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Sailing: A Sport For All Seasons

HIGH SCHOOL SAILING

Arizona Yacht Club Announces Fall Classes

Sailing will be on Tuesdays starting Sept. 11.

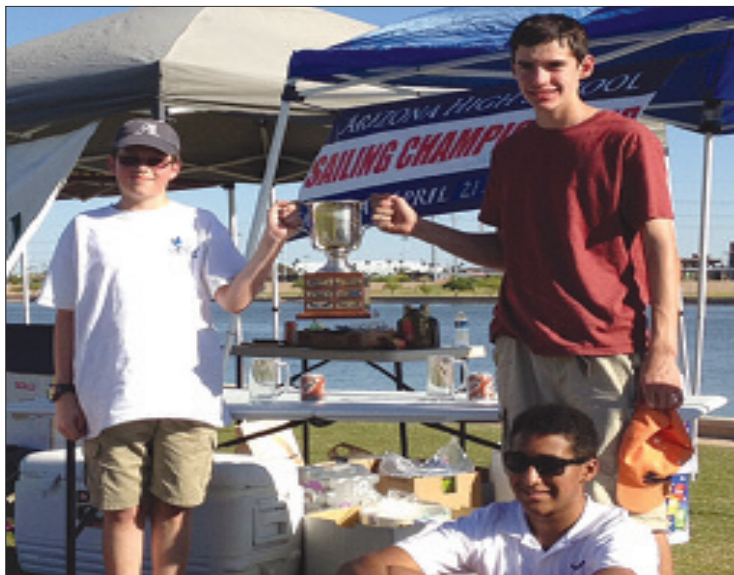
From George Tingom
AYC

The fall semester for double-handed sailboat racing class will offer 13 sailing days and as many of just plain fun on the water. Some common questions and answers follow to get potential sailors in the mindset for the upcoming classes.

What is it all about? : Young sailors can sail and race in Capri 14.2s and 420s and come up to speed on boat handling, safety, docking and racing procedures and tactics. New sailors are welcome.

Who may attend? : Any junior high or senior high school student who would like to have sailing fun is welcome. Classes include students who are beginning to sail and those with more advanced skills. Instructor-to-stu-

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2012 Regatta Winners

ASF



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Lake Havasu Boat Launch

'HAPPY TRAILS' TO SAIL Major Sailing Magazine Salutes Lake Havasu

"Trailer Sailors," or "Pocket Cruisers" — known by both names — are one of the features in the online August issue of Sail magazine. The article is "Destination Hunters: 10 Great Trailer Sailing Destinations" by Hilary Sharp and can be found at the following Web address:

<http://sailmagazine.com/cruising/destination-hunters-10-great-trailer-sailing-destinations>

According to Sailhavasu, Sail magazine — one of the largest sailing magazines in the world — published four-pages of extensive coverage of the

See **LAKE HAVASU** on page 17

U.S. SAILING NEWS AT PRESS TIME

Women's Match Racing Competition Has Surprise Ending

WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND, U.K. — In a surprise ending to the Women's Match Racing competition, Anna Tunnicliffe, Molly O'Bryan Vandemoer and Debbie Capozzi were eliminated from competition by Finland in the quarter-final round.

As one of four quarterfinal matchups, USA lost the first two races on Aug. 7, and then came back strong the next to win Race 3. In the "first-to-win three points" series, the pressure was on USA to win the next match; however, Finland went on to win the fourth race, eliminating the U.S. boat from medal contention.

Amanda Clark and Sarah Lihan finished the 10-race series in the Women's 470 in 9th place overall and advanced to the medal race on Aug. 10.

Results: http://www.sailing.org/olympics/london2012/results_centre.php

Highlights Women's Match Racing

In Women's Match Racing, the

Quarter Final rounds continued with USA racing against Finland. After Aug. 7, the standings in the "best-to-three wins" series found Finland up two wins over USA. The next racing would have to go three straight races in USA's favor.

Despite winning the third race, Anna Tunnicliffe, Molly O'Bryan Vandemoer, Debbie Capozzi did not win the fourth, which put an end in their quest for a medal.

"By the time our second race started, it shifted left to a pretty steady course," said Vandemoer. "So it was very match-racing oriented."

"With flat water you're not going to get very far apart. Basically, we were dead even going upwind. It was typical match racing. We closed up the distance and got really close at the leeward mark; same thing upwind."

"If we had another 100 yards maybe it would have been different result. We are very happy for them."

Tunnicliffe explained that the Finnish team has been their training



For U.S. Olympic Sailing Team By Daniel Forster/go4image.com



ON THE COVER

Arizona Sailing Foundation Sets Fall Classes

SET SAIL! — Junior and senior high-school students can look forward to the fun of learning to sail by joining the ASF (of Arizona Yacht Club) classes this fall. Thirteen sailing days between Tuesday, Sept. 11 and Tuesday, Dec. 4 will be held at Tempe Town Lake. Boat handling, safety, docking, and racing procedures and tactics will be taught by highly qualified and US Sailing-certified instructors.

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His Last Hurrah

Michael Phelps closes out his Olympic medal haul with a record 22, 18 of them gold. See story Page 5.



Boating

Boats To Sear The Surface

Speeds approaching 250 mph highlight Nov. 2-4 Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing. See story Page 6.



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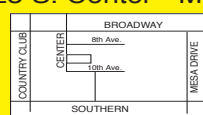
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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	August 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076
Arizona Game and Fish Department	August 21 & 23 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Regional Office 7200 E. University Ave. Mesa	\$5 per family	(623) 236-7219

September 2012

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 10 & 12 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. (must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Regional Office 555 N. Greasewood Rd. Tucson	\$0	(520) 429-6106
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 15 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Water Safety Center at Contact Point 1801 Hwy. 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 916-2004
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	Sept. 15 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 29 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219

PWC Courtesy

- ◆ Avoid congregating with other PWC operators near shore, which increases annoying noise levels.
- ◆ Avoid making excessive noise near residential and camping areas, particularly early in the morning.
- ◆ Avoid maneuvers that cause the engine exhaust to lift out of the water because that increases noise levels.
- ◆ Do not modify your engine exhaust system if it increases the noise. Improperly modified exhausts will not make your PWC faster and may raise the noise to an illegal level.

Environmental Considerations

When operating your personal watercraft, consider the effect you may have on the environment.

- ◆ Make sure that the water you operate in is at least 30 inches deep. Riding in shallow water can cause bottom sediments or aquatic vegetation to be sucked into the pump, damaging your PWC and the environment.
- ◆ Do not dock or beach your PWC in reeds and grasses. This could damage fragile environments.
- ◆ Take extra care when fueling your PWC in or near the water. Oil and gasoline spills are very detrimental to the aquatic environment. Fuel on land if possible.
- ◆ Never use your PWC to disturb, chase, or harass wildlife.

Other PWC Considerations

- ◆ Remember that everyone on board a PWC must wear a life jacket (PFD). A high-impact life-jacket is recommended.
- ◆ Keep hands, feet, loose clothing, and hair away from the pump intake area. Before cleaning debris away from the pump intake, be sure to shut off the engine.
- ◆ Keep everyone clear of the steering nozzle unless the PWC is shut off. The water jet can cause severe injuries.
- ◆ Frequently inspect your PWC's electrical systems (e.g., starter and engine gauge connections) to ensure there are potential for electrical spark. Gas fumes could collect in the engine compartment and an explosion could occur. After fueling, sniff the engine compartment for any evidence of gas fumes.
- ◆ Never exceed the manufacturer's recommended capacity for your PWC.
- ◆ Know your limits, and ride according to your abilities.



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Fueling a Vessel

Never fuel at night unless it is an emergency. If you must refuel after dark, use only electric lights. Try to refuel away from the water or on a commercial fueling ramp

- ◆ **Before beginning to fuel:**
 - Dock the boat securely and ask all passengers to exit.
 - Do not allow anyone to smoke or strike a match.
 - Check all fuel lines, connections, and fuel vents.
 - Turn off anything that might cause a spark — engines, fans, or electrical equipment.
 - Shut off all fuel valves and extinguish all open flames, such as galley stoves and pilot lights.
 - Close all windows, ports, doors, and other openings to prevent fumes from entering the boat.
 - Remove portable fuel tanks and fill on

the dock.

- ◆ **While filling the fuel tank:**
 - Keep nozzle of the fuel-pump hose in contact with the tank opening to prevent producing a static spark.
 - Avoid spilling fuel into the boat's bilge or the water.
 - Never fill a tank to the brim — leave room to expand.
- ◆ **After fueling:**
 - Wipe up any spilled fuel.
 - Open all windows, porta, doors, and other openings.

The most important safe fueling practice:

If your vessel is equipped with a power ventilation system, turn it on for at least four minutes after fueling and before starting your engine to remove gas vapors in the bilge.

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.



