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# 'It's Not Far ... To Paradise'

— Christopher Cross (1981)

## AYC Sailor Adds High Sierra Regatta To 'Must-Do' List

*Note: The cover photo shows Tim Carter and crew from Alamitos Bay Yacht Club preparing to start the race; photos are by Kelly Beaver.*

**By Tony Chapman**  
Arizona Yacht Club

For anyone who has never attended this Fresno Yacht Club event at Huntington Lake, in the Sierra Mountains of Central California, there are many reasons to add it to your "must-do regatta" list.

For those of us in Arizona, the excuse is very simple — it is a way to get out of the crazy heat. There are many more reasons to make the effort to attend if anyone wants to start a list. I decided to tow my new Viper 640 (see [www.viper640.org](http://www.viper640.org)) there as soon as it hit 100 degrees here in Arizona.

The lake itself, at an elevation of 7,200 feet, is spectacular, being surrounded by the tree-covered mountains of the Sierra National Forest. This year it was even more spectacular as there was still snow on some of the surrounding peaks.

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George Tingom

**SAILING START** — Capt. George (George Tingom of Arizona Yacht Club) sends a reminder to sailing students from last spring and for next fall. High School and Junior High Sailing will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 13 and will be from 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Any level of past experience is welcome, and those interested can sign up at [http://arizonayachtclub.org/?page\\_id=829](http://arizonayachtclub.org/?page_id=829). And, planning ahead, the Arizona High School Sailing Championship is already on the calendar for Saturday, April 21, 2012. For more information, contact [george@tingom.com](mailto:george@tingom.com).



Tony Chapman

**A MUST-DO FOR AZ SAILORS** — Tony Chapman of the Arizona Yacht Club highly recommends that Southwestern sailors add the High Sierra Regatta to their must-do-in-the-future regatta list. Sailing at the high Huntington Lake in the Sierras provided excellent weather for sailing and for cooling off.



**VOTE NOW; VOTE OFTEN** — for Dead Horse Ranch State Park. Arizonans have an opportunity to help their State Parks win \$100,000 by participating online with the "Live Positively, America's Favorite Park Program" being coordinated by Coca-Cola.

## Arizonans Urged To Vote For Dead Horse Ranch

*State Parks could win \$100K in national Coca-Cola LivePositively contest.*

Arizonans have an opportunity to help their State Parks win \$100,000 by participating online with the "Live Positively, America's Favorite Park Program" being coordinated by Coca-Cola.

The "America is Your Park" program encourages everyone to vote their favorite Arizona State Park by going to [www.live-positively.com](http://www.live-positively.com).

The real points will add up though, if you post on your Facebook page with stories and pictures while you are at Dead Horse Ranch State Park because each post

is then worth 5 points! Or vote daily during the week. — those votes will add up quickly for the park.

### Consolidate Votes

Jay Ream, assistant director for Arizona's State Parks said, "We would like the public to follow our lead and consolidate their votes so Arizona State Parks can win. We polled our park rangers to get a consensus on one park so we have a better chance to win this amazing prize for the whole system," said Ream.

"We believe Arizonans have the greatest passion for all their State Parks and the outdoors so they will join us in voting for Dead Horse Ranch State Park."

The Coca-Cola Live Positively initiative

See VOTE on page 17

## Tempe Town Lake Pedestrian Bridge To Open In September

You might have noticed the new bridge recently placed just at the west end of Tempe Town Lake.

The eye-catching, criss-crossed support beams create a complimentary aesthetic to the Tempe Center for the Arts as well as Hayden Butte and the buildings along the lake. However, this pedestrian bridge serves more purposes than just beauty.

The Town Lake Pedestrian Bridge is a new pathway for walkers, runners, and bicyclists to connect to the north shore of the lake and to the Indian Bend Wash trail. Users will now have an easier route without the hassle of dealing with traffic at the Priest Dr. overpass.

The bridge also offers breathtaking views



of Tempe Town Lake, Papago Buttes, downtown Tempe, and more

An additional function of the bridge is to provide shade to the lake's dam, working to prevent any sun damage to the rubber bladders.

Information about this process is being updated at [www.tempe.gov/lake](http://www.tempe.gov/lake).

Visit [millavenue.com](http://millavenue.com) for details on the upcoming bridge opening.

## Becoming An Outdoors Woman Offers Many Positives

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) is a non-profit, educational program offering hands-on workshops to adult women. We encourage a supportive environment conducive to learning, making friends, and having fun. No experience is necessary and BOW is for women of all ages and fitness levels.

Dr. Christine Thomas at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point held the first workshop in 1991. Today, there are over 80 workshops held in more than 40 states, several Canadian provinces and New Zealand.

### AZ BOW Celebrates 16 Years

In 2011 the Arizona BOW program will celebrate its 16<sup>th</sup> year. The venue is Friendly Pines Camp near Prescott. Dates are Aug. 26-28, beginning Friday noon and ending Sunday noon.

Participants choose four classes from a field of 32. Subjects range from rappelling to fishing to geocaching. Lodging is in rustic cabins, but they have full bathrooms and electricity. Meals are provided and cooked



by the camp staff. The focus for the weekend is learning in a comfortable atmosphere.

In addition to learning new activities, BOW participants are also treated to a variety of evening entertainment.

We will have a game and wine taste, featuring wild game dishes and samples of our now famous prickly pear margaritas. Saturday night is lots of fun with a fund-raising raffle, silent auction and talent from the participants.

### Many Outdoor Classes Offered

Many of the classes offered are basic outdoor knowledge. Arizona has life zones

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## Certified Captain's Course Aims To Improve Lake Havasu Boating Safety

From Gus Giobbi  
www.BlueSkyNews.com

It's an all-too-common story. Take inexperienced, fun-seeking tourists renting fast moving boats — add in distractions, alcohol, lack of knowledge of the local navigation hazards and rules of the road, and what would have been a wonderful day on the water ends in catastrophe.

But how could that change if those revelers in the sun could opt to hire a licensed captain to look after their safety while their party goes on?

"Dramatically," says Jim Salscheider, president of the Lake Havasu Marine Association. "That's why we're excited to announce that we have obtained a

commitment from the Maritime Institute, based in San Diego, to teach a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Captain's Course locally."

According to Salscheider, operators in the watercraft-rental business have many horror stories about renting to people who don't know what they're doing, as well as to those who appear to have obtained a designated operator to pilot them on their journey of fun on the lake.

"Anything from damage to watercraft to an inebriated designated operation could and does happen. If certified captains were available for hire, the risk of the above catastrophes' spoiling a day on the water would be greatly diminished."

Maritime Institute President Rags Lara-



**CAPTAIN'S COURSE** — Vern Gilbert — eight times offshore racing champ and owner of West Coast Drive Service in Lake Havasu City — is shown powering this Skater, capable of speeds nearing 200 mph, through Lake Havasu, Ariz. Obviously, Gilbert is experienced, but many recreational boaters take unbelievable risks that end in catastrophe. That is why the Lake Havasu Marine Association has obtained a commitment from The Maritime Institute of San Diego to teach a United States Coast Guard-approved Captain's Course at the Arizona lake, Oct. 17-28.

gione echoes the sentiment. "Having licensed captains available for hire could save lives and property on Lake Havasu and ensure safety on the lake's waterways."

"The two-week course we'll be offering is a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Captain's course [that] meets the written-examination requirement for the Master Inland and OUPV/6-PACK License [that] allows a captain to pilot inspected and un-inspected vessels with paying passengers."

Both the Marine Association and the Maritime Institute view the introduction of

licensed captains on the lake to be an important first step in solving a long-standing problem. "If the rental operators are successful in convincing boat renters to use new captains for their holiday fun on the water, everybody will benefit," Laragione said.

The new course will be held from Oct. 17-28 in a classroom at the Lake Havasu Fraternal Order of Eagles. For more information or to sign up to attend the course, call the Maritime Institute at 1-888-262-8020.

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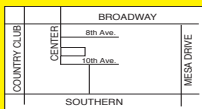
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### August is Drowning Awareness month





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## Update your boating safety knowledge

**Always wear a life jacket**



### TYPE I: Offshore Life Jackets

These vests are geared for rough or remote waters where rescue may take awhile. They provide the most buoyancy, are excellent for flotation, and will turn most unconscious persons face up in the water.

### TYPE II: Near-Shore Vests

These vests are good for calm waters when quick rescue is likely. A Type II may not turn some unconscious wearers face up in the water.

### TYPE III: Flotation Aids

These vests or full-sleeved jackets are good for calm waters when quick rescue is likely. They are not for rough waters since they will not turn most unconscious persons face up.

