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We Welcome The Coast Guard Auxiliary To Arizona!

New National Commodore, Officers To Be Elected At NACON

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will hold its 2010 National Conference (NACON) at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort & Spa August 22-29. ADM Bob Papp, commandant of the Coast Guard, is scheduled as the keynote speaker at the Commodore's Banquet on Saturday, August 28.

NACON is the national forum where Auxiliary members from all states, territories and commonwealths come together to train, and develop strategies to define the future of the organization, said Commodore Nicholas Kerrigan, national commodore.

Several new officers, including a new national commodore, will be elected. Scheduled training includes the following:

- Maintenance and Care of Equipment



- Social Media and the Auxiliary
- Paddle Sports Training for the Public
- Performance Measurements

- Inflatable Life Jackets

- Cold Water Boot Camp

- Standardized Auxiliary Boat Operations Training

NACON is open to all members and friends of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Those interested in attending NACON are encouraged to learn more by visiting cgaux.org/nacon.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard created by an Act of Congress in 1939. The Auxiliary, America's Volunteer Guardians, support the Coast Guard across all of the service's mission areas.

Life Jackets Save Lives

From The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

The Coast Guard Auxiliary wants everyone to have fun and to be safe on the water, but we know from statistics that deaths caused by recreational boating accidents have increased by 3.8 percent in 2009.



A sad note is most adults do NOT wear a life jacket unless they are skiing, tubing, or riding a wave runner. A program to emphasize the Coast Guard Auxiliary's goal of

getting everybody to wear a life jacket while on the water was to hold a raffle.

Adults seen by a member of the Auxiliary wearing a life jacket are given a ticket for a drawing to be held once a month, the winner receiving a FREE dinner for two at a local restaurant.

The local newspapers bought into this since it stresses the importance of wearing a life jacket. Flyers posted around town publicizing this endeavor spread the message even further.

Children should definitely wear life jackets, but as adults, the older children won't because they don't have to past a certain age.

T-shirts are given to children with the words: "I was caught wearing my life jacket by the Coast Guard Auxiliary." Local stores selling ice cream participated by giving away child-size cups of ice

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ACCORDING TO THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY — the increase in recreational boating accidents has been caused by these factors: inattention, inexperience, and alcohol consumption. Wearing a life jacket and taking boater-education classes are the best preventative measures.

Number Of Recreational Boating Accidents Up

From The Coast Guard Auxiliary

Fatal accidents for recreational boaters increased by 3.8 percent in 2009. Inattention, inexperience and alcohol consumption were common contributors to the accidents.

Wearing a life jacket and taking boater education classes are good preventative measures, the Coast Guard says.

Washington (CNN) — Recreational boating accident deaths are on the rise, the U.S. Coast Guard's Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety announced in its 2009 Recreational Boating Statistics report Tuesday.

The report states that deaths caused by recreational boating accidents have increased by 3.8 percent, with related injuries increasing by 0.8 percent, though the number of accidents actually decreased by 1.2 percent.

A total of 4,730 accidents recorded by the Coast Guard in 2009 caused 736 deaths, over 3,300 injuries and about \$36 million in property damage, according to the report. A number called the fatality rate, which compares the number of annual deaths against the number of registered boats, increased to

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Who, Me?

Yes, You; Boating Fatalities Can Happen To Anyone

From The Coast Guard Auxiliary

Have you ever heard the phrase, "That'll never happen to me"?

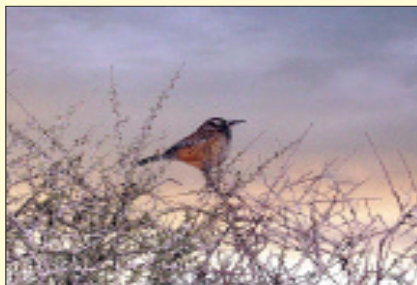
Of the 6,347 boats involved in accidents in 2008 only 1,146 operators, or 18 percent, had any type of safe-boating instruction. Four hundred sixty five of these operators, or 7 percent, had less than 10 hours experience driving a boat.

We read about a boating accident in the newspapers and say it. We see it on TV and remark how someone else really goofed up. We hear on the radio about a boating accident and think the boaters were stupid. What about us?

The worst statistics are the innocents, the friends and family who trusted their lives and safety to someone with little or no training. In 2008 alone, 709 people lost their lives and 3,331 received medical treatment beyond first aid.

And, in 2009, of the 736 people

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ARIZONA'S STATE BIRD — On the cover of this issue, the Cactus Wren welcomes the Coast Guard Auxiliary and others to its home state. This local character is much less shy than most others in the wren family and is the first to introduce *Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times'* new birding section: 'It's For The Birds.'