Divers Flag

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



Alfa Flag

A blue and white International Code Flag A (or Alfa Flag) is used on international waters



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BOATING BASICS: ON THE WATER

Sudden Arizona Monsoons Often Cause For Concern For Boaters

Arizona weather can change rapidly.

From AZGFD's "Arizona Handbook of Boating Laws & Responsibilities"

Weather Emergencies

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. [Think Arizona monsoons!]

You should always monitor weather developments. Besides tuning a VHF radio to weather info (see charts below), seek a protected area before the weather becomes a threat.

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. 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.

NOAA VHF Weather Reports:

162.400 MHz
162.425 MHz
162.450 MHz
162.475 MHz
162.500 MHz
162.525 MHz
162.550 MHz

These are the most commonly used VHF channels on United States waters (channel number and purpose) —

6 — Inter-ship safety communications.
9 — Communications between vessels (commercial and recreational), and ship to

coast (calling channel in designated USCG Districts).

13 — Navigational use by commercial, military, and recreational vessels at bridges, locks, and harbors.

16 — Distress and safety calls to U.S. Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels; often called the "hailing" channel. (Some regions use other channels as the hailing channel.) When hailing, contact the other vessel, quickly agree to another channel, and then switch to that channel to continue conversation.

22 — Communications between the U.S. Coast Guard and the maritime public, both recreational and commercial. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation, and other safety warnings are broadcast on this channel.

24 — 28 — Public telephone calls (to marine operator).

68, 69, and 71 — Recreational vessel radio channels and ship to coast.

70 — Digital selective calling "alert channel."



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LPSC Celebrates 35 Years Of Safe Sailing Fun

Members plan for "Ladies Day At The Lake" and say farewell to their friend.

Happy Birthday Cruise Set For Sept. 8-9

We [Lake Pleasant Sailing Club] are celebrating our 35-year anniversary so join your fellow sailors for a blow-out weekend to say Happy Birthday to LPSC!

This cruise will focus on members who have yet to join a club cruise. If you are an old-timer please volunteer to show the newbies the ropes and then how we have a ton of fun at the raft-up! Contact Debbie or John Pendleton with questions and to offer your expertise.



For those of you who have never been to a raft-up, this "how to" cruise is an anniversary gift especially for you!

Ladies Day At The Lake

The Ladies' Day@the Lake, Nov. 10, is a day-long, sailing summit for women sponsored by Lake Pleasant Sailing Club (LPSC). It is designed to introduce women to and/or enhance their skills in recreational boating through both land-based seminars and on-the-water workshops.

Five packages are available to choose

from, each specially designed with classes complimenting each other to give the student a comprehensive day of instruction at their level of sailing experience. Our instructors have been carefully selected for their subject knowledge and instruction skills. A small teacher-to-student ratio in these courses will assure students will receive personal attention.

All instruction, light breakfast, use of boats, water, goodie bag, course materials and a box lunch are included in the \$75 (\$85 after Sept. 10) fee for the Day@the

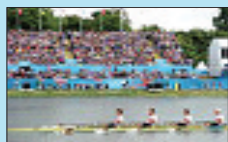
Lake. LPSC urges all members and friends to take advantage of this sure-to-be-fun learning opportunity. Remember, course enrollment is limited and registration closes on Nov. 3 or when a course is full. Don't be left watching from the shore.

New Format

The new format will offer a choice of five course of study packages. All five packages consist of classroom topics, dock side discussion and on-the-water instruction with hands-on activities taught by knowledgeable sailors recognized for their talents as instructors.

In addition to old favorites such as Anchoring, Knots and Sail Trim, new package topics taught in the classroom, dockside, and on the water will include

See **CELEBRATE** on page 14



A Salute To All Olympic Athletes

The Summer Games in London 2012 have kept many of us mesmerized by and in awe of the skill, stamina, commitment, and perseverance of the athletes from all participating countries. This montage of boating and watersports photos is credited to www.london2012.com. Congratulations to all who "played" in the Games, both U.S. and other countries' athletes. They are all amazing! (Results and medal counts are available at www.london2012.com/schedule-and-results.)

And, from Aug. 29 through Sept. 9, 600 athletes will be competing for 148 medals in the Paralympic Games 2012. With the second largest number of athletes and events at these Games, swimming is one of the most popular Paralympic sports.



SURF 'N SOAR — In windsurfing, competitors skim across the surface on a surfboard and hold onto a connected sail, whilst in kiteboarding, they stand on a much smaller board and are propelled by a kite which can lift them up in the air. (Both disciplines are shown in this photo.)



THE OLYMPIAN — Michael Phelps, who has said he will retire from competitive swimming after the London Games, closed out his medal haul at the Summer Olympics with a final curtain call, swimming two laps of butterfly as a member of the United States' victorious 4x100-meter medley relay team. He closed his fourth Olympics with 18 golds and a record 22 career medals, which, in modern Olympic history, would rank him in the top 60 — among countries.

TO SURF OR KITE

'That Is The Question'

As the 2012 Olympics wind down, there are mixed feelings about the decision to replace windsurfing with kiteboarding at the 2016 Rio Games. Windsurfers, not wanting Weymouth to be their last regatta, are hoping for a "fair wind" as authorities face a legal challenge over the decision.

The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) announced in May that both women's and men's kiteboarding would replace windsurfing at the 2016 Olympics, but a November vote could see a reversal of that decision. The ISAF also faces a legal challenge by windsurfing chiefs to the vote; it could force an about-turn.

Some reports say that after news of the decision broke, Israel's sailing chief Yehuda Maayan told Reuters that the ISAF decision to prefer kiteboarding came about as a result of a voting error by the Spanish delegate at the ISAF conference. The Spanish Sailing Federation subsequently admitted its mistake, saying its representative had wrongly voted in favor of kiteboarding.

Some say that if kitesurfing/kiteboarding does replace windsurfing in Rio, most of the competitors currently on surfboards will also dominate the new discipline.

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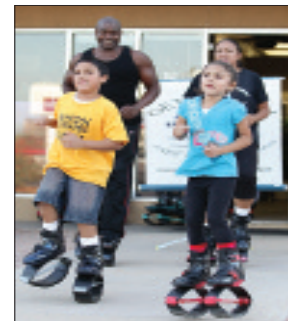
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U.S. OLYMPIC SAILING 2012

Although Disappointed, Team Looks Ahead

WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND, U.K. (Aug. 11) — As the 2012 Olympic Games came to a conclusion, the U.S. Olympic Sailing Team wrapped up in Weymouth and Portland, home to the Olympic sailing venue.

After 16 days of competition, the entire team — athletes, coaches, and staff — was finalizing the details involved with closing down the on-site operation. Then the team headed to London to spend the evening with their Team USA teammates before celebrating at Sunday's Closing Ceremony.

Before the team departed, Team Leader Dean Brenner spoke about the Team and the 2012 Olympic Games.

"We arrived here in mid-July as a team," said Brenner. "We went to the Opening Ceremony as a team, we're packing up our containers as a team and we are going to the Closing Ceremony and then

home as a team. The closing ceremony is going to be a great final step in this journey that we've all taken."

The process to becoming a 2012 Olympian is a lifetime commitment, solidified over the past four years of training. "Getting to the Olympic Games requires enormous commitment," said Brenner. "It requires great character, an immense amount of hard work. It starts with the decision 'do you want to be an Olympian and are you willing to do what is required?'"

Performance at the Games has come under scrutiny in the past few days, and Brenner explained that review and analysis come with any professional sports team. "There are a lot of opinions about how the 2012 U.S. Olympic Sailing Team has done and with good reason," said Brenner. "People care about this team and a lot of people take pride in this team."

"We've made it easier over the years to



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USA SAIL — For the first time, sailing at the Olympic Games was held in front of a spectator crowd. USA's family and friends were there every day to cheer on their athletes.

follow the team and that's worked because people are paying attention. The team didn't do well. We all know that. The results weren't what we wanted and what others were hoping for, which means there is a lot of opinion out there of what we should be doing, what we should be thinking about, what we did right and not right.

"I think it's important to keep in mind a few things. A lot of things were done well and this team did a lot of things really well. We made a lot of progress this quad and these results don't change that, and that progress is quantifiable in many ways.

"The other thing to keep in mind is the sailors themselves aren't satisfied, and I think you'll see a lot of them back for

2016. We're going to take a really hard look in the mirror as a program, staff and athletes, and anyone who isn't pleased with our performance should realize that neither are we, neither are the 16 athletes who were here. They're going to take a look in the mirror and figure out what they can do better, whether they come back or not.

"Once the Olympic flame is extinguished at Olympic Park, in London, every member of the Team will take with them the memories and pride of representing the United States of America, and then return home as Olympians."

For the full video interview with Brenner: http://youtu.be/P_oOH4DmYzc



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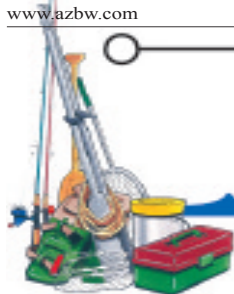
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FISHING IN ARIZONA AND BEYOND



LAKE POWELL REPORT

Fishing Success Continues With Attention To Details

By Wayne Gustaveson

Fishing success in the main lake, particularly for stripers, requires attention to a few small details.