### TYPE IV: Throwable Devices

These cushions and ring buoys are designed to be thrown to someone in trouble. Since a Type IV is not designed to be worn, it is neither for rough waters nor for persons who are unable to hold onto it.

### TYPE V: Special-Use Devices

These vests, deck suits, hybrid PFDs, and others are designed for specific activities such as windsurfing, kayaking, or water-skiing. To be acceptable, Type V PFDs must be used in accordance with their label.

## Statewide Boating Education Classes

### August 2011

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	August 20 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Road Tempe	\$8 per family	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game and Fish Department	August 23, 25 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Tucson Office 555 N. Greasewood Road Tucson	\$0	(520) 429-6106
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	August 20 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076

### September 2011

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	September 6, 8 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Mesa Office 7200 E. University Ave. Mesa	\$8	(623) 236-7381
Arizona Game and Fish Department	September 17 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Tucson Office 555 N. Greasewood Road Tucson	\$0	(520) 429-6106
Arizona Game and Fish Department	September 17 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Roosevelt Lake Patrol Sheriff's Substation 28449 N. Hwy. 188 Roosevelt	\$5 per family	(928) 467-2515
Arizona Game and Fish Department	September 24 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Road Tempe	\$5 per family	(623) 236-7219
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	September 17 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076

## Specifically for Skiing

Vessel operators towing a person(s) on water skis or a similar device have additional laws.

### Towing Skiers

- A vessel towing a person(s) on water skis or any other similar device must have at least two persons on board — one to operate the vessel and a second person to observe the towed person(s). The observer must be at least 12 years old and be physically capable and mentally competent to act as an observer of a water-skier.



- Each person being towed behind a vessel on water skis or a similar device **must wear** a life jacket (PFD) or buoyant belt. Note, however, that buoyant belts are not approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. The AZGFD recommends the use of U.S. Coast Guard—approved, brightly colored, Type III life jacket (PFD). The brightly colored life jacket (PFD) aids in making a skier more visible to other vessels.
- Water-skiing is restricted to daylight hours only. It is illegal to tow a person(s) on water skis, surfboard, or other similar device from sunset to sunrise.
- Both the operator of the towing vessel and the skier must operate in a safe manner. A reasonable distance from other vessels, people, and property must be maintained so as not to cause danger to the life or property of others.
- State law makes the person being towed (the skier) responsible if he or she behaves in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner.
- Vessels towing person(s) on water skis or a similar device must carry and use a bright red or orange skier-down flag that is at least 12 x 12 inches in size and mounted on a handle. The observer must continuously observe the skier(s) and display a skier-down flag whenever a skier is in the water after falling or while preparing to ski.
- If towing a skier with a PWC, the same water-skiing laws apply. **Do not exceed the carrying capacity of the personal watercraft.**

### Hand Signals for Skiers

Knowing proper hand signals will help the skiers communicate with their vessel operator or the observer.



## Preventing Theft

Defend against theft of your vessel and equipment.

- Store your vessel so that it is not easily accessed.
  - Store your vessel and trailer in a locked garage or storage area.
  - Park another vehicle in front of the trailer, or lock the trailer to a fixed object with a good quality chain and lock. If moored, secure the vessel to the dock with a steel cable and lock.
  - Remove a trailer wheel if parked for an extended time.
  - Purchase a quality trailer hitch lock and use it.
- Chain and lock the motor and fuel tanks to the vessel.
- Mark or engrave all equipment with an identifier such as your driver's license number.
- Photograph or videotape the interior and exterior of your vessel, showing all installed equipment and additional gear and equipment. Make a complete inventory of your equipment, vessel, and trailer.
- Remove expensive electronics or other valuables if the vessel is left unattended.
- Cover your vessel and always remove the keys.
- Title and register your vessel.
- Remove the Certificate of Number (registration card) when the vessel is not being operated.

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## It's The Law: On The Water

From AZGFD "The Boater's Guide"

### Diver-Down Flags

• Scuba divers and snorkelers must display a diver-down flag to mark their diving area. The flag must be displayed whenever

someone is diving below the surface.

• Vessels should stay as far away from a diver-down flag as is reasonable and prudent for the circumstances. The suggested safe distance from a flag is 100 yards.

### Illustrations

### Types of Flags



#### Divers Flag

A rectangular red flag with a white diagonal stripe is used on Arizona waters, including the Colorado River and Lake System.



#### Alfa Flag

A blue and white International Code Flag A (or Alfa flag) is used on federally controlled waters.

## BOATING BASICS: ON THE WATER Weather Emergencies

From AZGFD "The Boater's Guide"

Weather can change very rapidly and create unexpected situations for boat operators, and weather-related accidents in Arizona are on the rise. Even meteorologists have trouble predicting rapid weather changes.

You should always monitor weather developments. One way is to tune a VHF radio to the frequencies listed below. Then seek a protected area before the weather becomes a threat.

### What To Do If Caught In Severe Weather

Prepare the boat to handle severe weather:

- Slow down, but keep enough power to maintain headway and steering.
- Close all hatches, windows, and doors to reduce the chance of swamping.
- Stow any unnecessary gear.
- Turn on your boat's navigation lights.
- If there is fog, sound your fog horn.
- Keep bilges free of water. Be prepared to remove water by bailing.
- If there is lightning, disconnect all electrical equipment. Stay as clear of metal objects as possible.

Prepare your passengers for severe weather:

- Have everyone put on a USCG-approved life jacket (PFD). If passengers are already wearing their PFDs, make sure they are secured properly.
- Have your passengers sit on the vessel floor close to the centerline for their safety and to make the boat more stable.



- Decide whether to go to shore or ride out the storm.

Take control of your

craft:

- If possible, head for the nearest shore that is safe to approach. If already caught in a storm, it may be best to ride it out in open water rather than try to approach the shore in heavy wind and waves.
- Head the bow into the waves at a 45-degree angle. PWCs should head directly into the waves.
- If the engine stops, drop a "sea anchor" on a line off the bow to keep the bow headed into the wind and reduce drifting while you ride out the storm. In an emergency, a bucket will work as a sea anchor.
- If the sea anchor is not sufficient, anchor using your conventional anchor to prevent your boat from drifting into dangerous areas.

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162.500 MHz  
162.525 MHz  
162.550 MHz

(These are the most commonly used VHF channels on United States waters.)

## Arizonan Mike Walker Elected President Of OWAA

MISSOULA, Mont. — At its 84th annual conference, Outdoor Writers Association of America elected Mike Walker as president of the association for 2011-12. Walker will serve one year as president of OWAA's Board of Directors.

A member of OWAA since 1989, Walker is a public-relations professional, radio personality and columnist.

"Mike Walker brings to the office of president a long affiliation with OWAA and many years of service on the Board," said OWAA Executive Director Robin Giner.

"He also serves the interests of both individual members and our supporting groups, agencies and businesses, and will work with the board to make sure the needs of both groups are well served."

Walker is a life member of the South-eastern Outdoor Press Assn. as well as past president of the association. He is also a former board member of the Boating Writers Intl. and a founding member of the Marine Marketing Assn.

He is a member of the Auto Writers Assn. He is a member of the Professional Outdoor Media Association and the Counselors Academy of Public Relations Assn. of America.

### About OWAA

OWAA is The Voice of the Outdoors®.



Mike Walker

The Outdoor Writers Association of America is the oldest and largest association of professional outdoor communicators in the United States.

It was organized in 1927 by members of the Izaak Walton League of America and includes professional communicators dedicated to sharing the outdoor experience. OWAA's professionals include writers, photographers, outdoors radio and television-show hosts, book authors, videographers, lecturers and artists.

The association is headquartered in Missoula, Mont. For more information, contact Robin Giner, executive director, Outdoor Writers Association of America, 615 Oak St., Ste. 201, Missoula, Mont. 59801; 406-728 7434, rginer@owaa.org; www.owaa.org.



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## DEALING WITH ETHANOL BLENDS

# Use Only The Right Fuel Treatment

By Sandy Lindsey  
Star Brite

With all the concerns related to ethanol-blended fuels (E10) today, it's easy to become confused over how to deal with it. One of the most common bits of advice is to use a fuel treatment, but which one?

Some folks believe that E10 can be used with no ill effects while others think it is the end of boating as we know it. The truth is somewhere in between.

The main problem of E10 comes from the fact that ethanol and gasoline do not form a chemical bond. This means the mixture begins to degrade in as little as four weeks as the light ends of the fuel begin to evaporate, leaving behind gums and other solids that clog injectors and carburetors, causing once well-behaved engines suddenly to be difficult to start or to run rough.