THIS MONTH'S 'COVER GIRL'

Arizona's Cactus Wren Introduces New Birding Section

The Cactus Wren (*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*) is the largest North American wren, and is 18-23 cm (7-9 inches) long.

Unlike the smaller wrens, the Cactus Wren is easily seen. It has the loud voice characteristic of wrens. The Cactus Wren is much less shy than most of the family.

Its marked white eyestripe, brown head, barred wings and tail, and spotted tail feathers make it easy to identify. Like most birds in its genus, it has a slightly curved bill. There is little sexual dimorphism.

The Cactus Wren primarily eats in-

sects, including ants, beetles, grasshoppers, and wasps. Occasionally, it will take seeds and fruits.

Foraging begins late in the morning and is versatile; the cactus wren will search under leaves and ground litter and overturned objects in search of insects, as well as feeding in the foliage and branches of larger vegetation.

Increasing temperatures cause a shift in foraging behavior to shady and cooler microclimates, and activity slows during hot afternoon temperatures. Almost all water is obtained from food, and free-standing water is rarely used even when found (Udvardy 1994;

Ricklefs 1968; McCarthey 2000).

The Cactus Wren is native to the Southwestern United States southwards to central Mexico. It is a bird of arid regions, and is often found around yucca, mesquite or saguaro; it nests in cactus plants, sometimes in a hole in a saguaro, sometimes where its nest will be protected by the prickly cactus spines of a cholla or leaves of a yucca.

The Cactus Wren forms permanent pair bonds, and the pairs defend a territory where they live all through the year.

To contact our birding editor Margie Allen, e-mail birding@azbw.com.



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The Number-One Killer: Yourself!

By Mike Wallace
Superstition Search & Rescue

PART ONE:

We have now learned two of five principles of survival in past issues of this magazine — principles that, if studied and applied, will save your life if you find yourself in a wilderness crisis.

We learned about the fifth principle "How To Be Found" and the first, "Preparation." As we begin to see the whole picture of surviving, we will start to understand the parallels between each principle. Each plays a role in maximizing our odds in surviving long enough to be found.

Even casual preparation can increase our ability to survive and be found. The second principle of survival is "Fear Management" — second in priority only because of the important role that the first principle — preparation — plays in maximizing our ability to perform or act out this second principle.

Let me share a story that occurred several years ago in the hot summer heat of August in the desert east of Phoenix. A young lady decided to go on a day hike and did not return as planned. She was reported missing by loved ones.

Search teams from Maricopa and Pinal County were called out to find her. The



area in which she had last been seen was saturated with ground, horse and air support. Search teams searched for this young lady for three days.

She spent those three days hiding from the rescuers who were trying to save her.

What would cause a person to hide or flee from the very thing that could save him or her? The answer is terror!

Most of us have not experienced pure terror. So, it is hard to comprehend avoiding the very aid that could save your life. The reality is that a large percentage of people who get lost do just that! It is a natural result of the mechanics of physical response to life-threatening situations. There are four stages to one's initial response in a time of crisis, whether the crisis is real or just perceived.

Editor's Note: This story is continued on the azbw.com Web site, and Part Two is also scheduled to run in the next issue of AZBW/WOT.

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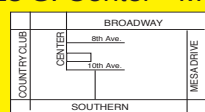
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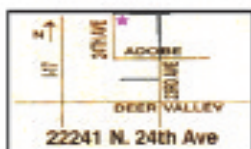
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Alcohol and Drugs

Arizona law prohibits anyone from operating a power-driven vessel while under the influence of alcohol or any drug that causes the person to be even slightly impaired. Alcohol and drugs cause impaired balance, blurred vision, poor coordination, impaired judgment, and slower reaction time. Alcohol contributes to about one-third of all fatal boating accidents nationwide.

- ◆ A person is considered to be operating under the influence (OUI) of alcohol if he or she has an alcohol concentration of 0.08% or greater as determined by a test of his or her breath, blood, or urine. "Extreme OUI" is blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.15% and higher
- ◆ If convicted of OUI or "Extreme OUI," a person can be fined up to \$2,500 and jailed for up to six months.
- ◆ By operating a vessel on Arizona Waters, you have consented to be tested for alcohol or drugs if arrested by a law enforcement officer for alleged violations under Arizona Watercraft Statutes.

