCR 2008 passed the Arizona House on March 24 by a 37-18

"Hunting and angling are long-standing and honorable traditions," said Commissioner Jack Husted. "HCR 2008 recognizes the right to hunt and fish and will protect that right for all citizens for all time.

The Game and Fish Commission is comprised of five members (serving staggered five-year terms) appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. No more than one commissioner may be from any one county. No more than three may be from the same political party.

The commission is the policy-setting board overseeing the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Since its inception in 1929, this organizational structure has served as a buffer for the best interests of science-driven wildlife conservation during eight decades of back-and-forth political change.

# Pro-Gun Tax Relief Bill Up For Reconsideration

Arizona has a unique opportunity to host one of the world's most important shotgun shooting competitions and become a winter training center for the U.S. Olympic shooting team.

House Bill 2526 would provide much needed tax relief to the Tucson Trap and Skeet Club, so that they would have the financial means to be considered for these important opportunities.

Unfortunately, when HB2526 was up for a vote on the AZ House floor, it was defeated, but thanks to State Representative Jim Weiers (R-12), HB2526 will be

The Tucson Trap and Skeet Club, located just outside of Tucson, is under consideration to host the 2012 Shotgun World Cup and to become the winter training center for the U.S. Olympic shotgun team. In order to meet the criteria, the club

must make some significant improvements to the range and purchase the adjoining property. Once these improvements are made, the club would have an increased tax burden that would likely triple the cur-



rent property taxes they pay HB2526 would exempt the club from having to pay this crippling burden

### **QUESTIONS**

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### When Fishing

When we go out fishing, much of our attention is on having all of the items required to catch the right fish. We also need to concern ourselves with the readiness of the boat and supplies we may need for ourselves (alcohol is not one of them!)

The important thing to remember is to come home safely and in good health. Remember that end of May is Arizona

recognition of safe boating week.

### More Questions For Next Issue

What is the cause of most accidental deaths involving fishermen?

• What is your float plan? We recommend that everyone take a basic boating course so that you may discover what are the proper rules of the

For seasoned boaters, you can keep your good habits and know they are correct; for new boaters, come and discover the correct way to do things before you get in trouble.

For more information, please go to www.phoenix-usps.org or call (602) 810-3684.





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### Santa Cruz County Will Operate Tubac Presidio State Historic Park

Arizona State Parks and Santa Cruz County announced recently that Tubac Presidio State Historic Park would not close as planned at the end of March.

Executive Director Renee Bahl and County Manager Greg Lucero have come to an agreement that the County will be able to take over the management of the park.

"We are finalizing the Intergovernmen-tal Agreement to keep the State Park open for at least another year," said Bahl. "Our County Supervisors were extremely supportive of keeping this park operating, and they will ratify their commitment to keep Arizona's first State Park open with this

Agreement," said Lucero.
"Through this process we have witnessed something truly remarkable. Our County Supervisors, State Parks, and the community of Tubac worked collabora-tively to save Arizona's treasure, the place where Arizona started. We have much to celebrate ...," said Shaw Kinsley, president of the Tubac Historical Society.

The Park will continue operations as usual with the five-day 9 a.m.-5 p.m. schedule (closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Ultimately the County will be responsible for the operation of the Park, and the exhibits that were recently renovated at the Park will not have to be moved.

"We expect this to be a seamless transition that will not affect the flow of tourism into the community," said Lucero.

"We are thankful that the Tubac Historical Society has worked so diligently to bring this partnership to fruition," said Bahl. "It is a great day that we can say that Bani. It is a great day that we can say that the State Park — which interprets the Piman community and Spanish colonization of the 1700s — will be available for all to see and will continue to draw visitors to the area from around the world."

# Lower Salt River Day-Use Areas, Campgrounds Temporarily closed

Tonto National Forest recreation specialists announced today that the Gold-field, Coon's Bluff, Phon D Sutton and Granite Reef day-use recreation areas on the Lower Salt River began temporary closures on April 12; they will continue until May 18, due to construction projects scheduled during this spring.

For safety purposes, site closures will prohibit both vehicle and foot traffic within the entire site while demolition and construction activites take place. Rest-room facilities will be replaced

with concrete vault-style toilet facilities compliant with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Funding for these projects comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and is intended to improve facilities in areas where recreation fees are charged.