### And, Another Problem

This is also why ethanol is typically added to the gasoline only when the tanker is preparing to deliver the fuel to the gas station of fuel dock. Ethanol produces less energy than gasoline, which means en-

gines running on this fuel can no longer deliver the same power or cruising range as when they were powered by 100 percent gas.

Another problem is caused by ethanol's ability to attract and bond to moisture. As it draws moisture into the vented fuel tank of your boat, the water and ethanol form a tight chemical bond. If more than .5 percent water (by volume) enters the tank, the ethanol water mixture falls out of suspension with the gasoline, settling to the bottom of the tank as a distinct layer.

The result is gasoline with a reduced octane level. Worse, when the engine draws in the water/ethanol mixture, it will stall, hopefully before the water damages the fuel pump.

### Knowing What To Use

However, even if the only fuel you can get is E10, it is no reason to give up the boat for a set of golf clubs. Many thousands of boaters across the United States have been dealing with E10 for three-plus years.

The trick is knowing what to use to make up for the problems caused by adding alcohol to our gas. The first thing

to look for in a treatment is its ingredients.

Many additives actually contain alcohol or a form of alcohol. Ethanol is alcohol, and adding any more alcohol will only make it worse. Review the MSDS and, if in doubt as to what an ingredient is or what it does, Google it for more info.

After you discard the additives that contain alcohol, look for one that will stabilize fuel chemistry in order to help prevent the formation of performance-robbing gums and other solids.

The next thing to look for is a treatment that will deal with the moisture attracted by ethanol. This is a tricky thing to do, since many treatments claim to "remove water" or make it burn; if you remember your high school chemistry class, you already know that neither is possible.

### Be Wary Of The Claims

Some treatments will have video that claims to prove they can remove water. If you see one in which they add gasoline, water and then their treatment, pay attention to the fluid level. It will remain the same even after they shake the beaker and show that the water is gone. It's still there, but is now emulsified in the fuel.

Two things are bad about this. First, many emulsifiers use alcohol to entrain or entrap the water. We already know you don't want to add more alcohol to E10.

The second problem comes from the fact that emulsified fuel leads to significant carbon deposits and rough-running engines. The FAA and Department of Defense both forbid the use of emulsifiers in aviation fuel for the simple reason that gravity is very unforgiving to aircraft after their engines stall.

While gravity is less of a concern to a boater, it still remains a bad idea to use an emulsifying fuel treatment in your boat's fuel. Emulsifiers can also "thicken" fuel, taking on a cloudy appearance; in order to comply with engine manufacturer warranty requirements, fuel must be "clear and bright." The fuel must literally be clear enough to read a card placed behind the fuel; if it is not, it could void a warranty.

### The Only Way

The only way to remove water from fuel is to somehow vaporize it during the combustion phase. Because water molecules tend to group together to form large clumps, it's best to use a treatment that will break apart these clumps in order to disperse the water throughout the fuel in order to reduce the size of the water molecule clumps and make it easier to vaporize the small particles.

Look for a treatment that will remove gums or varnish or carbon in order to keep



**STAR TRON** — is one of the recommended treatments for dealing with ethanol-blended fuel. Sandy Lindsey of Star Brite addresses this concern for many boaters in her article about why only some fuel treatments are successful.

the fuel delivery system functioning at its best. It should also enhance the fuel's combustibility in order to help prevent future deposits from forming. This enhanced combustibility will also help restore some of the power lost to ethanol, and that means the engine will start more easily and run better, too.

Another test to be wary of is the "clean-burning" treatment. Alcohol burns with an invisible flame. Treatments that use a petrochemical base will give off a mildly smoky flame. If it burns that cleanly, take a closer look at the MSDS to see if any of the ingredients end in "-ohol."

Finding a treatment that will do all the above is a tall order, but they do exist. Using one will allow you to get back to enjoying your time on the water.

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*NOTE: At present, E15 is not "mandated" for use, nor is it readily available. Even where it can be found, it cannot be used in anything other than cars and trucks 2001 or newer. It CANNOT be used in boats or motorcycles or PWC or lawnmowers or cars older than 2001. The fact that the gas station would have to purchase and install a dedicated tank and fuel pump make it more unlikely it will see widespread use anytime soon. Additionally, most engines manufactured within the past 20 years or so are designed to run on a maximum of 10 percent alcohol. Fuels containing more than 10 percent alcohol could cause engine damage or void warranties.*



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# Pets Ahoy! Boating With Pets

By Stacy Mantle

*Editor's Note: For eight years, AZBW/WOT publisher Jim Allen and editor Carol Allen lived aboard in San Diego Bay. Their shipmate was a white Persian cat named "Popcorn," who was an excellent boating companion. Many have asked us about having their pets onboard, and in response, we present this thorough article from [www.petsweekly.com](http://www.petsweekly.com).*



at sunset.

It didn't take long to understand that the reality of cruising with pets is much different than these sweet daydreams; but with preparation, planning and a lot of patience, we were able to make the dream a reality.

## Ahoy, Mate!

Introduce your pets slowly to a life at sea (or even to prolonged periods on inland waters). We began with short rides in the dinghy. Our thinking was if they could handle a dinghy; they would be fine on a large boat. As it turns out, our dogs don't like short rides in dinghies, preferring the yacht instead. Each pet is different.

If you find that your pet is susceptible to seasickness, consult your veterinarian before leaving the dock. The cats of several cruising friends exhibit symptoms such as excessive drooling, while our dogs tend to vomit in high seas. There are many options available for treating seasickness

in pets, from over-the-counter treatments like Dramamine to prescription medications.

Check with your veterinarian before administering anything to your pets. Keeping your pets restrained near the center of the boat where there is less motion while underway will also help.

Finally, be sure to thoroughly examine your pet's health prior to leaving. You should obtain blood work and a stool sample analysis to check for heartworm and other parasites, and since you could be going to an area that is ripe with these issues, put your pet on heartworm medication prior to leaving. It only needs to be administered once per month and it could save your pet's life.



Basic training is also an important cruise precursor. You must teach all pets to wear harnesses rather than collars, and to stay on-leash. A sturdy harness will allow you more control over your pet while walking, and will make it much easier to pull them out of the water if required.

Train your pet to obey simple commands such as come, board, off boat, drop, and stay. Using positive reinforcement and clicker training, even cats can be trained. Many places have leash laws for all species, and not obeying this law can result in a large enough fine to put a damper on your cruising vacation.

Check [www.pettravel.com](http://www.pettravel.com) for your state's requirements, and call ahead to the



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### Aug. Is Drowning-Awareness Month

"Boating and swimming often go hand-in-hand," says BoatUS Director of Damage Avoidance Bob Adriance, "but adding alcohol to that mix can lead to some unintended outcomes."

Charged with combing through the BoatUS Marine Insurance Claims files to identify unsafe boating behaviors and help boaters avoid injury or accidents, Adriance knows what he's talking about. "People know not to drink and drive a boat, but they don't always know that it's not a good idea to drink and swim," he added.

Buried deep in the claims files, Adriance comes across a story about a group of friends having drinks at a Florida resort who decided to go for a moonlit tour of the harbor.

At midnight, despite choppy seas and 20-knot winds, their boat is allowed to drift while several jump in. Unfortunately, winds quickly sweep the boat away, so the captain "backs down" on the swimmers in the water to get everyone back aboard.

Amazingly, no one is hurt except for a 40-year old woman — later identified as a good swimmer — who is simply never found.

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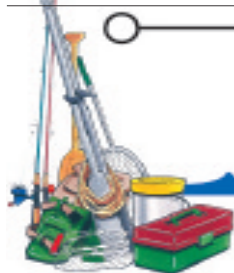
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## BLBBD IS BACK!

# Big Bass Days Set For March 16-18, 2012

Look for significant changes to this premier Arizona angling event.

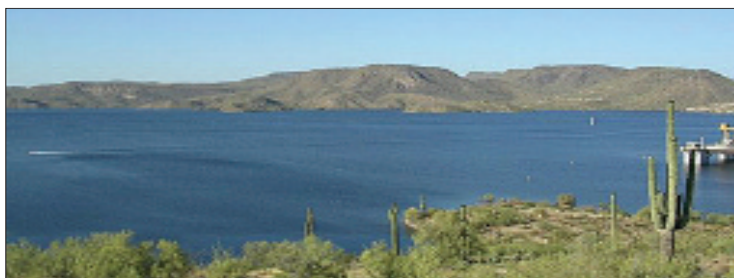
From Don McDowell  
Shake, Rattle, And Troll

For 14 years, Bill Luke Big Bass Days have highlighted the early fishing season in Arizona for not only anglers but also for families and others who came to enjoy country singer concerts, fireworks, good food, and more. Demographically, there have been as many as 25-30,000 people from seven states coming to fish.