*The best thing you can do for your safety and the safety of other boaters is simple...
Don't drink and boat!*



Designate a Sober Mate or Captain

Statewide Boating Education Classes

August 2010

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	August 21 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Water Safety Center at Contact Point 1801 Highway 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 680-0359
Arizona Game and Fish Department	August 21 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Roosevelt Lake Patrol Substation Mile Post 243, State Route 188 Lake Roosevelt	\$5 per family	(928) 467-2515
Arizona Game and Fish Department	August 24 & 26 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Mesa Office 7200 E. University Drive Mesa	\$5	(623) 236-7235

September 2010

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 11 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max NE corner of McClintock and Broadway Tempe	\$8 per family	(623) 236-7235
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 11 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	MWR Rentals Building #70914 NE corner of Irwin and Hunter Streets Fort Huachuca	\$0	(520) 533-6707
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 18 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Tucson Office 555. N. Greasewood Road Tucson	\$0	(520) 883-2752
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Roosevelt Lake Patrol Substation Mile Post 243, State Route 188 Lake Roosevelt	\$5 per family	(928) 467-2515
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 18 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Water Safety Center at Contact Point 1801 Highway 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 680-0359
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Sept. 21 & 23 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Mesa Office 7200 E. University Drive Mesa	\$8 per person	(623) 236-7235
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	Sept. 25 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max NE corner of McClintock and Broadway Tempe	\$8 per family	(623) 236-7235

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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Lake Pleasant Sailing Club Hosts Day-Long Summit

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

And, You Are Invited

Who: Any woman interested in sailing
What: Ladies' Day @ The Lake presented by the Lake Pleasant Sailing Club
When: Saturday, Oct. 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Desert Outdoor Center, Lake Pleasant

How: Register early; see the following information:

Any woman interested in experiencing the joys of sailing should take advantage of this affordable, sure-to-be-fun learning opportunity. Don't be left out! After the upcoming event, the next Ladies Day@ the Lake will not be held until 2012. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and enrollment is strictly limited to 55 participants.

To secure your place onboard and in the classroom visit lakepleasantsailing.com and follow the links to Ladies Day@ the Lake. Mail completed registration with your check or money order to Lake Pleasant Sailing Club, Ladies' Day@ the Lake, 27522 N. 33rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85083.

Workshops in the classroom are available for a variety of topics including the following:

- What to do in on-the-water emergencies,
- Required and recommended equipment,
- Going offshore,
- Knots and line handling,
- Rules of the road,
- Using a GPS and VHF radio,
- Navigation, boat maintenance, and
- Lake Pleasant weather.

Half-day on-the-water seminars for most sailing skill levels include the following:



FOR SAIL — Director of the National Women's Sailing Association, Gail Hine (center in yellow cap), will again instruct women on the finer points of sailing at Lake Pleasant on October 2. Hine is one of the 15 plus well-qualified instructors who will present a variety of sailing-related seminars at the Ladies' Day@the Lake. The event is presented by the Lake Pleasant Sailing Club.

- Anchoring basics,
- Docking your sailboat,
- Overboard procedures,
- Being the skipper,
- Sail trim,
- Heavy weather sailing, and
- Dinghy driving.

All on-the-water coaches are US Coast Guard licensed captains, American Sailing Association and/or Arizona Game and Fish Department certified instructors. Small teacher-to-student ratio in these courses will assure students will receive personal attention.

All instruction, course materials, goodie bag and box lunch are included in

the \$75 (\$85 after Sept. 1) fee for the Day@ the Lake.

About Lake Pleasant Sailing Club (LPSC)

The club was founded in 1977 and currently has about 100 member families. LPSC sponsors approximately 16 week-end cruises per year at Lake Pleasant north of Phoenix, Ariz.

The cruises usually involve sailing the lake and then rafting up (each boat puts out an anchor and ties up alongside the other boats) in a designated cove for the

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NEW BELLE — Passengers are shown enjoying a late afternoon cruise on the new *Desert Belle* at Saguaro Lake, Ariz. Look for more information on this "lady" in our next issue.



Lake Havasu, Famed London Bridge Host Boatload Of Fall Events

LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz. — When the famed London Bridge was relocated stone-by-stone to Arizona's Lake Havasu in 1971, it was such an audacious feat of engineering, it made news around the world.

The bridge, including bullet holes from a WWII strafing by German aircraft, is still making news. Around the stone structure has grown a lively city of 50,000, lured by 45-mile-long Lake Havasu, one of the Southwest's most famous centers for recreational boating.

Lake Havasu City, three hours driving time from Phoenix, 2-1/4 hours south of Las Vegas and four to five from the Los Angeles region, attracts 2.5 million visitors a year thanks to its dry, desert weather, more than 300 sunny days a year, a range of restaurants and lodging, and a boatload of special events such as the following to round-out 2010:

• **Personal Watercraft Races: 2010 World Finals, Oct. 3 - 10** — Lake Havasu is considered the Personal Watercraft Capital of the World, and it's easy to see why.