Timing Is Critical

Visible action from surface feeding fish consistently occurs at morning and evening twilight. Finding surface feeding fish provides the first opportunity to catch fish.

Juvenile stripers that break the surface in groups of three or more are extremely aggressive and will hit most lures cast close to the splash ring. These fish are very competitive always trying to beat their buddy to the next shad before they dive for the depths.

Surface lures, Kastmaster type spoons, and shallow running crankbaits like Rapala Flat Raps are all good choices. Choose the lure that can be cast the farthest to reach a quick boil that comes up quickly on the outside edge of casting range.

Mark The Spot

Juvenile stripers feeding on top are attended by many followers. Larger stripers are aware of the feeding frenzy but trapped in the cooler water down at least 25 feet or deeper.

After the little boil is over, the bigger fish can be caught using two different



Wayne Gustaveson

TROLL AND SPOON — Dakota Beck from Salt Lake City caught this nice striper from Halls Creek on a spoon. His successful fishing trip was duplicated by many anglers who have caught big stripers near Halls Creek by trolling and spooning.

methods. First, trolling a deep-diving lure that reaches at least 20 feet (deeper is better) under the general area of surface boils targets interested fish looking for food in the depths.

Second, spoons can be dropped directly into the adult striper school seen on the graph. This method is more precise. Fish can be caught quickly, but the school must

first be located. Troll if only scattered fish are seen. Spoon if schools are found on the graph. Better yet, troll the general area and toss a floating marker over the side when a school is seen.

Trolling has been steady for larger stripers at the mouth of Halls Creek and uplake into Good Hope Bay. In the southern lake try trolling along the morning

shade line in Last Chance, Rock Creek and the main channel from Dangling Rope to the mouth of the San Juan.

Best Fishing Success

The best fishing success this past week was found in Halls Creek Bay and from Buoy 114-117 in the main channel. The spots were marked with small boiling stripers and then spoons were deployed into huge striper schools, in both numbers and size, suspended at 40-60 feet. Better fishing success is found in the channels and bays right now than in the backs of canyons.

Bait Fishing Is Taking Off

During the day after morning trolling and boil fishing is over, move to the shade of the main channel steep cliffs, chum with finely cut anchovies and fish bait at 30-60 feet.

The best spots include singular rock slides on otherwise flat cliff walls or the junction of a cliff wall and shallow point. Most stripers are still chasing shad but now a few can be caught on bait.

There will likely be more fish caught on the second or third trip to the same bait spot after stripers learn that food is there. These fish have been in forage luxury their whole life and are having trouble making the transition to leaner times.

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URBAN FISHING REPORT

Best Hope In Summer Are Larger Lakes

Monsoon storms trigger some good fishing periods.

From AZGFD

Fishing for catfish is slow at all Urban Fishing Program waters statewide through the summer (no stocking period). For holdover catfish, try the larger lakes over five acres in size. Some catfish and bass are being caught, but it takes persistence and some good timing in the early morning and evening hours.

Fishing has been good all summer for the plentiful bluegills that frequent the shoreline areas in search of food. Mealworms fished on the bottom or a few feet under a bobber will catch sunfish throughout the day, especially if anglers use smaller bobbers and light line in the 2-4 pound range.

Cloud cover, rain and falling temperatures from monsoon storms seem to trigger some good fishing periods.

At Green Valley Lakes (Payson), anglers are having some success for crappie, bluegill and bass, but the weeds are making fishing difficult. Smaller night-crawlers (Dillys) and mealworms are working 4-6 feet under the surface.

At all lakes, remember to release any of the weed-eating white amur right away so they can go back out and munch on the weeds (see article at bottom).

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Arizona's High Country Offers Excellent Angling Now

By Rory Aikens
AZGFD

Monsoon rains have helped our high mountain lakes. For many getting ready to head back to school, it's time for one last summer fishing fling.

So, here are some tips for a summer fling.

Tough to beat the Mogollon Rim Country. You can fish Woods Canyon, Willow Springs Lake, Christopher Creek, Tonto Creek, Canyon Creek, Haigler Creek, and Bear Canyon all on the same trip — if you so desire. Take along a rain jacket and get ready for monsoon rains to wash the desert heat out of your body.

Big Lake

My all-time summer favorite is Big Lake in the White Mountains. This is our largest high country lake and it's also fairly deep, which translates into good fishing opportunities even during the dog days of summer.

Shore fishing might not be all that great right now — boats really help. It just so

happens there are plenty of boats to rent from my friends at the Big Lake Store.

Reservation Lake

Just down the road from Big Lake is another one of my summer favorites — Reservation Lake. As with Big, it is best fished from a boat, canoe, kayak or float tube. There is a store there, but I'm not sure its status or the status of any boat rentals. Be sure to get a White Mountain Apache fishing permit.

Hawley Lake

I also love Hawley Lake on the Apache Reservation. My last time there we saw elk, deer and turkey on the drive there, then caught some lovely rainbows and a couple of toothy browns.

Sheeps Crossing

A family special is Sheeps Crossing. Take the kids out in the verdant meadows to catch grasshoppers, get some cane poles or even cut some alder poles, and stalk trout in the deeper pools along this wonderful stream tumbling down the shoulders

of Mt. Baldy.

Like to hike? You can actually hike and fish all the way from Sheeps Crossing down into the Greer Valley, but it takes some planning (and possibly two vehicles). But if you hike more than 100 yards from the bridge crossing at Sheeps, you will probably find water that hasn't been fished much.

Go a quarter mile or more and you might find some undisturbed pools where Apache trout lurk in the shadows. A mile out and you'll feel like a true pioneer.

Knoll Lake

If you have an adventurous spirit and don't mind traveling miles of scenic back country roads traversing the top of the Mogollon Rim, try Knoll Lake. Whether you come in from the Woods Canyon side or the Clints Well side, you'll have to navigate across the famed Rim Road where scenic vistas seem to unfold around every dusty corner. Keep your camera and your wonderment handy.

Knoll is one of our most remote mountain lakes, but despite that, the small camp-



ground there tends to fill up fast on any given summer's weekend. So, be prepared to do some dispersed camping in the nearby ponderosa forest.

Knoll is a summer producer, there is plenty of shoreline access, and it is a canoe special. There is even a fun island to explore. I have actually seen elk swimming across the lake to forage on the island. Osprey and bald eagles routinely catch fish from this shimmering lake.

Oak Creek

I have also been getting some nice fishing reports from Oak Creek. We stock this creek for 10 out of the 12 months, so holdovers are always possible along with the stockers. Plus, we stock a couple dozen locations, so the fishing is really spread out.

Lees Ferry

It's cicada time, so another great place for the last hurrah of summer is Lees Ferry for some wild trout. I have had my legs turn numb from the 55-degree-Fahrenheit water while beads of sweat trickle down my forehead in the triple-digit heat. It's a study in contrasts you'll remember forever.

This entryway to the Grand Canyon will also enthrall you with its time-etched pink sandstone cliffs towering a thousand feet or more above the mighty Colorado. It's truly the sandstone cathedral of fly fishing — there is nothing else quite like it on this planet.

Lake Powell

Just up the road is my all-time favorite fishery — Lake Powell. With around 1,700 miles of shoreline to explore and dozens of lonely hidden canyons that might not see a fisherman in weeks, months or even years, where you can sometimes catch striped bass, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and walleye until your arms are weary.

Then just sit back and let your senses luxuriate, enjoying one of the most scenic lakes on Earth. But be careful, you might come away from an insatiable desire for more.

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Last Stocking

Phoenix and Tucson Urban Fishing Program waters — June 15 (catfish).

Green Valley Lakes in Payson — May 11 (trout: heavily stocked, including many 12- to 20-inches).

Next Stocking

Phoenix and Tucson Urban Fishing Program waters — No further stockings until September catfish deliveries resume (see article below).

Green Valley Lakes in Payson — No further stockings until October trout deliveries resume.

Deliveries of catfish at Phoenix and Tucson Urban Fishing Program waters are scheduled to restart the week of Sept. 17-22. During the hot summer months from June 25 through Sept. 15, there are no scheduled catfish stockings at urban waters.

Once lake temperatures begin to decline entering the fall season, then catfish stockings can resume again. Every fall, a total of four catfish stockings are scheduled at two-week intervals before fish stockings switch over to rainbow trout in mid-November.

Fishing at urban waters will remain slow throughout the summer. Catfish can still be caught, especially from the larger lakes, with bluegill, bass and redear sunfish providing some fun for patient anglers.

White Amurs Vital For Clean Lakes

This is the busiest time of year for white amurs to graze on nuisance aquatic plants at urban waters. Plants are abundant and growing fast at a few of the lakes.