- The following is the closure schedule:
   Goldfield Recreation site: closed
- through May 4 • Salt River Recreation parking lot:
- closed through April 27
- Granite Reef :closed through May 6 Phon D Sutton: closed through May 6 Coon Bluff: closed May 4 May 18 For more information, contact the Mesa
- Ranger District office at (480) 610-3300.

# Fort Verde State Historic Park Granted Reprieve

State Parks and the Town of Camp Verde jointly announced that Fort Verde State Historic Park would not close as planned in March.

Camp Verde Mayor Bob Burnside has agreed to provide funding from the Town of Camp Verde and Yavapai County for State Parks to keep the park open and operating for one year.

We have signed the Intergovernmental Agreement to keep the park open another year with options for two additional oneyear periods," said State Parks Executive Director Reneé Bahl.

According to Mayor Burnside, "We are committed to promoting this park, which will bring visitors to Camp Verde even dur-ing the economic recession. Fort Verde is the focus of our tourism efforts to draw visitors to the downtown area.

"We also want to attract as many local volunteers as possible to get involved at the Fort with many new special events and activities. Already there are more than 50 volunteers working with Fort Verde, but we'll need everyone's support if we are going to keep the park open on the usual five-day schedule.
"Our Yavapai County Supervisors have

been extremely supportive in partnering with us to keep the park open and we all appreciate the work that Supervisor Chip Davis has done to find funds to help on this

Davis has done to find funds to help on this effort," said Burnside.

"The Camp Verde Historical Society has been our partner for many years and has supported efforts to keep this State Park operating," said Bahl. "Arizona should appreciate the work this Historical Society has done to win the battle to save Fort Verde.

"This is the only State Park that offers a glimpse into the history of Arizona's frontier soldier's everyday life in the late 1800s and the best-preserved example of this period in Arizona's military history.

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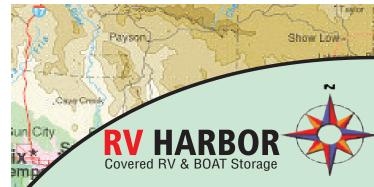


chance to experience life at the historic fort in the 1890s.



HANDS-LESSON

– At a recent adobe brick-making work-shop (March 2010) at Fort Verde, a young participant gets a chance to make her own brick



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### [LAND CRUISING]

# State Parks Board, Rural Towns Agree To Park Operations

"After an unprecedented series of meetings with rural communities, the Arizona State Parks Board today voted to allow staff to enter into agreements to keep four State Parks open into the future although three would be managed by other entities.

Two more agreements will extend the

closure dates for Tonto Natural Bridge State Park and Roper Lake State Park,' said Executive Director Renee Bahl.

'Management agreements are pending for the Town of Camp Verde and would keep Fort Verde State Park open for one year. The City of Yuma has proposed that they would manage Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park for three years.

The City of Tombstone would manage Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park for three years. The Arizona Historical Society agreement would keep Riordan Mansion State Historic Park open for three

Tonto Natural Bridge State Park got a

reprieve when the Town of Payson agreed to assist financially in keeping that park open until Sept. 27, 2010. Pending Commission approval, the Arizona Game and Fish Department will provide financial assistance to keep Roper Lake State Park open until June 3

Ongoing discussions are being held to find financial solutions for Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, Alamo Lake State Park, Lost Dutchman State Park, Picacho Peak State Park and Red Rock State Park so they can stay open past their closing dates of June 3, 2010.

Jerome State Historic Park, McFarland State Historic Park, Oracle State Park, Homolovi Ruins State Park and Lyman Lake State Park are closed.
"The Arizona's State Park system must

continue to provide the best park experience possible, draw visitors from around the world into these rural towns, and work

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**Tonto Natural Bridge** 

# **6TH ANNUAL 'MUSIC IN THE PARK'**

# Spring Music Concert Series At Oracle State Park Continues



ON SUNDAY, JUNE 13 — Beau Renfro will perform at Oracle State Park from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Renfro has been recording for Stardust Records for many years now, and his CDs are played on radio worldwide. In September 2009, he was elected into the Indie Country Music Hall of

Oracle State Park is currently closed to the public due to state budget reductions. The volunteer non-profit group, Friends of Oracle State Park, is continuing to support the closed park by funding maintenance projects to preserve and protect the historic Kannally Ranch House.