The World Finals is the most venerable and prestigious personal watercraft event in the world. An invitation-only policy attracts over 750 of the world's best personal watercraft racers from 36 countries, offering the sport's top prize. (www.ijisba.com).

• **2nd Annual Paddle to the Channel Stand Up Paddleboard Championships, Oct. 9** — Ever see a water enthusiast paddle serenely while standing on what looks like a surfboard? It's called stand-up paddling (SUP) and is considered one of the world's fastest-growing sports. Whether it is or not, 200 of the best in the world will descend on Lake Havasu for a series of competitions. (www.wsupa.us).

• **24th Annual London Bridge Sea-**

plane Classic, Nov. 5-7 — These are classic vintage seaplanes, except you'd have to be a desert mouse to ride in one since they're all small-scale, radio-controlled models. Organizers call it the "Southwest's premier radio controlled float fly event." (www.deserthawksrc.com).

• **28th Annual Boat Parade of Lights, Dec. 3-4** — Sure, other cities have boat parades, but none that surround one of London's most famous bridges. This year's theme is "Toys on Parade." The parade is considered one of the Top 100 events in the U.S. by the American Bus Association (www.buses.org). (www.lhcboatparadeoflights.com).

More info: (928) 453-3444



PIRANHAS IN HAVASU?! — One of the worst-kept secrets in the Southwest is that the 45-mile-long Lake Havasu is a stand-in for fictitious Lake Victoria, scene of assorted mayhem in the new horror flick *Piranha 3D*, which premieres nationwide on Aug. 20. The film stars Elisabeth Shue, Christopher Lloyd, Ving Rhames, and former *Jaws* star Richard Dreyfuss. "While being known for man-eating Hollywood piranhas isn't exactly a dream-come-true for the image of a tourist lake, the production brought \$18 million to the community during filming last summer, and is creating huge excitement among locals, many of whom were hired to portray victims of the computer-generated razor-toothed fish," said Douglas Traub, president and CEO of the Lake Havasu City Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Anyone smart enough to locate Lake Havasu City out here in the desert will know it's all make-believe."

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evening meal and spending the night.

LPSC also sponsors midweek cruises throughout the sailing season (fall, winter and spring). LPSC sponsors out-of-town cruises to other lakes, Catalina Island, San Diego, etc.

The club has monthly general membership meetings that include a presentation of interest to members. The calendar also includes off-the-water social events such as the Ice Cream Social, Holiday Party, etc.

LPSC has a mission of educating its members in all things involving sailing and sailing safety. This includes presentations at general membership meetings and the Ladies Day@ the Lake inaugurated in 2009.

Further information regarding the Lake Pleasant Sailing Club can be found at lakepleasantsailing.com. Other sources for information are Bruce Andress at bruceandress@cox.net or (602) 499-3844 and Debbie Huntsman at (623) 780-8787 or info@lakepleasantsailing.com.

COME FIND OUT

What's So Exciting About Sailboat Racing?

By Mike Ferring

Sign up for the Arizona Sailing Foundation "Introduction to Sailboat Racing" class, held on two Saturdays in September, and learn what sailboat racing is all about.

The first Saturday, Sept. 11, will be a classroom session with Maryellen and me. You'll find out about race procedures, rules, and strategy, with an emphasis on the most important part of the race: the start.

The second Saturday session, Sept. 18, will be in sailboats 24 feet or longer on Lake Pleasant as part of the Arizona Yacht Club's annual practice Saturday, presented before the beginning of the Lake Pleasant fall racing season.

You'll be on the water with several other

AYC boats, learning the racing game. The AYC Race Committee boat will offer actual race starts just like the ones on regular race weekends.

This on-the-water portion will enlist the help of reigning AYC Club Champion Rick Johnson. You'll have a chance to ride with Rick on his Martin 242, the boat he piloted to the PHRF spinnaker fleet championship.

I'll also give you a shot at the helm of our O'Day 25, the boat we used to win the PHRF non-spinnaker fleet championship. We'll bring in other boats as needed, depending on class size.

More information and online registration are available at: http://www.arizonayachtclub.org/Education/Intro_to_Racing.shtml

or you can e-mail me or call me for more information (mike@ferrings.com) or (602) 241-7123.

The past several years we've presented this class at Tempe Town Lake, but, mmm, that would be hard this year. Lake Pleasant is a different, but excellent, experience.

Because the class will be a little shorter as a result of the move to Lake Pleasant, we've reduced the tuition from \$195 to \$150. At the conclusion of the class, you'll receive a discount coupon worth \$50 on your first AYC race season entry, if you use it within one year.