White amur, or grass carp, are like "aquatic cows," feeding on plant growth across the bottoms of our lakes. Vegetarians by nature, the white amur can feed on 1-2 pounds of weed material a day. They are a vital biological tool to browse on plant growth and help clean up our

White amurs are vital to clean lakes and keep them fishable. Cities spend thousands of dollars a year to buy the sterile amur and put them out to "pasture" in the lakes.

The white amur can live up to 10 years and reach weights over 40 pounds. In their lifetime they can consume over a ton of weeds. This biological weed control is a better environmental alternative than the use of expensive weed control chemicals, requiring certified applicators and repeated treatments every year.

While the amur prefer plants, they will occasionally bite on worms, corn, bread and even lures. Legally, white amur must be at least 30 inches long to keep from urban waters.

Anglers are reminded that amur are in the lakes to help clean up your fishing waters. Please release them unharmed so they can go about their lawn-mowing business.

Remember The Web

Visit www.azgfd.gov for stocking schedules, the Fish&Boat Arizona Web map, outdoor events calendar, and other great fishing and outdoor information. Also check out the Web for Weekly Fishing Reports, to submit your fishing photos, or to send us your latest fishing report. We are also on *Facebook*.

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ROECKER ON INDEPENDENCE — *Indy's* on The 23 Spot! Here on The Ridge, yellowtail to over 40 pounds gang-bite all day long, on everything we show 'em: sardines, iron jigs yo-yoed and on the surface, swimbaits and sinker rigs. Frenzied yellows swarm and push after my mint-colored surface jig to see which fish gets the prize to chew, shoving one another to get the iron. We release dozens. Dorado crowd under floating kelp, blast out as we slide up to the paddy, backs knifing out of the water, grey-hounding right up to the Indy. Yellowfin tuna snap with great vigor! Chef Ed and assistant Michele set three fine meals and two snacks daily: prime rib, eggs Benedict, rack of lamb, delicious chicken and fresh yellowtail with sauce and vegetables. Step aboard Independence with owner-skipper Mark Pisano, Capt. Jeff DeBuys and host Bill Roecker (shown here), for the fishing time of your life!

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over and it's definitely topwater time for striped bass. Check out Wayneswords.com below (or see his column on page 7 of this issue).

Willow Beach

Down river a ways you can also find a great summer adventure catching trout, huge striped bass and watching desert bighorn sheep banging heads at Willow Beach, which is the tailwater fishery below Hoover Dam.

It's a hoot.

Every Friday, trout are stocked at Willow Beach, where the water is around 55 degrees Fahrenheit or so even when the air temperatures are soaring well into the triple digits.

Every Saturday morning, the parking lot is full of cars from Las Vegas and families are catching limits of rainbow trout, either while wading into the water or from the huge fishing pier there. In fact, we have routinely sight-fished stocked trout from the pier.

Anglers are not the only ones being drawn to this area by stocked trout — there are some humongous striped bass ranging up to 50 pounds or more coming in to feed on these delectable hatchery-raised salmonids that aren't quite river-wise yet.

So, try what's called "swim baits," which resemble stocked rainbow trout. There's a whole slew of them on the market right now; take your pick. I even fished with one guy who had swim baits worth \$500 each or more.

More Ideas

If you want some more ideas on where to fish right now, you might consider get-

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Bass/Blue Gill Fishing Remains Good

Bass fishing remains good if one is willing to fish deep water. Casting to the shoreline is not productive. Smallmouth are consistently caught at 25 feet while trolling for stripers. They are in the shade on steep canyon walls and in open water looking for shad.

Bluegill are providing lots of action for those fishing with live worms on small hooks near their camp site.

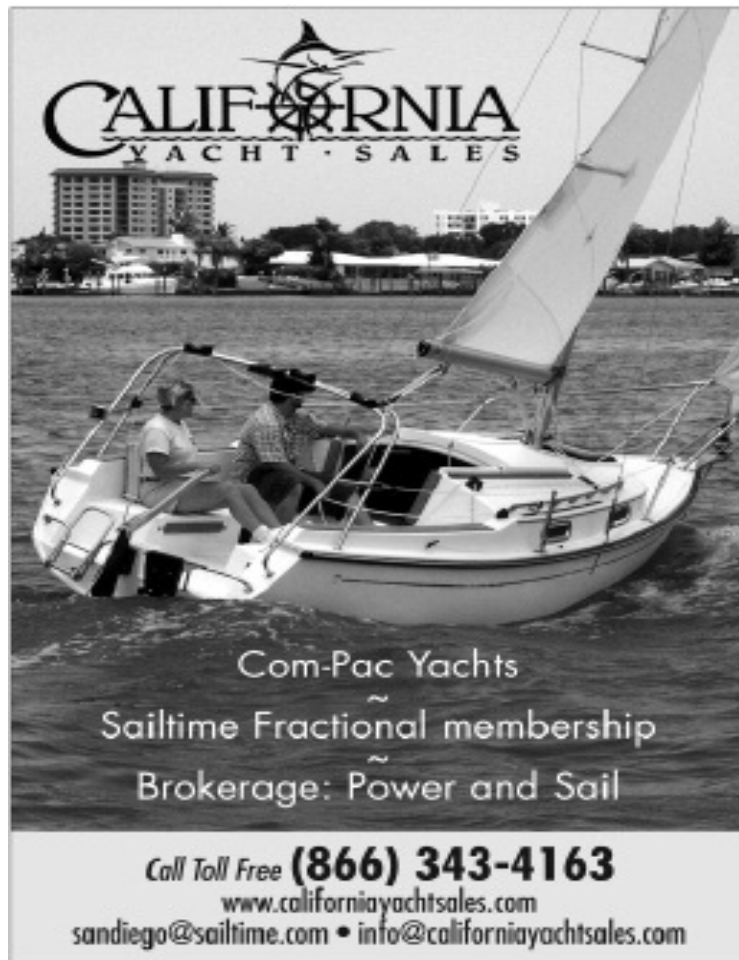
At press time, lake elevation was 3,627, and water temperature was 79-83F.

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ting our "Arizona Fishing Guide" that we did in conjunction with *Arizona Highways* magazine. It's available from any of our department offices, some Barnes & Noble bookstores have it, as should Cabelas and Bass Pro, or you can order it online from *Arizona Highways* or *Amazon.com*.

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So, go catch some fantastic summer memories. With any luck, I'll see you out there.





Game Bag

Write On Target

Brady Ellison Of Glendale He's Still A Top-Ranked Archer

Although Brady Ellison and Jake Kaminski were both eliminated from the individual archery tournament at the Olympics, both were part of the U.S. team that won a silver. The U.S. men beat South Korea in an astonishing semifinal match to clinch a medal, but Italy shot too well to make it a gold. The silver was the first medal for the United States in the London Games.

Brady Ellison started competing in the Junior Olympic Archery Development Program while growing up in Payson.

Brady Ellison, born in Globe, Ariz., in 1988, could very well become known as one of the best archers ever. In fact, that is one of his ultimate goals. As he headed to the Olympic Games 2012, Ellison was ranked number-one in the world.

Three Golds At World Cups

Last year, Ellison won gold at three World Cup events as well as the World Cup Final and the Olympic test event. In fact, in 2011, he won 35 of the 37 world-ranking events he entered.

While these competitions have honed his skills, they haven't changed his basic character. He is at heart a country boy with a love of the outdoors.

If you look at pictures or videos of him at most events, Ellison wears a well-worn baseball cap with a fishing hook on the bill. When not competing, he often wears a cowboy hat. This archer is also an avid angler who enjoys harvesting fish with his bow and arrow.

Hunting: A Passion

Hunting is another passion. A Coues whitetail deer head and a Corsican (long-horned) sheep head are displayed on his bedroom wall. While growing up in Payson, Ellison spent many autumns hunting deer, which he says helped him im-

mensely in his archery career. His grandfather is a rancher and outfitter/guide, his dad is a taxidermist; both are avid hunters and anglers.

During an interview, Ellison told ESPN that in hunting, "You've got to be smarter than the animals, which sounds a lot easier than it is, because they smell and hear better than we do. You're trying to outsmart them and getting close is just fun. The adrenaline rush I get is better than shooting in tournaments."

Gives Back To Community

While Ellison exudes confidence and strives to be the best archer since the fabled Robin Hood, those who know him routinely say he is "down to Earth" and a well-rounded individual who gives back to the community — in more ways than one.

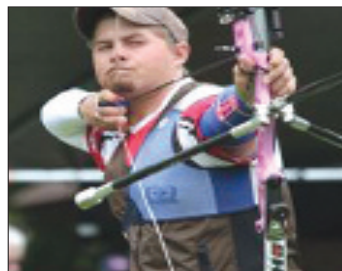
Ellison has worked with the Wounded Warrior Project and has donated money from appearances to that worthy effort. But that isn't all. He routinely donates to the Susan G. Komen "Shoot for the Cure" cancer foundation as well.

Ellison committed to donating a minimum of \$100 for every podium finish this past year, beginning with the Arizona Cup.