This next year, the event will be back, but with some changes, according to Don McDowell of Shake, Rattle & Troll radio. McDowell, event director, will be working with Bill Luke's general manager, Kim Carter, to bring the event back to the beginning — promoting fishing, family values, and fun for everyone.

Some of the changes are the following:



### To The Tournament

Entry fees have been reduced from \$150.00 per day to \$50.00 per day. Big Fish option will now be \$20.00 per day.

The plan is to pay down seven places each hour; the first weigh in will be at 8 a.m. through the hourly weigh in at 1 p.m. As the event grows, pay down will be to 10 places.

Each hour's first place pays \$300; second through fifth, \$100; sixth and seventh, \$50.00 each.

Big Fish of the Day wins \$1,000, and the Daily Big Fish Option wins another \$1,000 per day.

A T-shirt option (\$10) wins another \$1,000 for the something "crazy" like a 2-pound fish at the 11 a.m. weight-in.

Overall Big Fish, isn't fishing for a truck or a boat, but rather \$10,000 CASH.

Stripper option is \$25 per day, with a 100 percent pay back, five-fish bag limit, and a separate weigh in at 2 p.m. Now the angler can take home their fish, if desired, but leftovers will be contained and iced so that the Arizona Game & Fish Department can take them to the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center to feed recovering animals under their care.

*Note: We have an overabundance of strippers in the lake and our efforts are to draw in the stripper anglers, let them have their own derby, get rid of a few strippers and help reduce the food budget for the wildlife center.*

### To The Activities

One big change this coming year is that no beer or alcohol vendors will be at the venue. There is no objection to folks bring-



Striped Bass

ing their own, but the change mirrors the fact that this is a family event.

There will be entertainment both Friday and Saturday evenings from 7-9 p.m. with some excellent bands. For example, Mogollon actually tours the country scene nationally and opens for Chesney and other big names.

Other daily activities include the following:

- A sawdust pile for the kids with cash and prizes buried in it; each age group will get 10 minutes in the sawdust pile,
- Adult mountain bike race, beginner/intermediate/expert, 3.5-mile desert single track course, expert 25 miles; terrain is desert hills, washes and a few speed runs,
- Youth bicycle races,
- Kids' casting competitions Saturday and Sunday,
- Game & Fish will have their reptile exhibit (and we're trying to get the alligator out there),
- Desert runner 1/2 marathon on the mountain course,
- Mopar Car and Chopped Truck Club, FLW National Guard troops with the kids' Rock Climbing Wall, pedal cars, and giveaways,

See **BIG BASS DAYS** on page 14

## 3D Picture Store Wins Best Of Show ICAST Award

Far outpacing its competition in media votes, first-time exhibitor 3D Picture Store, Inc. won the New Product Showcase Best of Show award at the recent International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades (ICAST) show. Its 3D artwork in the Giftware category, "Exploring Smallmouth," was part of the show's 400,000 sq. ft. New Product Showcase, which provides special visibility for the industry's innovative gear and accessories. ICAST is the world's largest sportfishing trade show, held this year in Las Vegas.

3D Picture Store creates unique 3D pictures suitable for framing, which can be viewed without 3D glasses. These high-quality images feature underwater shots of both freshwater and saltwater fish, as well as hunting scenes and wildlife game in their natural surroundings. Ideal for decorating a home, boat, RV, office or cabin, all 3D Picture Store artwork is manufactured in the US. Musky Hunter magazine recently featured one of the company's images on its cover.

"My congratulations go to the winners and to all the companies who worked hard to develop these innovations," said American Sportfishing Association president and CEO Mike Nussman, who presented the awards. Fishing Tackle Retailer magazine sponsored the competition.

Contact 3D Picture Store, Inc., PO Box 8066, Bartlett, IL 60103. 347-433-8577. [sales@3Dpicturestore.com](mailto:sales@3Dpicturestore.com), [www.3Dpicturestore.com](http://www.3Dpicturestore.com).



**WINNER** — Jay Garstecki, left, 3D Picture Store and Jeff Marble, chairman, American Sportfishing Association

### More ICAST 2011 Winners

This year at ICAST 2011, 7,000 representatives from the global sportfishing industry, including 2,200 buyers and 550 media representatives, converged on the Las Vegas Convention Center, July 13-15, to see the latest innovations in tackle, gear and apparel.

The New Product Showcase was as competitive as ever. Making up a special section of ICAST's 400,000-square-foot show floor, the New Product Showcase embodies the sportfishing industry's innovative and entrepreneurial spirit and rewards ingenuity through the "Best of Show" new product awards competition.

Buyers and media judged the products

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# TIGHT LINES™

## LAKE POWELL REPORT

# Fishing Success Predicted For Fall Months

By Wayne Gustaveson

Powell is a lake divided into two separate fisheries. From Rainbow Bridge Canyon to Hite, stripers are boiling at many locations throughout the day. But, from Rainbow Bridge downlake the surface is quiet and fishing is challenging.

Striper boils only happen when shad are plentiful. Our recent trawl sampling showed record numbers of shad from the San Juan to Hite. High runoff spread nutrients throughout the upper lake resulting in increased plankton production.

When shad were spawned, abundant little plankters allowed shad to find easy meals close at hand and survive in high numbers. Shad grew quickly to a size attractive to all predators including stripers and bass. Stripers responded by herding up shad schools and trapping them against the surface where they can feed most effectively.

### Recent Boils

Recent boils have been concentrated in the main channel from Cedar Canyon



**FISHING FAMILY** — Kohle, Kason and Blair Perkes (left to right) from West Bountiful, Utah, caught stripers boiling near the Rincon on their family vacation at Lake Powell. Don't forget to take a fishing rod along to add a fishing adventure to the family outing.

to Warm Springs (Buoy 117), and Halls Creek. Most of the action has been in the main channel but don't be surprised to find boils in the backs of canyons.

Stripers are not hard to catch on surface lures and Kastmaster spoons if the lure lands near the front of the rapidly moving fish and is then worked back through the boil. But a lure that lands on the south side of a north-bound boil will be ignored.

In the southern lake, boils are nonexistent. The absence of surface feeding is a mystery. Shad numbers found in trawl samples were high just as seen in the north. The difference was shad size. Most shad were still small in the Wahweap sample.

### Plenty Of Shad

We are not sure if the size disparity means there is less plankton for southern shad to eat or if growth will catch up with the northern shad in the near future. My guess is that there are plenty of shad from Rainbow to Wahweap and the lower lake is only days away from erupting.

The most likely explanation is that small shad can be eaten at depth by individual stripers. That means the steeper school does not have to drive shad to the top. Stripers just eat shad in place and move on to the next customer. As shad size increases, stripers will have to work together to feed effectively and boils will happen.

On a recent trip on a calm evening from West Canyon to Wahweap, numerous shad schools were seen dimpling the surface. Open-water shad were abundant and in a jovial mood without any predators harassing them. That peaceful mood will soon be shattered when stripers find the schools. But, for now, trolling and bait fishing is worth a try while waiting for fish to boil.

### Good For Bass

Bass fishing is good in the early morning and evening particularly around open water reefs where smallmouth like to hang out. Largemouth are in the flooded green bushes in the backs of canyons and coves.

Unfortunately, the lake is huge at this water level and choices are many. The right cove may have a school of largemouth making the trip a fantastic event while many other similar coves provide a meager catch.

The key now is lake stabilization. Fish will find a spot to their liking and set up a new home range similar to the one they had when the lake was 60 feet lower. They will remain at the new home and be found predictably from now into the fall.

Fishing success will now improve each day and last well into September and October.

At press time, water temperature was 80-85°F, and lake elevation at 3,660.

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# Weather Plays A Big Part In Arizona Angling

*It's time to get into a thunder-bumper frame of mind.*

By RORY AIKENS  
AZGFD

Afternoon rain showers in the high country can be the key to catching fish right now, whether trout in the higher mountain lakes or bass in places like Fool Hollow and Willow Springs lakes that have multiple fish species.

You might even tie into some huge northern pike, such as the one pictured from Upper Lake Mary.



As those cumulonimbus clouds start billowing up toward the high heavens above the pine country, the barometer will start dropping, flying insects will become very active and hold just off the ground and water. More important, fish can become increasingly active and feed aggressively at the top of the water column.

This opens up a superb window of opportunity for anglers to catch actively feeding fish. But, if there is lightening, you don't want to have a high carbon fishing rod in your hand — they make excellent lightening rods. In fact, I have an old Hank Parker fiberglass fishing rod for such occasions.