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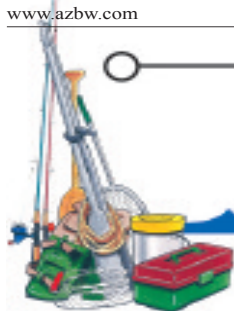
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FISHING IN ARIZONA AND BEYOND



Tucson Courts Enhance Fines For Fishing Violations

From Arizona Game & Fish

Arizona Game and Fish law enforcement officers from Region 5 recently met with the Pima County Attorney's Office to encourage more consistency in the handling of fishing violation citations.

Effective at the end of July, all Game and Fish citations for fishing without a (proper) license in the Tucson area, including Sahuarita, will result in a \$150 fine from the Tucson Justice Court. Fines may vary on a case-by-case basis, and can be reduced if the violator purchases a valid license.

In any case, the cost of the fine will far exceed the price of a valid license. The Urban Fishing Program operates on a user-pay, user-benefit model, and fishing without a license is taking from the resource and negatively effects legal users.

AZGFD On Patrol

Game and Fish Officers have been regularly patrolling Lakeside, Kennedy, Silver-

bell and Sahuarita Lakes over the past year to ensure compliance with fishing license and bag limit regulations at these popular waters. Both uniformed and undercover patrols have been conducted to ensure fairness and compliance with the laws.

Many citations were issued for fishing without an urban license or fishing with no license. Often, the courts were inadvertently dismissing the citations without any fines — essentially negating the efforts of officers and making compliance a bigger problem.

Anglers are reminded to make sure they have a valid, \$18.50 Urban Fishing License (Class U) or \$53 resident (\$63 nonresident) Super Conservation Fishing License if they are age 14 and older. Check the 2009-2010 Arizona Fishing Regulation booklet or the 2010 Urban Fishing Program Guidebook for specific licensing exceptions.

Licenses may be purchased at one of many local license dealers (sporting goods stores, fishing or hunting shops, or Walmart), any Game and Fish office, or online at www.azgfd.gov.

White Amurs Vital To Keeping Lakes Clean

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 some 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 keep our lakes clean and 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 lifetimes, 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. 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.

Urban Fishing Report

Fishing for catfish is slow at all Urban Fishing waters statewide through the summer (no stocking period). For holdover catfish, try the larger lakes over 5 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 shore-

line 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.

At Green Valley lakes (Payson), anglers are having some success for crappie, bluegill and bass. Smaller nightcrawlers (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 above).

Fish stockings will resume at all Phoenix and Tucson area Urban waters the week of Sept. 20-25. Green Valley Lakes (Payson) stockings will resume in October.

Stocking Schedule

The Urban Fishing Program does not stock fish from July 4 through mid September at any of our 21 designated waters. Stockings (catfish) will resume the week of Sept. 20-25.

All UFP waters in Phoenix area and Tucson area were last stocked with catfish July 1 or July 7 (Note: this was the final spring stocking before the summer break.) No further stockings until fall catfish deliveries resume the week of Sept. 20-25.

Green Valley Lakes (Payson) were last stocked with trout May 7. No further stockings until October trout deliveries resume.

LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT

Early Morning, Late Evening Most Productive Times

By Wayne Gustaveson

At press time, stripers and shad were in transition mode again. "Slurps," where stripers casually eat tiny shad and ignore most angler offerings, are coming to an end.

Shad have grown some, but more importantly, stripers have ranged a bit closer to shore and found larger forage to eat. Size of shad found in striper stomachs has doubled in a week's time.

These larger shad are harder for stripers to corner and catch. That makes stripers much more aggressive in pursuing shad and much more likely to hit lures. All of this equates to good times for anglers who love to use surface lures. Striper "boils" have now started.



Wayne Gustaveson

BIGGER, BETTER BOILS — Terry Kimber, Delta, Colo., shows it is still possible to catch a nice largemouth at Lake Powell. In the summer heat, stripers boil to the surface while feeding on shad. Boils are now bigger and better. Smallmouth are also chasing shad to the surface and can be caught on surface lures.

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Game And Fish Commission Removes Roosevelt Slot Limit

Rosey is becoming a world-class bass fishery says Payson mayor.

From Arizona Game & Fish

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission lifted the slot limit at Roosevelt Lake starting Aug. 17, set the spring 2011 big game hunts, and established the 2010-11 waterfowl regulations during its regularly scheduled meeting in Phoenix on Aug. 6-7.

Game and Fish biologists asked the commission to remove the slot limit at Roosevelt in part because most anglers now practice catch-and-release, but also because this popular lake in the Tonto Basin is experiencing tremendous productivity.