"I will also pledge \$1 dollar for every X and 10 that I score during the qualification rounds of these tournaments. Some of my sponsors have agreed to match my podium finish donations. I feel that it is important to step out of your comfort zone and step up for others. I hope that people will join with me and pledge their support as I 'Shoot for The Cure,'" Ellison said.

He has come through on that promise, raising approximately \$8,000 so far.

When Ellison is in Arizona, he often gives the "Archery in the Schools Program" a boost by visiting schools to talk about his experiences and inspires young archers to do their best.



Brady Ellison

A Role Model

"Brady Ellison is a terrific role model, not just for young archers, but for young people everywhere," said Arizona Game and Fish Director Larry Voyles. "His talent, work ethic, commitment to excellence, and desire to make a difference by helping others, truly makes him special."

Ellison's character was also molded by overcoming physical adversity. As a child, he suffered from Perthes disease, which affects his hips. He wore leg braces in kindergarten.

A labral tear in his hip from this disease was repaired surgically in 2008 just after he competed in the Olympic Games in Beijing, China. The recovery period is lengthy and involved, and he chose to bear the pain in order to be able to compete in Beijing.

Ellison placed 27th in the 2008 Olympic individual competition and 10th in the team event. But he came away from his first Olympics with a more permanent reminder — a tattoo on his right forearm of the Olympic rings that is plain for everyone to see each time he lets an arrow fly.

Ellison told NBC Sports that in 2008, he used to worry about how everyone else was shooting and now he is focused on becoming the very best he can be.

You can read about Ellison and the U.S. archery team at www.nbcolympics.com/archery/results-schedules/index.html.

Fall Draw Had Over 133,000 Applicants

Leftover permits have been available on first-come, first-served basis.

The wait is over — the drawing results for Arizona's fall deer, turkey, javelina, bighorn sheep, buffalo and pheasant hunts are now available.

You can visit www.azgfd.gov/draw and click on the link to the draw results page. Applicants can also find out if they were drawn by calling (602) 942-3000 and selecting option two. Due to heavy call volume initially, you might get a busy signal. If so, you might want to try again later.

There were more than 133,000 applicants for this year's fall draw.

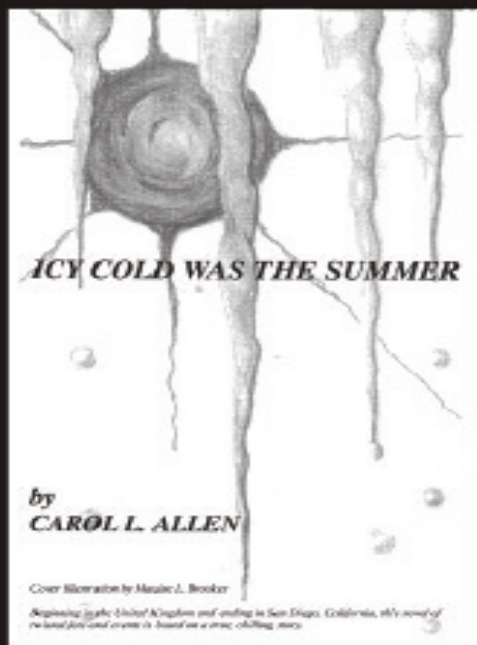
Hunt permit-tags for successful applicants were mailed by Aug. 10. Refunds will be mailed out by Aug. 20.

There were about 5,389 leftover hunt-permit tags remaining. There are two methods to obtain a leftover tag. Applications have been accepted by mail since July 30. And, as of Aug. 6 hunters have been able to purchase a leftover tag in person with an application at any of the seven Arizona Game and Fish Department offices.

For those who qualify, there are military hunts available for Fort Huachuca. Call (520) 533-7083 or (520) 533-8763 for additional information.

For a listing of leftover permits, the 2012-13 Arizona Hunting and Trapping Regulations, and other drawing-related information, visit www.azgfd.gov/draw.

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"Be there, be loud, and cheer on the

Sun Devils to victory," said Nick Deutsch with Sun Devil ticket sales.

With the discount pricing, you can get seats for the lower sidelines for just \$75 (normally a \$100 value), experience the lower end zone seats for just \$40 (normally \$55), or sit in the upper end zone seats for \$20-28 (normally \$30 to 40).

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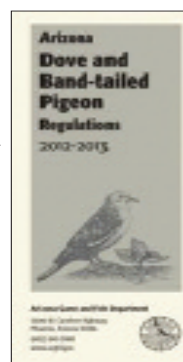
Dove, Crane Regulations Available Now

From AZGFD

Dove and sandhill crane regulations have now been posted on the Arizona Game and Fish Department Web site at www.azgfd.gov.

You can download a copy of the 2012 crane regulations at www.azgfd.gov/reg/cranereg.pdf or the dove regulations at www.azgfd.gov/reg/dovereg.pdf.

Please keep in mind that there is a drawing for the available sandhill crane permits and you must apply by mail only (it's not part of the online process). The deadline to apply for the crane hunt-permit applications is Aug. 31.



Don't forget that starting last year, dove and other small game hunters gained access to around 1 million acres of land around municipalities.

Once again, the Game and Fish Commission has set the bag limit for both mourning dove and white-winged dove at 10 birds per day, and are continuing the all-day shooting hours from ½ hour before sunrise until sunset — statewide.

Dove hunters may also want to visit our updated dove hunting pages at www.azgfd.gov/dove. For those hunters on the go, visit our mobile-friendly dove page at www.azgfd.gov/m.dove, which offers the bare necessities for dove hunters.



Western Wildlife



Outdoor Hall Of Fame Inductees To Be Honored

Honor fellow wildlife conservationists by attending the Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet.

Make plans now to attend the 15th annual Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Chaparral Suites Scottsdale, 5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250.

This year's inductees into the Outdoor Hall of Fame include John Toner, Dave LaMorte, Ed Shannahan, Wendell Swank, and the Arizona Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. In addition, Sarah Gorby and Paul Miller will be receiving Outdoor Hall of Fame Merit Awards.

The social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner, a live auction, and the induction ceremony. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Back Porch Bands.

Individual tickets are \$70. A table for 10 is \$700. A table of 10 with a full-page ad in the full-color banquet brochure is \$1,200.

To purchase tickets online, go to the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation's Web site at www.wildlifefortomorrow.org/Hallof-fame.html and follow the instructions. You may also call Duane Wellnitz (WFT Board Member and Ticket Chairman) at (480) 747-0611.

The Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame was developed in 1998 by the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation to honor those who have made significant contributions to Arizona's wildlife, the welfare of its natural resources, and the state's outdoor heritage.

Wildlife for Tomorrow was created in 1990 to enhance the management, protection and enjoyment of Arizona's fish and wildlife resources. The foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works closely with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to provide additional support for projects and education activities where traditional resources are not adequate.

For more information, visit www.wildlifefortomorrow.org.

Arizona's Schools, Universities Win Big From Lottery-Ticket Sales

Application period for 2013 Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Fund grants now open.

Whether you won or lost when you bought a lottery ticket last year, some of your money is going to benefit something you would approve of — helping Arizona's schools and universities.

That's because the bulk of this year's grants from the Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund are going to education and research. Heritage Fund money comes from Arizona Lottery ticket sales.

This year, Game and Fish is using Heritage funds to award more than \$415,000 to 23 grant projects across Arizona. When combined with matching money from other sources, the projects being funded total nearly \$1 million invested in Arizona.

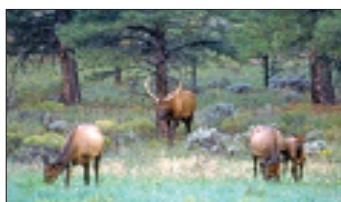
"Simply by buying Arizona Lottery tickets, Arizonans can help schools offer exciting opportunities for their students despite recent budget cuts. We are especially pleased to see a new trend in grant applications focused on school field trips that get children outside to enjoy our

Game And Fish To Host Annual Elk-Viewing Workshop

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Would you like to experience the sound of a bull elk bugling or see a cow elk keeping a watchful eye on her calf? The Arizona Game and Fish Department and Mormon Lake Lodge invite you to attend an elk-viewing workshop on Aug. 18. The workshop includes a presentation and a field trip to watch elk in their natural habitat near Mormon Lake.

Mormon Lake is unique as it is one of only two natural lakes found in Arizona. During the early fall, hundreds of elk can be observed at the site and along Lake Mary Road.

This workshop is a great way for people to enjoy the state's wildlife treasures and the important habitats they live in," says Arizona Game and Fish Department



Public Information Officer Shelly Shepherd. "The department provides several wildlife-watching events throughout the state year round."

The workshop will include presentations starting at 4 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18. Participants will attend a presen-

tation, located in the Kachina Room at Mormon Lake Lodge, and also go on a field trip. The field trip location will be determined that day based on where the elk are observed.

Spotting scopes will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, water, snacks, and to wear appropriate clothing.