### 'Match The Hatch'

Fly anglers have a term called "match the hatch," which simply means to identify what the fish are feeding upon and then mimicking those forage items.

If the fishing are actively feeding on insects, even if you are a spin angler, you can still use flies such as woolly buggers. Simply get something like a casting float (typically fills with water) and run a small leader (you can even use fly line) with a fly connected.

Or, you can also employ another technique — using reaction baits. When trout, bass, pike and walleye are actively feeding, a little bit of what I call "flash and dash" can often work well, such as inline spinners. Try Mepps spinners, Rooster Tails and the like. Also try casting spoons, such as Z-rays (made in Arizona) or KastMasters.

Sometimes, for the larger fish, especially trout, try using Rapalas in silver, gold or rainbow trout colored. These crankbaits can sometimes be the ticket for larger trout, as well as bass and walleye as well.

Mix it up. Experiment. Have fun.

### More To Consider

Don't forget about the "cool water" fish such as walleye and northern pike. I have received some really good reports lately of anglers catching big walleye and some nice pike at Upper Lake Mary in Flagstaff.

In the lower-elevation lakes, building T-storms and a dropping barometer can create an exciting window of fishing opportunity for my favorite type of angling — topwater.

Largemouth bass or even striped bass can start feeding aggressively on threadfin shad at or near the water's surface as T-storms roll across the desert. You'll want to use lures that mimic wounded shad, such as poppers, stick baits and buzz baits.

Spoons can also work — quite often the really big bass hang around the bottom to gobble up pieces of shad following surface feeding frenzies.

Position your boat to cast past the surface melee, then work the lure back through it. My favorite is the Zara Puppy or Zara Spook and doing what's called "walking the dog," which is making the



lure go back-and-forth in a zigzag pattern like a wounded shad fluttering across the surface.

### And, If There's A T-Storm

However, a lot of anglers, myself included, can find themselves in a ticklish situation — the surface feeding can keep getting better and better, often reaching a crescendo right as the T-storm crashes across the lake.

Next thing you know, winds are whipping up the waves, lightning is flashing all around you, and you are being pelted by wind-whipped rain or even hail.

Don't wait too long. But, just in case, be sure to have rain gear. Head protection from rain and hail can be essential. I always carry space blankets.

Sometimes, it's just not possible to make it to the boat ramp. If not, at least make it to shore in cove or a place where waves are not crashing up against the land mass and find whatever shelter is available. Carry a long length of line so you can tie up your boat.

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A Basic Hunter Education class will be held at the Poston Jr. High auditorium (located at 2433 E. Adobe in Mesa) starting Tuesday, Sept. 6 and ending on Saturday, Oct. 1.

Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. There is a required four-hour field day on Saturday, October 1 at the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club on Usery Pass Road.

In-person registration will be held at the first class session (Sept. 6) from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Total cost for the class is \$8.00. Checks should be made out to MHEIA. Please bring your Social Security Number or AZ Sportsman/Hunter ID number

to registration.

Maximum basic class size is 250 persons. These classes are for all ages. Parents are encouraged to attend with their youth.

This class is required for all persons 10 - 13 years old to hunt big game in Arizona. Students must be at least 9 years old by graduation to be certified. It also qualifies the graduate for a permanent bonus point.

For further information contact Chief Instructor Mike Zaccardi at (480) 834-1791. Please do not call Poston Jr. High for details. See the statewide Arizona Game and Fish Hunter Education class schedule at: <http://www.azgfd.com>



**SMART START** — At the Basic Hunter Education class, starting Sept. 6, students will learn many outdoor skills, including safe gun handling and marksmanship, game calling, compass reading, safety in the field, and fire starting (shown here), among others. The course is required for those 10-13 year-olds who wish to hunt big game in Arizona.

### DRAWING RESULTS AVAILABLE

## Many Prime Coues Deer Tags, Others Remain; Offered First-Come, First-Served

Let the planning begin. The drawing results for Arizona's 2011 fall big game hunting permits are now available at the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Web site at [www.azgfd.gov/draw](http://www.azgfd.gov/draw). Draw results are also available by telephone at (602) 942-3000 by selecting option two.

The more than 107,000 applicants, an increase of 3 percent from last year, can find out if they were issued a permit-tag for deer, fall turkey, fall juniors-only javelina, bighorn sheep, fall buffalo, or pheasant by providing their sportsman's ID and date of birth.

Game and Fish officials report that hunt permit-tags were mailed out to successful applicants by Aug. 12 (archery deer tags were earlier). Refunds for unsuccessful and rejected applicants will be mailed out to applicant "A" no later than Aug. 23 (less application fees).

For those individuals who missed the drawing application deadline or were unsuccessful in getting a permit-tag, there are more than 5,767 hunt permit-tags remaining. These remaining tags will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and include more than 4,600 deer tags, more than 700 fall turkey tags, and nearly 400 tags for the juniors-only fall javelina hunts.

Starting on Aug. 8 at 8 a.m. (MST), hunters could get one in person at any of the seven Arizona Game and Fish Department offices. A list of office locations is available at [www.azgfd.gov/offices](http://www.azgfd.gov/offices).

For a detailed listing of leftover permits, that include hunt number, number of permits available and unit number, visit [www.azgfd.gov/draw](http://www.azgfd.gov/draw) and click on the "Leftover Permits for 2011 Fall Hunts" link under the "2011-12 Arizona Hunting and Trapping Regulations, season dates and drawing information" section.

Hopi hunts with leftover tags are avail-



Dean Farrell With Trophy Coues Deer

able to everyone, tribal and non-tribal members. For those who qualify, there are military hunts available for Fort Huachuca. Call (520) 533-8763 for additional information.

For those applicants for either hunt number 4501 or hunt number 4518, there was a reduction in permitted tags issued through the draw compared to what was listed in the regulations. On July 8, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission voted to reduce the number of permit-tags by 1,075 permits due to the Wallow Fire. The commission action was taken after the application deadline, but before the draw was processed.

### Hunter Clinics, Seminars

Getting prepared and planning for an upcoming hunt is almost as fun as the hunt itself. It's also the most important. Many of the local hunter conservation groups have hosted clinics to teach the basics, all the way up to how to score a trophy.

Many of these clinics offer biology and ecology of the species; hunting tips/ techniques, knowledgeable guest speakers, and other great information from experienced

See **DEER TAGS** on page 14



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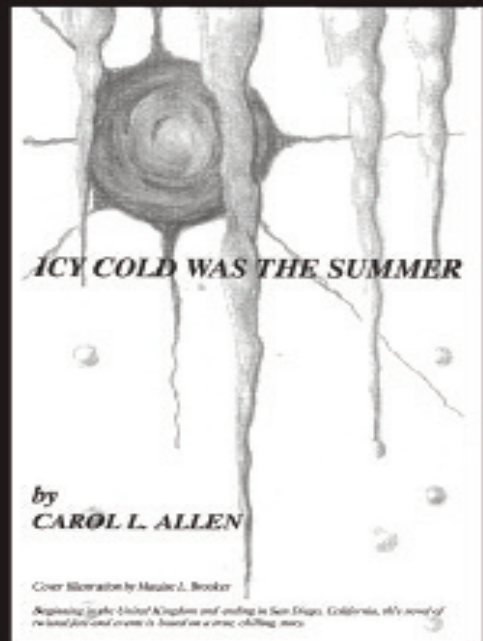


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## [GAME BAG]

# Dove Season Should Be Just Like The Good Old Days

*Notice: One million acres are opened to hunting; dove limits now 10, and there are all-day hunts.*

From AZGFD

Arizona Game and Fish has turned back the hands-of-time for dove hunters, with the launching of the new 2011-12 Arizona Dove and Band-tailed Pigeon regulations that are now available online at [www.azgfd.gov/dove](http://www.azgfd.gov/dove).

"For those of us with a little gray hair, the upcoming September 1st dove season will feel like a hunt from the olden days, now that we can once again hunt on much of the open, undeveloped public lands within municipalities, such as Phoenix," said Rory Aikens, a public information officer with the Arizona Game and Fish Department for the past two decades.

### Changes Remove Barriers

A number of changes have been made to the dove regulations that have removed many barriers to this Arizona hunting tradition, most notably:

- Hunting access re-opened to approximately a million acres of open uninhabited lands within municipalities,
- Daily bag limit increased for white-winged dove to 10 birds, and
- Hunting hours extended until sunset statewide.