Fisheries Chief Kirk Young told the commission that when the slot limit was initiated in 1990, it typically took anglers around eight hours to catch one bass, and the vast majority of anglers kept and ate the fish they caught. The objective of the slot limit was to increase the catch rates on bass and also increase the average size of

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Nationwide 24-Hour Fish-A-Thon Sept. 10-11 To Help Conserve Fish Habitat

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — How long can you fish? Find out at the 24-Hour Fish-A-Thon on Sept. 10-11, and you could also help improve the very same waters you fish in.

Now in its second year, the event pits teams of anglers across the country against each other for a good cause that raises funds to help support responsible fishing and improve fish habitat. Teams also compete for top prizes such as the fishing trip of the lifetime, a guided trip with a Professional Anglers Association (PAA) tour-level pro, or a getaway to a remote lodge. Additional prizes include tackle from Berkley and Dick's Sporting Goods.

This year the event is co-sponsored by BoatUS Angler, an advocacy and services association for recreational boat owners. It offers on-the-water towing, roadside assistance and angler's boat insurance.

"Anglers will fish around the clock and around the nation to raise awareness of problems facing our fisheries, as well as raise money to help solve those problems," said organizer Teeg Stouffer, executive director of Recycled Fish, a non-profit organization committed to responsible fishing practices.

Proceeds are donated to Recycled Fish and the non-profit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water to support responsible fishing practices and waterway stewardship programs. The BoatUS Foundation has supported grassroots boater and angler educational programs for nearly 30 years and awarded over \$1.1 million in grants to local boating and environmental organizations.

The 24-Hour Fish-A-Thon is open to freshwater anglers in all 50 states. To participate, anglers begin by becoming a Fish-



GONE FISHIN' — In all 50 states, freshwater anglers will fish around the clock Sept. 10-11 to improve the very waters they fish in. In its second year, the Nationwide 24-Hour Fish-A-Thon is to raise awareness of problems facing U.S. fisheries and to fund solutions to those problems.

A-Thon Ambassador / Team Leader at www.RecycledFish.org/FishAThon, and sign up their team of two to four anglers. After they receive their Fish-A-Thon welcome kit in the mail, each team member's next step is to secure pledges from family, friends or co-workers for each hour they fish, which typically range from \$10 to \$75 an hour.

Next they go fishing. Lines are cast Friday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. until Saturday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. During the event anglers are also encouraged to pick up any trash and use tackle that is easier on the environment, such as lead-free weights or biodegradable baits and lures, and practice good catch-and-release tactics.

Every team raising a minimum of \$100 will get a complimentary 24-Hour Fish-A-Thon shirt. Additional prizes include tackle, apparel and gift cards.

Participating anglers take photos of their fish and self-score their catch at the [online Angling Masters Fish Calculator](http://online.AnglingMastersFishCalculator), then submit their score to the Fish-A-Thon administrator. Top prizes go to the team with the most funds raised and the team with the highest score based on their best five fish photos.

Additional prizes include tackle packages, apparel and gift cards. Prizes are also given for the best photos, the most "un-

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VENICE, La. — A new 13-week television show series aims to show an up-close view of the devastating impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on Gulf of Mexico boating and fishing communities.

Airing Sundays at 10 a.m. (EDT) on Fox Sports Net and presented by **BoatUS Angler**, *Cabela's Fisherman's Handbook* portrays a realistic picture of conditions out in the field. Visits to bird-recovery facilities, documenting the oil spill's damage to sensitive marshes and bays, and most importantly, fishing trips on the large swaths of unaffected areas are all included.

Traveling to the region with show host and TV fishing personality Wade Middleton is Chris Edmonston of BoatUS, who presents segments on how to avoid and

take care of oil spill damage to your boat, hurricane preparedness, and boating safety topics.

"I have spent my entire life on the water, but you just can't understand how important the water is to Gulf residents until you go down there," said Edmonston. "The water is life to them."

"This show doesn't go into the politics," said Middleton. "It tells the compelling stories of the anglers, guides, captains, boaters and many others whose lives have been irrevocably affected by the spill. We've traveled to four states and fished many spots, seeing first-hand how this region is coping."

BoatUS Angler has also set up a Web site, www.BoatUS.com/oilspill, which can help boaters and anglers stay informed, safeguard their boats, and assist with recovery efforts.

The show repeats Fridays at 4 p.m., but check your local listings to be sure. The show is produced by **Careco Multimedia**.



U.S. Coast Guard

TRAGIC IN EVERY WAY — Anchor-handling tugboats battle the blazing remnants of the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon. A Coast Guard MH-65C dolphin rescue helicopter and crew document the fire aboard the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, while searching for survivors. Multiple Coast Guard helicopters, planes and cutters responded to rescue the Deepwater Horizon's 126-person crew. Documenting the oil spill's impact on boating and fishing, a 13-week TV series runs Sundays on Fox Sports Net.