This spring, Oracle State Park gates will open on three days only for a special event fundraiser, presented by Friends of Oracle State Park

The sixth annual "Music In The Park" returns to Oracle State Park with three concerts scheduled one Sunday a month, April through June. The concerts will be held outdoors at the Kannally Ranch

No reservation is needed. Tickets will be available in advance or the day of the

event for \$10 per person. The cost includes the entrance fee to Oracle State Park. Annual park passes do not apply for this special event; kids age 13 and younger are

Each concert begins at a different start time. The park main entrance gate will open one hour before the scheduled start time for each of the three concerts.

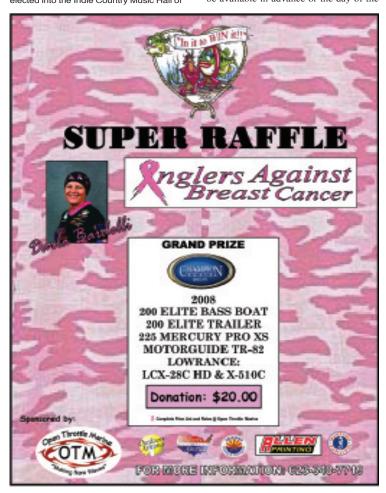
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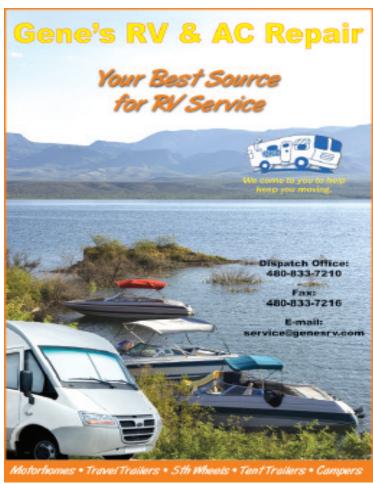
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# **DOWNSTREAM...** Events Calendar Beginning Mid-April 2010

### **BEYOND ARIZONA**

OUTDOOR WRITERS ASSOCIA-TION OF AMERICA: Aug. 1-7 -Goldenrod Writing Workshop; learn to write, especially of the outdoors; deadline for applications is May 1; or complete details, go to www.owaa.org, click on "Gold-enrod Writing Workshop."

WHITE SEABASS & HALIBUT TOURNAMENT: May 21-22 — Santa Catalina; United Anglers/Western Outdoor

NEWPORT TO ENSENADA INTER-NATIONAL YACHT RACE: April 23

BILL POOLE MEMORIAL ANGLING TOURNAMENT: July 10-11 — A non-money tournament designed to encourage sportsmanship and ocean awareness; proceeds benefit HSWRI, a 501(c)-(3) non-profit organization and world leader in white seabass stock enhancement; (619) 226-3881 or kterra@hswri.org.

### **BOATING**

**SAFE BOATING WEEK:** May 22-29

**SUNCHASER CHALLENGE: May 22** — Includes kayaking; Lake Havasu City; Nautical Inn Resort; benefits endangered species; www.sunchaserchallenge.com

CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA: May 22, 9 a.m. — Lake Havasu City, Rotary Park: (928) 208-8315

APBA PWC WATERCROSS NATIONAL TOUR: May 1-2 — Blue Water Resort Casino; <a href="http://parkerareatourism.com">http://parkerareatourism.com</a>

TALL CACTUS REGATTA: April 24-25 — Humbug Cove, Lake Pleasant commodore@arizonayachtclub.org

LUCAS OIL SPRING NATIONALS: April 30-May 2 — Firebird Raceway; www.ihbaracing.com

NAPA WORLD FINALS DRAG BOAT **EVENT:** Nov. 5-7 — Firebird Raceway; (505) 869-0005

**TRI-STATE BOATING SAFETY FAIR:** May 22 — Havasu; see details beginning on page 1 of this issue.

ARIZONA SAFE BOATING CELE-**BRATION:** May 22 — Lake Pleasant; see details beginning on page 1 of this issue.

NATIONAL LEARN-TO-ROW DAY: June 5 — Rio Salado Rowing Club; www.riosaladorowing.org

DESERT STORM: April 21-25 - Annual poker run at Lake Havasu; www.lak-

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TIONAL CONFERENCE (NACON): Aug. 24 — Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale; Tom Nunes: (602) 617-1979, tomnunes1@gmail.com, http://www. news.auxpa.org/

AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — 19th Tee, Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; www.arizonayachtclub.org

US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE **TRAINING:** Ongoing — To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting www.ussailing.org/training and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

SAFETY TIPS FOR BOATERS: Ongohttp://www.BoatUS.com/news/releases.as p before you go.