The increased access is a result of two recently revised state laws. Those changes transferred the authority to regulate the use of firearms for the take of wildlife within municipal boundaries to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

Because of these changes, dove hunters will no longer have to drive long distances to participate in this Arizona hunting tradition.

However, Game and Fish has taken a prudent approach in its deployment of



these shifted authorities and has closed hunting in many well-defined, densely populated metro areas. The flip side of this for dove hunters, especially those in the Phoenix metro area, is you will now be able to easily determine where you can and cannot hunt doves.

### Know Before You Go

The closed to hunting boundaries are well defined in the notes section of the 2011-12 Arizona Dove and Band-tailed pigeon regulations. For the Phoenix metropolitan area, there is a map showing where you can and cannot hunt. The area is bounded by readily discernable roadways or waterways, such as the Gila River, and is available at [www.azgfd.gov/dove](http://www.azgfd.gov/dove).

At first glance, these regulations may seem more complicated than in years past. However, with this one-stop resource comes some complexities. Hunters need to thoroughly understand the notes section before they go hunting.

"A perfect example are the lands along the Carefree Highway corridor, between I-17 and US Route 60. These lands are primarily wide-open desert, but they fall within the city limits of Phoenix and Peoria. Before the law change, it was illegal to discharge a firearm within city limits, making hunting in these safe, open, unpopulated fringe areas also illegal — that

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From The Kitchens Of AZGFD

## Cooking Your Harvest

After the hunt, you will have harvested a game bird that provides a rich, lean red meat, and when not overcooked, it is superb in a number of recipes. When the meat is filleted off the breastplate bone, it offers even greater recipe adaptation.

The type of seasonings and side dishes you choose can customize these common methods listed below:

- Kabobs (dove and veggies)
- Wrapped and stuffed (bacon and hot pepper are common)
- Grilled (hot and fast)
- Sauté (garlic, teriyaki, etc.)
- Diced in chili (slow cooked with tomato base)

Dove hunting is a deep-rooted family tradition. When done properly, dove hunting is very safe, challenging, exciting, and provides a great meal.

When the season is over, clean and oil your shotgun, but don't put it back into storage — the fall small game hunting season starts up Sept. 30, with quail, squirrel and more.



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National Park Service Photo By Russell Smith

**FALL IN THE ROCKIES** — If Arizonans are looking for some cooler fall weather or plan to visit high-country autumn colorscapes, here is an invitation from Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park. Summer is beautiful and busy there, but visitors are discovering that autumn can be lovely and a bit quieter. Besides enjoying glorious golden aspen, they can see the elk rut in full swing from about mid-September until mid-October.

## ARIZONANS ARE INVITED

# Fall Is A Great Time Of Year In Rocky Mountain National Park

By Katy Sykes

Manager, Information Office, RMNP

Summer is beautiful and busy in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo., but visitors are discovering that autumn can be lovely and a bit quieter.

Located in north-central Colorado, Rocky Mountain National Park is the 10th most-visited national park in the United States, with an annual visitation of about three million people.

Rocky encompasses about 415 square miles of glorious mountain scenery ranging in elevation from 7,800 feet at park headquarters to the summit of Longs Peak at 14,259 feet. Ninety-five percent of the park is designated wilderness, full of mountains, glaciers, lakes, waterfalls, myriad species of mammals, birds, fish, and a profusion of wildflowers and butterflies.

Fall comes early to the high country. Years vary, but generally in the last week of August, the first shocks of gold aspen

leaves start showing up, high on hillsides.

In early September, more gold leaves can be enjoyed in the Grand Lake area. On the east side of the park, aspen trees turn gold at Bear Lake starting in mid-September, and in late-September in the Estes Park area.

Besides enjoying glorious golden aspen, visitors can see the elk rut in full swing from about mid-September until mid-October. This is the mating ritual of the elk, during which big bulls spar with each other and bellow eerie bugles to attract cows.

Elk are most active at dawn and dusk and tend to rest during the middle of the day. In the evenings, park visitors can experience the rut from meadow edges, where volunteers are available to answer questions.

Also, each evening from Sept. 1 through Oct. 10, rangers present 30-minute programs called "Elk Echoes," all about elk adaptations, migration and mating behavior. Programs are held at 6 p.m. at both the

Moraine Park Visitor Center amphitheater and Sheep Lakes parking lot.

Weather can be changeable in the fall, so come prepared. It can definitely snow at higher elevations! Layers — including insulating, windproof clothing like synthetic or wool — are a great idea, and storm gear is essential. Hats and gloves are good to throw in your suitcase too. Proper footwear is important if you plan to hike.

Trail Ridge Road, the highest, continuous, paved road in the United States, crosses the park and crests at over 12,000 feet. Snow can close this road temporarily in fall, and the park tries to keep it open through mid-October. The average closing date of Trail Ridge Road is Oct. 22.

In winter, weather permitting, visitors can drive the first eight miles on the east side to Many Parks Curve, the first major overlook, and the first 10 miles on the west side to the Colorado River Trailhead.

Fall, which had been a best-kept secret

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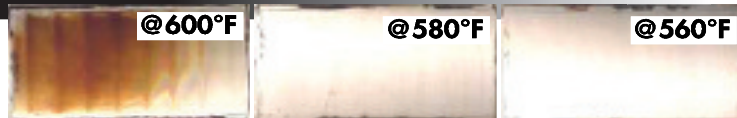
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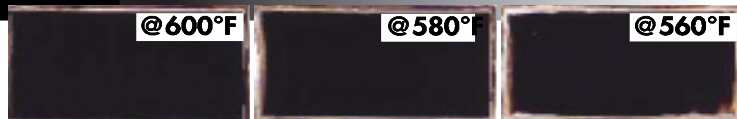
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## PETS

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next marina for their regulations as they may differ from the state. Another costly issue is not cleaning up after your pet in marinas. We found it easiest to carry small plastic sandwich bags that can be easily sealed and disposed of.

## While You Are Docked — Welcome Aboard!

Docked boats provide a perfect learning opportunity for pets, and this is the time to establish a routine. We immediately let our pets know when they were allowed outside, where it was appropriate to eliminate, and the difference between playtime and naptime.

This is also the time to establish a boarding protocol. Ramps can be purchased to help a pet board safely, and everyday

bathroom mats can provide footing on the slick fiberglass of a freshly waxed boat while docked.

Keep your pet's health records handy as you could be asked for them at any time. A health certificate states the animal was in good health at the time of the visit to the veterinarian, its breed, name, date of visit, and any health concerns. If you're sailing abroad, European countries require an EU998 form which can be provided by your veterinarian, so plan in advance.

Keep current pictures of your pets handy in case they become lost while docked, and always keep copies of your pet records in a separate location. Avian Flu has caused problems for many a boating bird-owner, so be sure to check the most recent legal requirements before embarking as these regulations change constantly.

Ensuring that your pet has proper identification is imperative. There are a number

of different types of ID forms available, including a new "electronic" collar that stores your pet's information on a waterproofed flash drive.

A service that we use is available in Canada and the U.S. called 1-800-LostDog. With a 98 percent recovery rate within the first 48 hours of a pet missing, this is one of the more efficient methods we have found for tracking our pets.

Microchipping your pet is important; yet keep in mind that it is best to combine microchipping with an ID tag. Be sure to have a cell phone registered with any ID in case your pet is found. We know of cases where the owners were called on their home phone, but they didn't receive the message for two months as they were out cruising. It is also wise to register the phone number of a friend or family member you trust.

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## AWARD

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to select "Best of Show" honors in 21 categories, as well as the overall "Best of Show" winner.

**Overall** - Pure Fishing Inc. - Berkley Nanofil

**Apparel** - Frabill Inc. - Frabill Suit  
**Boat** - Hobie Cat - Hobie Mirage Revocation 11

**Boating Accessory** - JL Marine Systems Inc. - 10 Ft Power-Pole Blade Edition

**Combo** - Daiwa Corp. - Daiwa D-Shock DSH-4Bi Combo

**Electronics** - Johnson Outdoors Marine Electronics - Humminbird 1158c DI Combo

**Eyewear** - Costa - Costa Women's Collection

**Fishing Accessory** - G. Pucci & Sons Inc. - P-Line Sparrowhawk

**Fly Fishing Accessory** - VestPac -

DriftPac

**Fly Fishing Reel** - Temple Fork Outfitters - BVK Fly Reel

**Fly Fishing Rod** - G. Loomis Inc. - Pro4x

**Freshwater Reel** - Pure Fishing Inc. - Abu Garcia Revo MGX

**Freshwater Rod** - G. Loomis Inc. - GL2

**Giftware** - 3D Picture Store Inc. - 3D "Exploring Smallmouth" Picture

**Kids' Tackle** - Pure Fishing Inc. - Casting Game & Sound Fishing Kit

**Line** - Pure Fishing Inc. - Berkley Nanofil

**Hard Lure** - Pure Fishing Inc. - Sebile D&S Crank

**Soft Lure** - Koppers Fishing & Tackle Corp. - LIVE TARGET Hollow Body Mouse

**Saltwater Reel** - Daiwa Corp. - Saltiga SATG5000H

**Saltwater Rod** - Shimano American

Corp. - Terez Rail Rod

**Tackle Management** - Plano Molding Co. - 4674 Hydro-Flo Tackle Bag

**Terminal Tackle** - VMC - Spinshot

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Next year's show will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla., July 11-13, 2012. For more information about ICAST 2012 Buyers' Guide advertising opportunities, contact Ascend Integrated Media at (913) 344-1443.