Anyone interested in registering for the workshop will need to contact the Flagstaff Game and Fish Office at (928) 774-5045 before 3 p.m. on Aug. 17.

Mormon Lake Lodge is located about 25 miles south of Flagstaff (take Lake Mary Road and turn off on Mormon Lake Road). For directions, visit www.mormon-lakelodge.com.

Three 2012 Chicks Bring Total Condors To 77

Third wild-hatched California condor chick confirmed in Arizona-Utah population

GRAND CANYON, Ariz. — A biologist from the Peregrine Fund was finally able to obtain visual confirmation of a wild-hatched California condor chick that had been suspected, but not seen, in a nest cave deep in Grand Canyon National Park. This confirmed sighting brings the total number of wild condor chicks produced by the Arizona-Utah flock this season to three.

"Based on our crew's observations, we suspected a chick had hatched sometime in early May," said Chris Parish, head of condor field operations for The Peregrine Fund. "We didn't want to make it official, however, until we had visual confirmation of the chick with our own eyes."

The first two chicks were confirmed in May with one each at the Grand Canyon and Vermilion Cliffs National Monument.

First Introduced In 1996

There are now 77 endangered condors in the wild in Arizona and Utah, including the newest members of the flock. A total of 18 chicks have hatched in the wild since condors were first reintroduced in Arizona in 1996.

The new chicks are expected to fledge or take their first flight from the nest in late

fall. Young condors are dependent on their parents for approximately 18 months.

However, these birds face significant challenges in growing their population. Not only does it take six years for most to reach breeding maturity, but also they only produce one egg every other year.

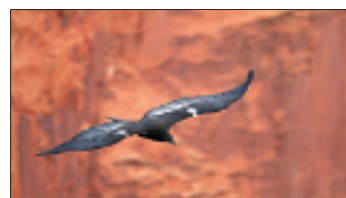
In addition to the species' slow reproduction, lead poisoning continues to be the leading cause of death for condors in Arizona-Utah, with 23 deaths confirmed since 2000.

Condors ingest lead fragments after eating gut piles and animal carcasses that have been shot with lead ammunition. The bullets disperse dozens of tiny particles of lead as small as a grain of salt throughout the animal. These particles are enough to cause lead toxicity in condors when they scavenge on the remains.

Voluntary Non-Lead Program

Since 2005, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has offered a voluntary non-lead ammunition program for hunters in northern Arizona, the condors' core range. And, the program has seen high participation rates thanks to hunters' voluntary willingness to partner in wildlife conservation. The effort has resulted in up to 90 percent of hunters taking efforts to reduce the amount of lead available to condors.

Condors have now expanded their range into southern Utah and efforts are underway by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to begin a similar program this



year to benefit condors foraging in Zion National Park and the surrounding areas.

"Arizona Game and Fish has been very encouraged by the overwhelming support that hunters have given the voluntary non-lead effort to benefit condors. When hunters learn that lead ammunition harms

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RV Land Cruising



AZGFD Partners With ADOT To Make Highways Safer

Many motorists have wondered what the 8-foot fences are along Interstate 17 near Munds Park. These "exclusion fences" are designed to keep elk off the highway as part of a larger statewide effort to make highways safer for motorists and wildlife.

This transportation enhancement project is a cooperative effort between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Arizona Department of Transportation.

Elk are a common sight along I-17. Research indicates that I-17 has the highest rate of elk-vehicle collisions in the state. An elk can weigh more than 800 pounds, and a collision with an animal that size can have serious consequences.

In an effort to minimize vehicle-wildlife collisions, Game and Fish captured elk and fitted them with radio transmitter collars in order to follow their daily movements. This information tells biologists where the elk prefer to cross the highway and how often.

Elk-Exclusionary Fencing

Game and Fish worked with ADOT to design an elk-exclusionary fencing project and to pursue funding opportunities. The exclusionary fencing must be at least 8 feet high to keep elk from jumping over it and entering the roadway.

If the elk enter the fenced areas adjacent to the interstate, escape ramps (large mounds of dirt) will allow them to safely leave the area and avoid being trapped.

As research has been conducted over the years, biologists have learned that wildlife will only utilize certain overpass and underpass designs. ADOT uses this in-



formation to construct specific structures and install fencing to funnel animals over or under the highways, as was the case on I-17 between Woods Canyon (milepost 317) and Munds Canyon (milepost 322) bridges.

"As we identify portions of the highways in Arizona that are active with wildlife, we can work closely with ADOT and create wildlife-friendly roadways which, in turn, will decrease the number of vehicle collisions, especially those involving elk," says Jeff Gagnon, research biologist for Game and Fish.

"We (Game and Fish and ADOT) have already completed several projects across the state and will continue this partnership to make highways safer for motorists."

A Major Success Story

One major success story in Arizona is

the State Route 260 project east of Payson. Fencing was installed to keep elk off the road and force them to safer crossing locations. Results from this project showed an 85 percent reduction in vehicle-elk collisions. Elk and other wildlife are moving under bridges that are similar to those structures along I-17 near Munds Park.

Game and Fish and ADOT are also addressing wildlife and roadway issues in other parts of northern Arizona, including Interstate 40 between Williams and Flagstaff, State Route 64 between Williams and the Grand Canyon, and U.S. 89 between Doney Park and Gray Mountain north of Flagstaff.

This past winter, especially during January and February, multiple deer and elk collisions occurred along U.S. 89 between Townsend-Winona and Silver Saddle roads in Doney Park. Although signs are already in place along the roadway to warn motorists and portable message signs are occasionally used, motorists should be aware that this stretch of roadway runs through a wildlife travel corridor.

This is a "road" used by deer and elk to move back and forth during their seasonal migration from the foothills of Mount Elden to Turkey Hills and other areas east of U.S. 89.

Be Aware Of Wildlife

Game and Fish and ADOT remind motorists that when traveling on roadways in Arizona, be aware of wildlife and maintain safe speeds, especially when driving between sundown and sunrise.

The joint project was funded by the Federal Highway Administration through the Transportation Enhancement Program.

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Top-Snapper Makes Snapping Canvas Simple

Experienced RV owners know that putting up and removing canvas is seldom easy. Canvas shrinks, snaps corrode, and aligning snaps can quickly become a two-person job. Shurhold's Top-Snapper canvas snap tool takes the struggle out of snapping canvas.

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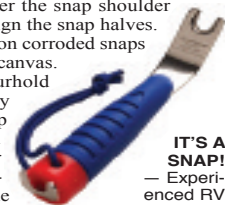
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Build It AndThey Will Come

This is the actual turnoff from Banff, Alberta, Canada, to the #1 highway to Calgary, Alberta.

Another place but the same problem: Elk and deer cross the highway in spite of the traffic. The Canadians had to build the animals (especially the elk) their own crossing because that was where the natural crossing was and after the highway was built, there were far too many accidents. It didn't take the animals long to learn that this was their "road." Arizona's Game & Fish Department, along with ADOT, have faced the same situation in this state's high country, and although their solution differs somewhat, the goal is the same: safety for wildlife and motorists. (Photo taken circa 2004-2005)

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NEWS FROM THE ARIZONA YACHT CLUB

AYC Activities Sail Ahead To End Summer, Start Fall

By Mike Ferring
Commodore

Note: Our favorite Olympian, Anna Tunnicliffe did not medal in the 2012 Olympics. Sadly, her team was eliminated in the quarter finals of the medal round by the Finns, a surprising outcome given the high expectations for her heading into the competition and with all of us AYC members cheering her on.

Here's what's upcoming for your Arizona Yacht Club:

The **Heat Stroke** series at Tempe Town Lake is nearly complete. A small but hearty bunch of sailors will compete again on Sunday, Aug. 19 at 4 p.m.

For women sailors: A bunch of women planning a "happy hour" at Brenda Shears' house on Thursday, Aug. 23. Just for fun. Interested? **Contact Brenda** at shears@asu.edu. We're also pitching in to help the Lake Pleasant Sailing Club with the very-successful Ladies' Day at the Lake Saturday, Nov. 10.

Crew Party! Plan for an informal party for all racers, their crew, and anyone who'd like to race or crew. Friday, Sept. 7, from 5-7 p.m. at AZ Wine & Beer, on Scottsdale Road just south of Thomas Road. With a dozen craft beers on tap and hundreds of wines, nobody should go away thirsty.

Rear Commodore Bob Whyte has con-

firmed **Dave Perry** as our speaker for October! Dave is a sailing hall-of-famer, the author of excellent books on racing rules and winning in one designs, and he's spoken to hundreds of groups over the years. Now it's our turn. In order to get Perry, we needed to move our October meeting night from Tuesday (10/9) to Monday (10/8). Please mark your calendar now for this big event.

The Arizona Sailing Foundation (ASF), our subsidiary education arm, is

preparing to open registration for its fall schedule of classes, including Start Sailing Right (learn to sail), Junior Sailing, and High School Sailing. My wife Maryellen and I also present a two-day **Introduction to Sailboat Racing** class if we get enough interest. If you or someone you know would like to race or learn more about racing, please **contact me** at commodore@arizonayachtclub.org. If the class is held, it would be on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22-23.