### CAMPING/RVING/AZ **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

For more information on camping, RVing, outdoor activities, see "Land Cruising" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

EVENTS PLANNED BY WICKEN-BURG MAYOR TO BENEFIT ALAMO LAKE STATE PARK: May 15 and May 31 — Contact John Cook, vice president, ci.wickenburg.az.us

PROTECT-A-PARK: Ongoing Boaters, anglers, divers needed to adopt Lake Pleasant's shoreline areas and cove for regular litter removal in 2009; (602) 372-7460, ext. 200

ACACIA DAY-USE AREA ON TONTO NATIONAL FOREST: through April 30 - Closed for construction projects

NATIONAL PARK WEEK: starts May

### **CLASSES/SEMINARS**

AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING
CLASSES: Ongoing

### **COMMUNITY**

MICHIGAN PROFESSOR ON SAB-BATICAL: Jan.-Aug. 2010 — Needs a room to rent while she does research at either ASU or U. of A. Contact editor@azbw.com or call (480) 947-6219.

BARROW NEUROLOGICAL INSTI-

31; Bartlett Lake Marina; seeking partici-

RAINBOW BRIDGE NATIONAL MONUMENT 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: Through May 30 — Events throughout the spring until May 30; visit their Web site for schedule and details: www.nps.gov/rabr/planyourvisit/ centennial.htm

HOMELESS PROGRAM NEEDS: Ongoing — new underwear, socks, sun screen, razors, feminine hygiene products, hats and backpacks; e-mail I-Help for more details: <u>ihelp@tempeaction.org</u>

NO-KILL SHELTER NEEDS HELP: http://animalsbenefitclub.com/index2.html

RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS: Ongoing — Heather L. James-Davis; www.azanimalassistance.com

### **FISHING**

For more information on fishing, please see "Tight Lines" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

WESTERN OUTDOOR NEWS LAKE HAVASU STRIPER DERBY: May 15-16 Nautical Inn Resort; Lake Havasu City; (714) 546-4370 or <u>www.golakehavasu.</u> com or www.wonbass.com

**DAY AT THE DOCKS:** April 18 — Sportfishing landings, Point Loma, San Diego; (619) 234-8791

ARIZONA FLYCASTERS CLUB MEETINGS: Second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. — Sunnyslope Community Center; <a href="http://www.azflycasters.org">http://www.azflycasters.org</a>

SRT BASS PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETINGS: Ongoing — Shake, Rattle & Troll BASS Club; volunteers needed; new members (boaters and non-boaters), families, children, friends are welcome; (623) 221-7655

PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT BY TONTO NATIONAL FORREST: by April 26 — on the Creek Ranger District Lime Creek Fish Barrier Special Use Permit draft Environmental Assessment (EA); either phone (480) 595-3300 or fax (480) 595-3346.

### HUNTING

For more information on hunting, please see "Game Bag: Write On Target" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISH-**ING DAY:** Sept. 25 — Wonders of Wildlife, Springfield, Mo.; www.nhfday.org

### SHOWS/EXPOS

ICAST 2010: July 14-16 — Las Vegas Convention www.ICASTfishing.org

### **WATERSPORTS**

<u>Diving:</u>
SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: On-- Learn to Scuba Dive, Open going -Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake Open Water Certifica-tion Dives, San Carlos, Mexico; Lake Pleasant, and more: Saguaro Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguarosports.com

SCUBA ADVENTURE DAY: May 1 — Lake Pleasant

Frozen Watersports:
ANNUAL DESERT ICE BONSPIEL: April 23-25 — Alltel Ice Den, Scottsdale; 24 curling teams from Canada and the U.S. will participate in the tournament; www.coyotescurling.com

SUMMER CURLING LEAGUE: Contact theskip@coyotescurling.com for de-

Swimming: TRIBAL SPRINT TRIATHLON: May 29, 6:15 a.m. — Lake Pleasant Regional Park; includes 100-, 2,000-, and 4,000-meter options for an Arizona Open Water Swim

602-312-4499 or http://www.dcbadven-

TEMPE INTERNATIONAL TRIA-THLON: May 16 — Tempe Town Lake; includes a 1 500-meter swim and a 400meter swim; www.trifind.net/nf/az.html or www.tucsonracing.com

### WILDLIFE-RELATED

VERDE VALLEY BIRDING & NA-TURE FESTIVAL: April 22-25 — Dead Horse Ranch State Park in Cottonwood; www.birdvverde.org.