## FALL

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of some vacationers, has been discovered. September weekends can be some of the busiest days of the year in Rocky, but

weekdays remain quieter. Whatever the season, it's always beautiful in Rocky Mountain National Park!

For more information on Rocky Mountain National Park, visit [www.nps.gov/romo](http://www.nps.gov/romo) or call (970) 586-1206.

## DEER TAGS

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hunters. The popular hunting clinics are open to all, not just tag holders, and include the remaining two:

Aug. 13: Arizona Deer Association Hunting Clinic

Sept. 24: Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society Clinic

For more details on these clinics, upcoming hunting camps for first-time hunters, and events hosted for families and juniors-only hunts, visit [www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills](http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills).

## SAFETY TIPS

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It's no secret that alcohol often causes people to take unwise risks while at the same time inhibiting their ability to think quickly in critical situations. With up to about 50 percent of all adult drownings involving alcohol, BoatUS has the following information that all boaters should know:

Medical researchers have found that combining alcohol and swimming without taking in sufficient carbohydrates can be dangerous. In the Florida case, it is believed that the woman had only a salad and two glasses of white wine for dinner, but when adding the exercise of a midnight swim, she may have developed hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar, which causes weakness and confusion.

US Coast Guard tests have shown that environmental stressors — sun, wind, wave motion, vibration and glare — can slow a boat operator's reaction time and make him or her prone to more errors. This fatigue reduces an operator's reaction time as much as drinking alcohol alone. However, when you combine the two, it can lead to boaters missing 10 times as many "cues" as those who are only exposed to the environmental stressors alone.

Alcohol also inhibits the body's signaling system so that swimmers may not realize how quickly hypothermia has set in. In one case from New England, a man who was drinking beer on a sunny day fell overboard, but the cold waters quickly prevented him from climbing back aboard. He tried to swim to shore but never made it.

Sudden cooling of the skin can also cause caloric labyrinthitis and/or hyperventilation. An inner ear disturbance, caloric labyrinthitis causes disorientation, leading some swimmers to become confused on which way is up. Hyperventilation can also cause a swimmer to "breathe in" water.

Know what drowning looks like: Someone who is drowning lacks lung capacity to call for help. Drowning victims move their arms as though climbing a ladder, taking quick gulps of air before slipping back under. In an adult, this can last up to a minute before the victim never resurfaces — a child may only do this for 20 seconds.

Never jump overboard before ensuring the depth of the water and knowing that it's free of underwater hazards such as rocks, shoals, stumps, or other structures. Also pick swimming areas away from boating traffic and strong currents. It's always best to anchor, shut down the motor, and deploy the boarding ladder before going in.

## BIG BASS DAYS

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• Helicopter rides over the lake and desert,

• Jerry Tate will provide seminars on fishing Lake Pleasant; he's been a guide there since 1961.

• Activities will be added for the ladies and the other folks who are there but aren't fishing, and

• A "Fly By" is tentatively scheduled for at least one day of the event by the Commemorative Airforce, B17G Sentimental Journey. (They are planning to bring this baby in over the event at 500 feet, under full throttle.)

## And, The All-Important Food!

The main food vendor is the Pit Stop Café at the Bill Luke Chrysler Jeep and Dodge dealership. First-class "chow" — tasty and affordable — will be served up by the two excellent Pit Stop chefs, starting with breakfast at 4 a.m. Other vendors will also be on site with jerky, snow cones, kettle corn, etc.

So, according to McDowell, "... in a nutshell, we have the bass anglers, stripper fisherman, mountain bikers, joggers and runners, the military, hotrods folks. [Plans] will continue to grow the event as it evolves, so long as it makes sense and lends something to family values."

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**BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN:** Aug. 26-28 — Friendly Pines Camp near Prescott (see story on page 1)

**23RD ANNUAL VERDE RIVER DAY:** Sept. 24 — Cottonwood, Dead Horse

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**GEOCACHE CAMPING WEEK-END/DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF:** Sept. 16-17 — Show Low City Park, 928-532-4140

## CLASSES/SEMINARS

**USCG-APPROVED CAPTAIN'S COURSE:** Oct. 17-28 — The Maritime Institute of San Diego and the Lake Havasu Marine Association; at Lake Havasu City; for more information or to sign up to attend the course, call the Maritime Institute at 1-888-262-8020.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH SAILING CLASSES:** Sept. 13 Start — Any level of past experience is welcome, and those interested can sign up at [http://arizonayachtingclub.org/?page\\_id=829](http://arizonayachtingclub.org/?page_id=829). And, planning ahead, the Arizona High School Sailing Championship is already on the calendar for Saturday, April 21, 2012. For more information, contact [george@tin-gom.com](mailto:george@tin-gom.com)

## COMMUNITY

**REDEDICATION OF THE LONDON BRIDGE — 40TH ANNIVERSARY:** Oct. 14 — Lake Havasu City; under the London Bridge, please join the community in celebrating the historic re-dedication of the London Bridge, free, 5 pm, 928-453-3444 or <http://www.golakehavasu.com>

**TEMPE TOWN LAKE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OPENS:** Sept. TBA — Information about this process is being updated at [www.tempe.gov/lake](http://www.tempe.gov/lake); visit milla-venue.com for details on the upcoming bridge opening.

## FISHING

**BILL LUKE BIG BASS DAYS:** March 16-18, 2012 — Lake Pleasant; Don McDowell: [don@shakerrattleandtroll.com](mailto:don@shakerrattleandtroll.com)

**LAKE HAVASU CLASSIC NATIONAL BASS WEST CHAMPIONSHIP:** Oct. 14 — Lake Havasu City; Windsor Beach, tournament hours are safe light to 3 p.m., complimentary BBQ during Saturday weigh-in, <http://www.nationalbasswest.com>

**LABOR DAY ROPING WEEKEND:** Sept. 3 — Mormon Lake Lodge, (1991 Main St., 86038), Jack & Stacey Fuller host the last competitive team roping event of the year, also fishing, horseback riding, hiking, mountain bike and OHV riding, scavenger hunt for families at 1 pm, 928-354-2227 or <http://www.mormonlakelodge.com>

need a general hunting license and an Arizona migratory bird stamp. Both are available online, at Game and Fish offices and licensed dealers.

## Dove Populations Doing Well

Overall, dove populations are doing well in Arizona. Many farms are growing grains, including corn, which are excellent dove attractants. Working a corridor in these areas will bode well for many hunters.

In addition, monsoonal rains have been adequate throughout the state bringing much needed new growth to desert flora, another excellent dove attractant. Finding a lone water tank in these newly opened desert areas could also provide some fast wing shooting action.

In either case, success will come to those who scout their areas the weekend before they go hunting, as much can hap-

## HUNTING

**BASIC HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS:** Sept. 6-Oct. 1 — Poston Jr. High auditorium, Mesa; This class is required for all persons 10 - 13 years old to hunt big game in Arizona. Students must be at least 9 years old by graduation to be certified. It also qualifies the graduate for a permanent bonus point. For further information contact Chief Instructor Mike Zaccardi at (480) 834-1791.

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**LEARN-TO-CURL:** Sept. 10 — The Coyotes Curling Club is pleased to announce one remaining Learn to Curl class this summer: Sept. 10 from 8:15 p.m.-11 p.m. Off-ice instruction will be from roughly 8:15-8:20 to 9 p.m., and then on the ice for two hours of exciting curling instruction from 9-11 p.m.! To register for the class, please go to our Learn to Curl section on our site [www.coyotescurling.com](http://www.coyotescurling.com). Also as a reminder, our 12-week Friday morning and Saturday evening co-ed fall leagues have a tentative start date of Sept. 16 and 17 respectively.