Gilbert D Orozco

FIVE-TIME JUNIOR ANGLER CHAMPION — Thomas Orozco, 10, of Union City, Calif., placed first in his age division at the International Game Fish Association Young Anglers Tournament held at Shelter Island Pier in San Diego on July 31, 2010. Thomas has won his age division at IGFA Tournaments in 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2010. He caught and released 12 California lizardfish during the three-hour tournament in which over 160 kids ages 6-15 participated. Congratulations from **AZBW/WOT!**

FISH REPORT

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In July there were countless numbers of finicky pods of complacent strippers popping up randomly throughout the day. Now there are fewer surface disturbances seen, but those that do come up hold more fish with a larger appetite.

Timing is much the same with early morning and late evening being most productive. But, there are boils found at random times and locations throughout the day.

Have Rod Rigged And Ready

It is now wise to have a rod rigged with a full-size surface lure that can be cast long distances. When fish come up, the rod can be quickly deployed and a fish caught as soon as the boat nears the surfacing fish.

If the first fish is landed quickly enough, a second can be caught from the same school. Boil duration will increase with each day in August.

Best location for boils is Good Hope Bay, but this transition period will make fishing exciting and productive over the length of Lake Powell. Expect to find boils close to the main channel in all canyons.

Stripers will not go toward the back of the canyons and coves until later in the month or until September if open-water shad numbers hold out that long.

Not all splashes will be made by stripers. One-pound smallmouth have seen tantalizing shad schools and moved out into open water. Bass usually feed individually or with two or three friends.

Small groups of surfacing fish in shallow water near shore will likely be boiling bass. They provide great sport on surface poppers and shallow-running jerk baits. Largemouth will also come to the surface to feed. Run buzz baits, stick baits and poppers over submerged treetops at first light in the morning for largemouth action.

Walleye, Catfish, Sunfish

Walleye are still found in large numbers

in the treetops from Bullfrog to Hite. Trolling the edge of the tree line in 30 feet of water with medium diving lures that run just above the treetops is very effective.

Catfish and sunfish are often ignored because of the glamor of their larger cousins, but these smaller fish provide great sport for youngsters just learning how to fish. Lake Powell is a great place to teach kids how to fish because their efforts will be rewarded within a short time.

Sunfish can be seen swimming around trees and near boats. They can be caught on a small worm-baited hook. Teaching children how to fish is a worthy goal for any family trip.

Don't Be A Mussel Mover!

Remember to clean drain and dry your boat before coming to Lake Powell. It is still mussel free and will remain that way if all boaters practice good mussel-defensive practices.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,636, and water temperature, 80-84F.

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bass, which it accomplished.

The slot worked well. Times have changed.

After two years of intensive studies at Roosevelt, biologists have determined that the bass population is healthy, reproduction is good, size classes are well balanced, bass grow-outs are superb, and fewer than 7 percent of anglers catch and keep bass.

However, the commission acted on the Roosevelt proposal a few months earlier than the other proposed fishing regulation changes for 2011 so it could accommodate a request from Payson to lift the slot limit for an upcoming national bass tournament, the FLW, at Roosevelt Sept. 22-25. Payson hosts the event.

Young explained that because the department was already planning to recommend the commission lift the slot starting in January, dealing with the issue a few months early makes no difference biologically but socially, it would accommodate Payson's request.

Payson Mayor Kenny Evans thanked the commission and the department for working so cooperatively with the town on this and other issues. Mayor Evans pointed out that that last year's FLW tournament was a major economic boon to the Town of Payson, Tonto Basin, and other nearby communities, and the event shows all signs of being even larger and more fun-filled this year.

"Roosevelt is becoming a world-class bass fishery."

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Women Outpace Men As New Hunters

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — More women than men took up hunting last year, according to new net figures from the National Sporting Goods Association.

While total hunters in the United States decreased slightly (.05 percent) between 2008 and 2009, the number of female hunters increased by 5.4 percent, netting 163,000 new participants. Growth areas for women included muzzleloading (up 134.6 percent), bowhunting (up 30.7 percent), and hunting with firearms (up 3.5 percent).

Data also show women outpaced men among net newcomers to target shooting with a rifle, where female participation grew by 4.1 percent.

Cause For Celebration

New hunters and shooters are cause for celebration because more participation helps with funding for conservation, according to officials with National Hunting and Fishing Day. Congress established NHF Day, set for Sept. 25, to recognize America's sportsmen and women for their leading role in fish, wildlife and habitat conservation (more info at www.nhfd.org or <http://www.nhfd.org>).