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# Coyotes Curling Club Announces Perfect Summer Getaway

By Daryl Horsman

First, we are happy to let you know we will be holding another Learn-To-Curl Sunday, April 18 from 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m. The timing of this couldn't be better! Here's why — we are also pleased to announce we are going to have a mini-summer league in your honor!

That's right, below are possible dates, of which we will pick six, to create a beginner/fun league for you. This league is open to all ages and abilities. If you're new and want to learn more about curling, this league is for you! If you're a member already and just want to hone your skills, this league is for you!

Here is the catch.

In order to confirm the Mini League with the Alltel Ice Den, we need 40 commitments for the league. We have had a number of entries submitted, but we still have many spots open. Although the deadline for commitment has passed, if you are still interested, please contact the Coyotes Curling Club.

The cost per person for the six-week league will be roughly \$125. Once we can confirm the actual cost of the ice, we can give you the exact rate, but I believe this rate will be close.

New curlers wishing to join the summer league will be given priority in the Learn-To-Curl.

# **Potential Curling Dates**

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For Summer League
Saturday, May 2: 7-9 p.m.
Saturday, May 8: 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 15: 7-9 p.m.
Saturday, May 22: 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 5: 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 13: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Saturday: June 19: 5-7 p.m.
Saturday; June 26: 4-6 p.m.
For more information, contact Dar

For more information, contact Daryl Horsman theskip@coyotescurling.com.



COOL CURLING — Arizona's Coyotes Curling Club has the perfect getaway from the summer heat: the Alltel Ice Den for a summer curling league. If you are interested in learning this cool sport, which is growing in popularity in the Valley, contact the skip@coyotescurling.com.



# State Agencies Create Unique Partnership To Survive Funding Crisis

Arizona Highways magazine and Arizona State Parks, two iconic state-owned institutions, have created a unique partnership to support each other and survive the impact of the state's funding crisis.

Both self-funded organizations

are vital to the state's tourism industry, yet subject to fund sweeps, cuts and closures. Through a very simple subscription drive benefiting State Parks statewide, Arizona Highways magazine hopes to help keep parks open through the pages of its

Throughout the next year, for every \$24 subscription (12 issues) to Arizona Highways magazine, \$5 will benefit Arizona State Parks via the State Parks Foundation — a non-profit group that advocates for the entire Arizona State Park system. At the time of subscribing, people can choose which park their \$5 will support.

### **Photography Draws Visitors**

The magazine's stunning photography of landscapes — along with the compelling natural and historical stories — draw people to Arizona, and the agencies are challenging every Arizonan to assist in this quest. The goal is to encourage Arizona residents and businesses to subscribe to the magazine and to use subscriptions as gifts for employees and family members who live in other states and countries.

In Arizona, April showers bring May

cactus" flowers, but to see them might be

difficult if your favorite State Park is scheduled to close soon. That's why the

Arizona State Parks Foundation has found

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Numerous communities are putting forward tremendous grass-root efforts to save their respective parks, at least temporarily, but we need thousands of new visitors to come to these communities," said Renee Bahl, executive director of Arizona State Parks. "We really like the idea that everyone can get involved

by sending the magazine to families and in addition there will be five dollars generated directly to help the park they enjoy.

### **Every Dollar To State Parks**

Win Holden, publisher of Arizona Highways magazine said, "A significant benefit of this program is that the funds are not sub-

zona's economy.

To subscribe and support State Parks, www.arizonahighways.com

www.azstateparks.com and click on the "Save our Parks" icon. Be sure to use the special promotion code you'll find on the Web site.

Each year you renew your subscription. \$5 will go toward State Parks, as well. If you are a current subscriber, the term of your subscription will be extended by one year and when you pay for that extension, a \$5 contribution will be made to the Arizona State Parks Foundation. The same is true for any gift subscription sent to anyone, anywhere in the world.