**Swimming:**  
**ARIZONA OPEN WATER SWIM SERIES #4:** Oct. 15 — Lake Pleasant Harbor Marina, events are officially sanctioned by USAS and USMS and are open to both registered age group and masters swimmers, with choice of 2K and 4K distances (1.2 or 2.4 miles), \$45-50, <http://www.dcbadventures.com>

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**ANTHEM SPRINT TRIATHLON:** Sept. 3 — Anthem Community Center, (41130 N. Freedom Way, 85086), reverse order sprint triathlon, hosted in conjunction with Team Anthem Multisport Club, a 5km run, a fast 20km bike course and a 400m swim to the finish, 7 am, 623-330-0913 or <http://www.4peaksracing.com>

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**BUG NIGHT:** Aug. 27 — Karchner Caverns State Park; (602) 542-4174.

**FALL OPEN HOUSE AT THE ARBORETUM:** Oct. 1 — Flagstaff; (4001 S. Woody Mountain Rd. 86001), as part of the Festival of Science, focuses on the scientific research taking place at The Arboretum, tour the gardens, Live Birds of Prey, hands-on activities for the whole family, free, 9 am — 5 pm, 928-774-1442 or <http://www.thearb.org>

**SAVE THE OSPREY:** Sept. 10 — Mormon Lake Lodge, (1991 Main St., 86038), an annual tradition that welcomes the public to roll up their sleeves and do their part in preserving the natural home of the magnificent Osprey, clean up litter, after a BBQ lunch Joe Yarchin, AZGFD Watchable Wildlife Project Coordinator will present how, where, and when to view wildlife responsibly and efficiently, free, 928-354-2227 or <http://www.mormonlakelodge.com>

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## DOVE SEASON

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is no longer the case," said Aikens.

## The Quarter-Mile Law

In addition to the closed area descriptions, hunters are reminded of the quarter-mile law, and while that is a minimum, responsible, ethical hunters will find an area where there is plenty of open space in all directions to hunt, in order to prevent any conflicts with other recreationists or homeowners, and to have an enjoyable hunting experience.

The early dove season opens on a Thursday this year, and runs from Sept. 1-15, statewide, with a 10-bird daily bag limit of mourning or white-winged dove. Printed copies of the dove regulations are available statewide at license dealers and Game and Fish offices.

Dove hunters are reminded they will

pen between now and that 3 a.m. wake up on opening day.

For more information about the recent law changes, the Phoenix metro no hunting map, a PDF copy of the dove regulations, or to buy your hunting license and dove stamp visit [www.azgfd.gov/dove](http://www.azgfd.gov/dove). Basic season information, boundary description, and other field reference facts are available for smartphone users at [www.azgfd.gov/m.dove](http://www.azgfd.gov/m.dove).

## Looking To Try Dove Hunting?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has teamed up with local sportsmen-conservation organization to offer "how-to dove hunt" events that are designed for kids and for first-time hunters. These events are a great way to get a "hands on" experience hunting doves.

**Sept. 4-5: Juniors Dove Hunt, Robbins Butte Wildlife Area near Buckeye** — Game

and Fish actively manages the land, and due to the water corridor, it is rich with mesquite trees, wildlife food crops, and nesting habitat that attracts an abundance of dove (white-winged and mourning) and other wildlife. Pancake breakfast provided, hosted by the Chandler Rod and Gun Club; for details visit [www.azgfd.gov/dove](http://www.azgfd.gov/dove).

**Sept. 10: First-time Hunters Dove Seminar and Hunt** — East Valley (Phoenix/Mesa/Chandler) — This is for first-time hunters for kids and adults. A safety seminar will be held on Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. and the hunt will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 5 a.m. Some loaner shotguns and ammunition are available. Hosted by the Chandler Rod and Gun Club, contact David Carson at [dcarson@azgfd.gov](mailto:dcarson@azgfd.gov).

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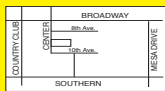
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## WOMAN

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from desert to alpine, you can learn about them in Arizona Wildlife and Habitat. There is a basic land-navigation class, a birding class and a tracking/animal identification class. A perennial favorite is "I'm Lost, Now What?"



Shooting is also offered. Before going to the range to shoot, the student must take a firearms-safety class. Then, she may take, handgun or rifle marksmanship. All of these classes are taught one on one with AZGFD hunter-education volunteers. But for many, BOW is more than just learning a new skill.

## Many Reasons To Attend BOW

There are many reasons why women come to BOW. For some, it is just some ME time — different take on a girlfriends weekend away. BOW is a great way to enjoy camaraderie with other women and maybe learn a new skill.

For example, perhaps fly-fishing seems appealing but the cost prohibitive especially for recreation untested. At BOW, you can

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Still others are looking for like-minded women with whom to network. There is a growing group of BOW graduates who go turkey hunting together every spring. Single moms might want the skills to safely take their families camping or fishing or geocaching. At BOW she can learn those skills and find a friend to go with.

The Arizona Wildlife Federation sponsors the Arizona BOW program with lots of help from the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Our instructors are volunteers and all are experts or professionals in their field. Cost is \$245 and includes lodging, meals and most classroom materials. The registration is available online at [www.azwildlife.org](http://www.azwildlife.org) or you can call (480) 644-0077.

involved.

Thanks to Tim Carter from Alamitos Bay YC, Long Beach, a few of us also managed to secure slips that were right by the starting line, which made it very convenient to go racing each day. Despite all the local distractions, we managed to do three days of great racing from July 15 through 17. The Vipers looked really impressive against the other sport boats that attended and we were often passing both the J80 and Melges 20 early in the first downwind leg despite giving them a five-minute earlier start.

On the last day, we sailed (more like "smoked") through the Wylie Wabbit fleet on the final downwind leg and received many positive comments from them afterwards.

Having seen Tim Carter truly trounce on

## VOTE

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will award a \$100,000 recreation grant to the park with the most votes, a \$50,000 grant to the second-place park and a \$25,000 grant to the third-place park. These grants will help buy new equipment, restore activity areas, build trails or simply make the park an overall better place for you and your family.

## A Great Choice

State Park rangers decided that Dead Horse Ranch State Park in Central Arizona, is a great choice as the park is a base park for traveling around to five State and three National parks in the Verde Valley.

You can camp at the park and visit Jerome, Red Rock, Slide Rock and Fort Verde State Parks and there are three National Parks in the Sedona Verde Valley as well.

Dead Horse Ranch has lagoons for fishing, is bounded by the Verde River for canoeing, swimming and is part of one of Arizona's important birding areas so it is a haven for endangered and rare birds.

The park offers camping cabins, tent and large RV sites with reservations online so families can always plan well in advance to go camping.

While we want you to vote as many times as possible for Dead Horse Ranch State Park, it is more important that you also visit your favorite park.

## Sept. 6 Deadline

Votes will be tallied on Sept. 6. So, hurry! Go to [www.livepositively.com/#/Americasparks/vote](http://www.livepositively.com/#/Americasparks/vote) and vote for Dead Horse Ranch State Park.

The National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) established the America's State Parks alliance ([www.americasstateparks.com](http://www.americasstateparks.com)) to mobilize and educate the public and policy makers on the positive impact state parks have on public health and local economies. The Alliance is launching many national fund-raising initiatives to support America's parks.

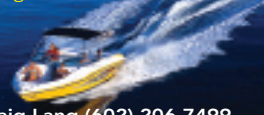
Americans demonstrated a strong demand for budget-friendly outdoor recreation and cultural tourism, with more than 725 million visits to state parks in 2009.

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## SIERRA REGATTA

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And, as usual, the wind gods provided excellent sailing conditions by turning on great breeze each day prior to the start of racing and then promptly turning it off when we were done.

The temperature dropped to a very cool 34 degrees the first night and from our cabin sites over-looking the lake, it was so calm the following morning that I was convinced the lake had frozen over.

We enjoyed memorable dinner and drinking sessions each evening back at the cabins, where we got to know some of the newer members of our ever-growing Viper ranks. The social side of our fleet really does add to the positive experience for all

the competition at Long Beach Race Week by just having better boat speed than everyone else, I decided to make boat speed our priority for the regatta. It really paid-off as the final day saw us leading the fleet with a 2-point advantage over Carter going into the last race. This resulted in our having one of the best tacking duels I have ever been involved in.

Thanks Tim — it was a lot of fun. Thank you also to my crew of Dennis Martinelli and Luce Sahali for securing the first P1 trophy for #146.

Results and more info on the event are available at: [www.fresnoyachtclub.org/hsrdetails.htm](http://www.fresnoyachtclub.org/hsrdetails.htm).

Hope to see more of you there next time we visit. It really should be put on your "must-do-regatta" list.

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