HIGHWAYS

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States like Arizona are required to allocate 10 percent of their federal transportation funding for enhancement projects, which are limited to specific types of projects. Fences designed to reduce vehicle-wildlife

collisions are among the eligible projects.

Information about the wildlife-friendly highway projects can be found on the Arizona Game and Fish Web site at www.azgfd.gov/wildlifeplanning and ADOT at www.azdot.gov/inside_adot/OES/AZ_Wildlife_Linkages.

CELEBRATE

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Provisioning, Trailering (towing/backing/launching), Rafting-up, Crew Coordination, Close-quarter Boat Handling, Making a Dock Line Eyesplice and more.

LPSC will welcome you with a light breakfast followed by morning classroom activities offering a wide array of classes. Boxed lunches will be provided in advance of the lunch hour, allowing the flexibility of eating dock side or on-the-water to extend those activities.

You will end your sail at Pleasant Harbor Marina (no need to walk up the hill) where you may enjoy a cash bar get together, raffle and additional special activities. A van will be provided to shuttle students to their vehicles.

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Bon Voyage, Commodore Debbie Huntsman

Excerpts from a farewell letter by Debbie to LPSC members and friends —

"Pulling away from Phoenix with Ed, with Bliss in tow; I couldn't help but reflect on the end of a rich passage in my life. How could I have been so lucky to have such a splendid journey, especially without making a grand plan? I have never been one to meticulously plot details of a cruise, or my life. Instead I prefer a "Captain Ron" plan, with a beginning and an ending harbor — usually being one in the same — with a whole lot left to circum-

stance in between. Almost all of the detail is filled in as I go, letting the tides take me where they may—within broad boundaries. I most often choose to go with the flow ...

"... In the meantime, I would love to hear from all of you. Let me know how your summer sailing adventures are going. I'll do the same, with postings on MeetUp and Facebook. As a matter of fact, my ties to LPSC will be especially cherished during the transition.

"I'm certain I will miss all of you. I sincerely hope to keep our relationships strong and thriving through our mutual love of sailing and more ..."

Aloha from NOLA [New Orleans], **Debbie Huntsman** 2012 Commodore

Editor's Note: The full text of this farewell note is at <http://lakepleasantsailing.com/>. All of us at AZBW/WOT send our best wishes to Ed and Debbie Huntsman with sincere gratitude for their friendship, wisdom, and commitment to safe boating. We shall miss them here in Arizona.



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TEMPE: 11TH ANNUAL HOT HEAD REGATTA: Oct. 6 — Tempe Town Lake Marina, (1 E. Gilbert Dr., 85281), watch rowing teams from all over the Southwest compete, food and fierce competition, free, www.temperowersassociation.org/

LAKE HAVASU CITY: 31ST ANNUAL JET SKI WORLD FINALS: Oct. 1-7 — Crazy Horse Resort Aqua Stadium, competitors from more than 40 U.S. states and nearly 35 nations churn the waters to win a share of more than \$25,000 in prizes at the world's largest and most prestigious personal watercraft race, 8 am - 5 pm, 928-453-3444 or 714-751-8695 or <http://www.ijsba.com> or <http://www.golakehavasucity.com>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: AQUA-PALOOZA: Sept. 15 — Nautical Beachfront Resort, (1000 McCulloch Blvd N, 86403), an on-the-water, family friendly country music concert, open to all boat owners or anyone wanting to have a good time, includes a pro wakeboard show, Hyperlite Board demos, new boat demos, kids contests, BBQ, prizes, vendors, giveaways and more, sponsored by Sun Country Marine, free, 909-224-8482 or <http://www.suncountrymarine.com>

ARIZONA YACHT CLUB HIGH SCHOOL SAILING: Sept. 11-Dec. 1 — See story on page 1.

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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

TEMPE: 7TH ANNUAL NATHAN'S TRIATHLON (DUATHLON): Sept. 23 — Tempe Town Lake, compete in either the Olympic, Sprint or Relay (Olympic AND Sprint) race, the fourth event in the Red Rock Co Arizona Triathlon Series, swim in the calm waters of Tempe Town Lake, followed by the best Olympic bike course in Tempe, and a run along the multi-use path around the lake, <http://redrockco.com>

SEDONA: COMMUNITY CAMPOUT: Sept. 21-22 — Sunset Park, come set up your tent, enjoy a weenie roast, roast marshmallows, free continental breakfast, child's yoga and hike for kids 12 and older and adults, \$15/tent, 928-282-7098 or <http://www.SedonaAZ.gov/Parks>

BENSON: HUACHUCA ASTRONOMY CLUB PUBLIC STAR PARTY: Sept. 15 — Kartchner Caverns State Park, view through member's telescopes (large & small) or bring your own, excellent outing for families and school age children welcome, 6 pm weather permitting, 520-366-5788 or <http://www.hacastronomy.com>

SUPERIOR: PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS CLASS: Sept. 3 — Boyce Thompson Arboretum, learn how to harvest prickly pear fruits and extract their juice without turning your hands into a "porcupine", included in admission, \$3-7.50, 10:30 am 520-689-2811 or <http://ag.arizona.edu/bta>

PRESCOTT: BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN: Sept. 7-9 — Camp Friendly Pines, offers adventure and life skills, for women age 18 and older to learn to camp, fish, rappel, hike, cook with Dutch ovens, photograph wildlife & a range of outdoor recreation skills, "hawk talks" and nature hikes, \$270, includes meals, lodging and classes, 480-644-0077 or <http://www.azwildlife.org>

SUPERIOR: EDIBLE & MEDICINAL PLANTS: Aug. 26 — Boyce Thompson Arboretum; walk the Curandero Trail to learn about Sonoran Desert plants, a few moderately steep sections, guided by Choctaw nation member and ethno botanist David Morris and "Foods of the Superstitions" cookbook author Jean Groen, \$3-7.50, 8:30 am, 520-689-2811 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>



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SUPERIOR: PLANTS-OF-THE-BIBLE GUIDED TOURS: Aug. 18 — Boyce Thompson Arboretum; botany, history and scripture on a walk alongside volunteer and Bible scholar David Oberpriller, \$3-7.50, 9:30 am, 520-689-2811 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>

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FLAGSTAFF: WILDFLOWER WALKS: Aug. 18 — The Arboretum at Flagstaff, a special wildflower walk that will focus on the native species in bloom at this time of year, sign-up upon arrival, 9:30-11:30 am, 928-774-1442 or <http://www.thearb.org>

CLASSES/SEMINARS

AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES: Ongoing (See page 3 of this issue.)

COMMUNITY

PHOENIX: 128TH ANNUAL ARIZONA STATE FAIR: Oct. 12 through Nov. 4 — family entertainment, animals, food, rides, top-notch concerts, exhibits, motorized events, rodeo & more, Tues-Sun, new attractions, new rides, \$5-10, <http://www.azstatefair.com>

FISHING

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

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

HUNTING

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FOOTBALL TICKET SPECIAL: Sept. 8, Sept. 22 — See story on page 22.

WATERSPORTS

Diving:
SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: Ongoing — Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake Open Water Certification Dives, San Carlos, Mexico; Lake Pleasant, and more; Saguaro can plan your diving vacation for small groups or just one person. How about Grand Cayman, Curacao, Cozumel, Belize, Roatan, Bonaire, Turks & Caicos Contact Saguaro Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or saguaroports.com

Swimming:
TUCSON: HOLUALOA TINFOIL-MAN TRIATHLON: Oct. 14 — final race of the series, 825 yd pool swim, 12 mi bike, 3 mi run through UA campus, a USA Triathlon sanctioned event, \$60, 6:30 am, 520-670-0223 or <http://www.tritucson.com>

PAGE: 6TH ANNUAL POWELL3 TRIATHLON: Oct. 13 — Lake Powell Wahweap Marina, (86040), swim 1500 meters, bike 24 miles, run 6.2 miles or swim 750 meters, bike 12 miles, run 3.1 miles, USAT sanctioned, course covers a beautiful sand stone course with a great view of Lake Powell, \$90 early registration, 8 am, 801-355-4940 or <http://www.powell3.com>

PHOENIX: ARIZONA OPEN WATER SWIM SERIES #3: Oct. 13 — Saguaro Lake, 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), <http://www.dcbadventures.com>

SCOTTSDALE: 6TH ANNUAL JCC SCOTTSDALE FALL FESTIVAL ADULT & YOUTH & RELAY SPRING TRIATHLON & DUATHLON: Sept. 30 — Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center Pool, (12701 N. Scottsdale Rd.), Adults: 250 yd. swim, 9.5 mi bike, 2 mi run; MAXI TRI: 500 yd. swim, 12.6 mi bike, 2 mi run; Youth: 100 yd. swim, 3.1 mi bike; 1/2 mi run MINI DU: adults: 1/2 mi. run, 9.5 mi. bike, 2 mi. Run, awards are five deep in all age & team categories, 6:30 am, <http://www.trifamilyracing.com>