### About Arizona Highways

Arizona Highways magazine's awardwinning photography, travel journalism and its steadfast commitment to discovering the state's treasures have brought the beauty and splendor of Arizona to visitors and natives alike for more than 80 years. Helping to drive tourism to and through the state, Arizona Highways has subscribers in all 50 states and more than 120 countries.

It also has a publishing imprint, Arizona Highways Books, and physical and online retail stores. Newsstand price for *Arizona Highways* is \$3.99 US / \$4.99 Canada. Subscriptions are \$24 per year.

The magazine now is available in digital http://www.arizonahighways.com/digital.ht ml. For more information, visit www.arizonahighways.com.

### AZBW/WOT Adds Their Support

Jim Allen, publisher, and Carol Allen, editor, join other Arizona groups in offering support to Arizona State Parks.

For nearly six years, Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor *Times* has enjoyed the camaraderie and support of Arizonans as the publi-

cation has continued to cel-ebrate the beautiful Southwestern outdoors, including its boating, camping, fishing, hunting, RVing, watersports activities, and wildlife.

A major part of the state's exceptional beauty and fascinating stories are the areas we have known as Arizona State Parks. Now in jeopardy because of extreme budget cuts, there is real fear that even more of the parks will close and with such closures, both residents and tourists will be deprived of their treasures.

In support of State Parks, for the next year, \$5 of every new or renewed subscription to AZBW/WOT will be donated to the Arizona State Parks Foundation.

We are happy to join with communities, other publications, and other businesses to do our part. Hopefully, others will join the movement to save our valuable resource: Arizona State Parks.

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nities, businesses serving these areas and

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ject to reduction or redirection by the state legislature because the money goes directly to the Arizona State Parks Foundation. So you can be confident that every dollar will go to support our State Parks.
"[As] *Arizona Highways* magazine,

State Parks shares our mission of promoting tourism and travel throughout the state," said Holden. "Together we generate millions of dollars in revenue for our state through tourism spending. It makes sense that we work together to keep our organizations thriving positively supporting Ari-

### Shoppers To Support Arizona State Parks is championing a "Support Our State Parks" campaign. The grocer is inviting State Parks!

shoppers to make a monetary donation for Arizona State Parks at the register of any one of its 130 stores

— including Bashas', Food City, AJ's Fine Foods, Bashas' Diné, Sportsman's Fine Wines & Spirits and Eddie's Country Store

locations — in Arizona.

All donations will support Arizona
State Parks, which have experienced such extreme budget cuts that some parks are at risk for closure.

"We've served Arizona's grocery needs for more than 70 years," said Kristy Nied, Bashas' director of communications. "This is a great way for us to involve our community-minded customers and give back

### Water To The Rescue

In addition, through May 4, 2010, when grocery shoppers purchase two 24-packs of DASANI water at any Bashas' store, \$1 will be donated to recycling programs at Arizona State Parks (up to \$5,000). Funds from these DASANI purchases made at Bashas' will help state parks recycle and reduce waste-transfer costs.

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# Wake Zone<sub>™</sub>

LETTTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are already hearing that by taking away the things that most please taxpayers or offer them some payback for their hardearned tax dollars, government bureaucrats can scare their constituent dupes into paying more taxes. That was in the past before the so-called trillion dollar bailout of banks.

Just as the idiotic closure of many State of Arizona Rest Stops leads to hardship and potential fatalities, let alone telling any tourists that "The State of Arizona Is Closed," the closure of Arizona State Parks is a stick in the eye to local commu-

# **Problem**

Director Ken Travous would create many ancillary problems by closing the Arizona State Parks that belong to the people, i.e., not government bureaucrats

> ward citizens. Let me clarify this, please. So, by closing the Arizona State Parks, the state is going to save money, right? Of course not. Having thought through this knee-jerk reaction, the director and his minions forgot that by closing these parks, they are going to kill off small businesses that provide the services and goods for

park campers and day users.

Thus, the state collects even less money in taxes these businesses would contribute to pay the salaries and health plans and

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# Swimming And Diving Puts 12 On Academic All-WAC Team

DENVER, Colo. - Northern Arizona Swimming and Diving placed 12 studentathletes on the academic All-WAC team, the conference announced on Friday. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have completed at least one academic year, have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and have participated in at least 50 percent of the team's contests.

"It is always great to be honored for our academic performances," said Head Coach Andy Johns, "We pride ourselves in excelling both in the pool and the classroom so I am happy for the girls.'

Swimming and Diving finished fourth among nine WAC member institutions. The Lumberjacks had 10 swimmers and

two divers earn the annual academic

honor. Seniors Rachael Foe, Jessi Jones, Lindsey Miller, and juniors Lana Christensen, Claire Ferro, Taryn Harris, and Monica Veit all earned their third-straight honor. Seniors Meredith Egloria, Kimber Morelli, and T.J. Williams received their second consecutive selection.
Earlier this year, the Lumberjacks were

recognized by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) for academic excellence in the classroom. The women earned the Division I Team Scholar All-American award

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SCHOLAR ATHLETES — Northern Arizona University's swimmers and divers continue to achieve top grades. Shown are (Top Row L to R): T.J. Williams, Lindsey Miller, Rachael Foe, Claire Ferro, Fi Connell, Monica Viet, and Head Coach Andy Johns. (Bottom Row L to R): Kimber Morelli, Kristin Jones, Taryn Harris, Renee Rother.

### PREPARATION

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in this article all the individual items that should be taken into the outdoors. Instead, I place this responsibility on the shoulders of the owner of the event and of life

There are four basic things that you need to consider when you prepare for your excursion: hydration, body core management, injury management and how to be found. Considering these four things in your preparation completes the full circle of the five principles of survival. 1. Preparation, 2. Fear management, 3. Hydration, 4. Body-core management, and 5. How to be found.

Being prepared aids the ability to manage fear. Having enough water aids in the ability to hydrate and control fear. Having redundant fire starters, shelter and proper clothing all aid in body-core management, hydration, fear management and how to be found.

Taking items that will help you be found will aid in fear management and being found. Each outdoor adventure is

Some will encourage you to have an extensive preparation sack or pack. I would suggest that you prepare a basic survival bag that fits into a larger full-scale survival bag that can be placed into your pack or mode of transport.

If the event is small, the basic survival bag can be used. If the event is larger, a complete and bigger survival bag can then be used.

Odds are you and I will be safe in the outdoors. We will return to our loved ones as planned.

But, the odds change if we fail to plan, if we fail to prepare and be prepared for when our friend "Odds" turns his head and walks away on the same trail where we were having so much fun.

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### **CATFISH**

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tually died over the next few days.

### **Urban Fishing Report**

Lakes will continue to be stocked with catfish every two weeks through early July. Best baits for the 15-20 inch cats are worms, stink baits, hot dogs or shrimp.

Bluegill fishing is very good with all Phoenix and Tucson area waters stocked a few weeks ago. Best baits for the feisty, 5-8 inch bluegill are worms and mealworms fished under a small bobber. Largemouth bass activity has slowed

somewhat as these fish enter the post-spawn period. At Green Valley lakes (Payson) fishing is excellent for trout. An extra order of trout, including many incentive-sized fish in the 13-17-inch range, was recently delivered. Try Power Bait, worms or salmon eggs off the bottom.

Trout stockings at this higher elevation urban lake will continue until mid-May. Also at Green Valley, the bite for crappie and bass is starting to pick up for anglers using small jigs and plastics.



THREE FOR ONE - Boaters from Arizona, California, and Nevada join for the safety fair each year at London Bridge Beach, Lake Havasu City, Ariz. From many perspectives they hear one message: Boat safely.

### MESSAGE

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• Courtesy vessel safety checks The Tri-State Boating Safety Fair is free and the public is encouraged to stay the entire day to picnic, swim, fish and enjoy the action. For more information about the boating safety fair, call Arizona Game and Fish Department at (623) 236-



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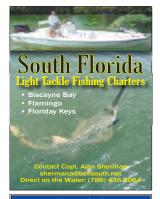
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### TEAM

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for the fifth time under Johns

Swimming and Diving totaled a 3.24 grade point average last fall and holds a 3.25 cumulative GPA through the fall semester.

Thirty-five Northern Arizona University student-athletes and department student assistants participated in spring commencement ceremonies on the NAU campus and were commissioned degrees as part of the Class of 2009.

### 2009-10 Academic All-WAC **Honorees: Student-Athlete Class**

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"We want to do our part to help the environment, which is why we recently introduced a new DASANI PlantBottle<sup>TM</sup>, an eco-friendly design that uses up to 30 percent plant-based materials, and is still 100 percent recyclable," said Abigail Green, brand director of DASANI.