TEMPE: IRONCARE SPLASH & DASH & SWIM ONLY: Sept. 20 — Race 1 — Tempe Town Lake, presented by Triple Sports, splash 750m or 1500m/dash 5km, swim Only 750m or 1500m, enjoy an evening of fun and racing with your friends, a unique event with a relaxed atmosphere that is suitable for all levels of athlete, whether fine tuning for that big race or getting your feet wet at your first multisport event, 6 pm, <http://www.4peakracing.com/>

SHOW LOW: 9TH ANNUAL DEUCES WILD TRIATHLON FESTIVAL: Sept. 8-9 — Fool Hollow Lake, Olympic Course is swim 1500 meters, bike 24.9 miles and run 6.2 miles; Deuce Man Long course is swim 1.2 miles, bike 56 miles, run 13.1 miles; Xterra Deuces Wild Off-Road Triathlon is a Nissan Xterra Points Series Race, swim 800 meters, mountain bike 14.9 miles, trail run 5 miles, USAT sanctioned, <http://www.trisportsracing.com>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: PLUNGE-N-RUN AQUATHLON RACE SERIES: Sept. 8 — Split Rock Lighthouse, swimming, 6:30 am, 928-855-4887 or <http://www.getsetaz.com>

PEORIA: ARIZONA OPEN WATER SWIM SERIES 2: Aug. 25 — Lake Pleasant — Pleasant Harbor Marina, 1000, 2000 or 4000 meter open water swim distances or combine the 1000 and 4000 to compete in this year's 5K distance (times will be added together), four divisions including wetsuit and non-wetsuit, every finisher earns a commemorative award, \$40-50, 8:30 am, <http://www.dcbadventures.com>

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dent ratio is high, which means personal attention and rapid learning.

When and where are the classes? : Classes will be held every Tuesday, Sept. 11 through Dec. 4 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. (AYC now has boat lights for the last ½ hour before dark) at Tempe Town Lake. There will be *significant time on the water*, an essential element in developing skills, and both instruction and short practice races will take place each week. Participants are asked to meet at the grassy knoll near the boat ramp and marina.

LAKE HAVASU

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annual February Havasu Pocket Cruisers Convention in their just-released August 2012 print issue. Along with that, on their Web site, Sail is running a companion article on the top 10 locations in the country to take your trailer sailer — Lake Havasu is named second, although there is no particular order to the listings.

A Sailhasasu correspondent adds, "Sailhasasu and The Havasu Pocket Cruisers are proud to have Havasu ... becoming known for its sailing, and we once again expect hundreds of our friends from all over the world to converge on Lake Havasu in February 2013."

In summary, the Sail article mentions that although Lake Havasu is known as a powerboat capital, especially in the summer, sailboats are the thing in winter. From the northern part of California, coastal fronts come into Havasu and create ideal sailing conditions with winds that range from 10 to 20 knots, much preferred by sailors to the iffy breezes of summer.

Also, instead of the sizzling temperatures of mid-summer at Havasu, the thermometer gentles to read in the 60s and 70s November to April.

And, in case you haven't been there recently, remember that you can launch your boat at Site Six (928-453-8686,

Who are the instructors? : All instructors are highly experienced, US Sailing-certified sailors.

How much does the program cost? : The ASF fee is \$195 per student. Registration can be done online at www.AZsailing.com. All boats and costs are covered.

Is there a championship regatta? : Looking ahead, the Arizona high school sailing championship regatta on Saturday, April 15, 2013 is open to any Arizona student.

If more information is needed, who is the contact person? : Arizona Yacht Club's George Tingom: [george@](mailto:george@tingom.com)

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2012 Sailing Students



Pocket Cruisers By London Bridge

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Havasu's free launch point. Arizonans who frequently visit this popular destination never tire of exploring 400 miles of coastline that outlines a combination mountain-desert landscape.

The Sail article also tells those who may not know about the numerous inlets

and coves that are perfect for anchoring and about a favorite: Steamboat Cove.

We at Western Outdoor Times/Arizona Boating & Watersports often give kudos to Arizona State Parks and the Bureau of Land Management for such amenities as boat-in campsites that line the Arizona

side from Lake Havasu City to Parker Dam — sites that include picnic tables, grills, toilets, and trash cans for a minimal \$10/overnight.

Sail's Trailer-Sailor Favorites: First 10

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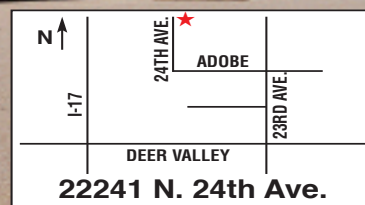
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CONDORS

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wildlife, they often are willing to use non-lead bullets or haul the remains out of the field," said Kathy Sullivan, the Game and Fish condor program coordinator.

For More Information

The recovery effort is a cooperative program by federal, state, and private

partners, including The Peregrine Fund, Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Strip Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, Grand Canyon and Zion national parks, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and Kaibab and Dixie national forests.

For more information on condors and lead poisoning, visit www.azgfd.gov/condor.

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Road, Flagstaff. (Choice of two sessions from 1 to 3 p.m. or from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Aug. 30 at the Kingman regional Game and Fish office, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road, Kingman. (Choice of two sessions from 2 to 4 p.m. or from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.)

Those planning to attend either workshop and those wanting to learn more about eligibility for the grant money, should R.S.V.P. to Robyn

Beck at (623) 236-7530. A minimum of three people must sign up for each workshop or the session will be cancelled 48 hours prior to the date. The application deadline is Oct. 1, 2012 at 5 p.m. MST.

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RACING

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partner for the past few years, and even though they are close friends, they did not want to lose. "It works both ways," she said. "They know us and we know them. Unfortunately, we met in the quarters and not the finals."

"Unfortunately, it didn't work out today; we gave it our all and it didn't work out," said Tunnicliffe after racing. "It was close racing all around."

"They led us from the start onwards, and our goal was to keep it close and attack on the last downwind leg. They made it really difficult. As hard as we tried, we couldn't make it happen. Obviously, we train together and we knew it would be hard."

Perspective

The team, known for its work ethic and dedication, offered perspective soon after losing the match. "We sailed this regatta the best we could and it just wasn't meant to be," said Capozzi. "We sailed as hard as we could and fought every race. We don't have any regrets; it just wasn't our day today."

Online: <http://olympics.ussailing.org/2012/08/08/daily-report-u-s-olympic-sailing-team-august-8/>

Women's 470

The day's racing was plagued with very light wind and shifty conditions. Race 9 started in a similar fashion as racing on Aug. 7, with Amanda Clark (Shelter Island, N.Y.) and Sarah Lihan (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) fighting for a clear lane. They finished in 17th, but by Race 10 they found the lane they wanted and were able to advance their boat through the pack to finish in 9th.

"In the second I feel like we were in much better control and it was another good comeback for us," said Clark after racing. "We had a better job feeling the pressure."



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Although the team has been together for only 18 months, they explained that they have continued to learn and excel despite any poor finishes.

"One thing to note is that any mistake we made we were able to recover from them, and part of our program has been focusing on the positive and what we have learned," said Lihan.

"We are absolutely at the level where we need to be in terms of my crew ability. We are at the size we need and the strength we need and the ability."

They advanced to the Medal Race on Aug. 10. "We're looking to keep fighting and enjoy every moment on the water racing in the Olympics," said Clark. "We are going to go out and look to win that medal race."

Video interview <http://youtu.be/tpjShy-IhqB8>

Results In Concluded Events

Final Standings:

12th, Finn (Men's One Person Dinghy Heavy), Zach Railey (Clearwater, Fla.)

29th, Laser, Rob Crane (Darien, Conn.)

20th, Women's RS:X Windsurfing, Farrah Hall (Annapolis, Md.)

22nd, RS:X Windsurfing, Bob Willis (Chicago, Ill.)

7th, Star (Men's Keelboat), Mark Mendelblatt and Brian Fatih (both Miami, Fla.)

8th, Laser Radial, Paige Railey (Clearwater, Fla.)

15th, 49er, Erik Storck (Huntington, N.Y.) and Trevor Moore (Naples, Fla./N. Pomfret, Vt.)

14th, Men's 470, Stuart McNay (Boston, Mass.) and Graham Biehl (San Diego, Calif.)

9th, Women's 470, Amanda Clark (Shelter Island, N.Y.) and Sarah Lihan (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)

5th, Women's Match Racing, Anna Tunnicliffe (Plantation, Fla.), Molly Vandemoer (Stanford, Calif.) and Debbie Capozzi (Bayport, N.Y.)

NBCOlympics.com Archived video: <http://t.co/rTeogwuz>

Online: <http://olympics.ussailing.org/2012/08/11/daily-report-u-s-olympic-sailing-team-august-11/>

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