"So, it made sense for us to take it even one step further to help keep Arizona beautiful by enhancing the recycling programs at our state parks."

The Arizona State Parks Foundation believes collaborative efforts like these are a necessity for the long-term survival and sustainability of Arizona State Parks. "The goal of these efforts is to engage Arizona residents, and invite them to demonstrate their support for our State Parks," said Cristie Statler, the Arizona State Parks Foundation director.

"Just [as] our State Parks, Bashas' is a part of Arizona, and a perfect partner for us. And, we're thrilled to be able to enhance our recycling at the parks, thanks to Dasani's environmental stewardship.'

### About Arizona State **Parks Foundation**

In the face of Arizona's sprawling growth and development, 30 exceptional places have been set aside over the past half century for the recreational, environmental and cultural enjoyment of Arizonans and all who visit our state. These places include lakes, rivers, historic buildings and rich natural areas that constitute Arizona State Parks — a collection of wonder-provoking sites that the Arizona State Parks Foundation (ASPF) seeks to preserve, promote and enhance.

As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, ASPF offers the foremost way for parks patrons, visitors and friends to support and strengthen Arizona State Parks. ASPF focuses on advocacy, volunteer work, friend groups and partnerships, and contributions for parks improvements. For more information, visit ArizonaS-

About Bashas' Family Of Stores Bashas' Family of Stores is an Arizona-based, family owned and operated grocer founded by brothers Ike and Eddie Basha, Sr. Since the company's inception in 1932, Bashas' has given back more than \$100 million to the communities it

As part of a longstanding pledge to serve Arizona communities, the grocer is committed to conserving energy, water and fuel, in addition to recycling plastic bags, cardboard, grocery carts, bakery racks and other supplies — at the same time, the grocer regularly invites shoppers to join in the efforts.

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than 25,000 tons of cardboard and plastic materials every year; conserves enough energy annually to power 7,500 homes, and uses a fuel-efficient program to eliminate 1,775 tons of CO2 emissions annually from its fleet of trucks — a reduction equivalent to removing 1/3 of its trucks from the road.

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### LETTER

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pensions for the Parks Department and Director Travous as he relates to us that, "It's a grim, grim time."

### TIPS

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on the surface will help you to be clearly seen by rescue teams or those coming to assist you.

When wearing a life jacket, make sure that it fits you well. If it is too small, it may not be properly fastened and secured, and may come loose; if it is too large, you could just come right out of it during a hard fall. Find a life vest that is the perfect

### 3. Always Take Someone With You

It is risky to be out in the water alone. It's not unusual for people to go out by themselves to fish, or be out on their boat by themselves. Your friends or family should always be aware of where you are going, how long you plan to be gone, and how to reach you in case of an emergency.

Yet, it is always better to take someone with you - just in case something happens. Plus you'll have the benefit of being with a friend or family member, who can collaborate on the fun things that happen while out on the water, like how "big" that fish really was that you threw back in (or that got away!).

Editor's Note: Jane Warren's safety story is continued on www.azbw.com. Go first to the upper right hand corner of the home page and click on "For the Latest Issue Table of Contents.

### Roger S. Emery Tucson

Editor's Note: Please http://azbw.com/Arizona State Parks Report.php to read the remainder (including 'SOLUTION") of Roger S. Emery's letter.



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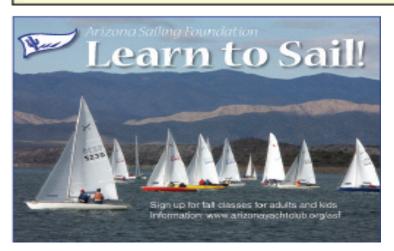
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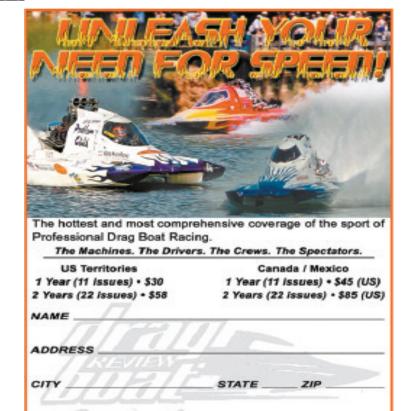
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