"New hunters, shooters and anglers are a good thing for everyone who loves the outdoors," said Denise Wagner of Wonders of Wildlife museum in Springfield, Mo., the official home of NHF Day.

"Hunting and fishing license sales, combined with special taxes on firearms and ammunition, bows and arrows, and rods and reels generate about \$100,000 every 30 minutes, totaling more than \$1.75 billion per year, for conservation. When it comes to funding for wildlife and wild places, more is definitely better."



GOOD NEWS — The increase in the number of women hunters is good news all around, as the more people of both genders who participate in hunting and fishing, the more benefits there are for conservation. Shown here is Denise Wagner on a deer hunt in Oklahoma.

Not A Surprise

The growth in new participation among women, perhaps counterintuitive to traditionalists, is no surprise to Steve Sanetti, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade association for the shooting, hunting and outdoor industry.

He explained, "Over the past several years, our industry has worked hard to help build this segment of our market. We've developed shooting and hunting products especially for women, reached out with welcoming and instructional workshops for women, and encouraged existing hunters and shooters to introduce

their spouses, daughters and other newcomers to shooting sports and outdoor lifestyles.

"I believe these efforts are paying off, which is a bright spot for our industry as well as for conservation."

Also not surprised at the number of female hunters and shooters are the women Olympians of the USA Shooting Team, whose ever-increasing visibility has made them effective ambassadors, role models and recruiters of women to traditional outdoor sports.

"Shooting is one of the most fun and empowering things you can teach a young girl or a grown woman," said Corey

Cogdell, 23, a lifelong hunter and 2008 Olympic bronze medalist in trap shooting.

"Most men are surprised to find out that I am an avid outdoors woman and are often intrigued to learn how they can get females in their own lives involved in hunting and shooting."

Connie Smotek, 45, a two-time Olympic skeet shooter, bronze medalist in the 2009 World Cup, and avid bird and big-game hunter, added, "Shooting and hunting are activities which a woman can enjoy for a lifetime."

Cogdell and Smotek are among the many USA Shooting Team members who parlayed early interests in hunting into international success in shooting sports — an opportunity that didn't exist for women until comparatively recently.

Not Until 1984

Women's shooting wasn't officially added as an Olympic sport until 1984 (although U.S. rifle shooter Margaret Murdock won a medal competing against men in the 1976 games). Since then, U.S. women have won 10 Olympic medals in shooting, which is a growing source of pride.

Four of those 10 medals were won in the past four Olympics by Kim Rhode, a double-trap and skeet shooter now among the most elite and enduring athletes in all of sports.

The entire USA Shooting Team is serving as honorary chair for NHF Day 2010.

2010 NHF Day Sponsors

Sponsors for NHF Day 2010 include Wonders of Wildlife, National Shooting

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All-Day Dove Hunting Returns To Arizona Sept. 1

Dove and sandhill crane regulations now available.

From Arizona Game & Fish

It's a blast from the past — for the first time in two decades, all-day dove hunting is returning to Arizona starting Sept. 1 for the early season, which ends Sept. 15.

You can read all about it in the "Arizona Dove and Band-tailed Pigeon Regulations 2010-11" that have been distributed to license dealers statewide and are also available online at www.azgfd.gov.

The "Sandhill Crane Regulations" have also been posted and distributed. This year there is a new juniors-only crane hunt near Gila Bend in addition to the one in Units 30A, 30B, 31 and 32.

The crane hunts are by drawing only. The application period started Aug. 2 and



the deadline for the department to receive applications is Aug. 31 (postmarks don't count).

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Draw Results Announced For Fall Hunts

Tags still remain for deer, turkey, and javelina.

From Arizona Game & Fish

The drawing results for Arizona's 2010 fall hunts are available at www.azgfd.gov/draw. Draw results are also available by telephone at (602) 942-3000; select option two.

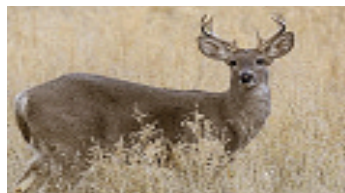
The more than 104,000 applicants can

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 to successful applicants by Aug. 13 (archery deer tags were mailed out earlier). Refunds for unsuccessful and rejected applicants will be mailed out to applicant "A" no later than Sept. 3 (less application fees).

For those individuals who missed the draw or were unsuccessful in getting a permit-tag, there are more than 5,500 leftover tags remaining. Remaining tags are available on a first-come, first-served basis and include more than 4,300 deer tags, more than 900 fall turkey tags, and more than 300 tags for the juniors-only

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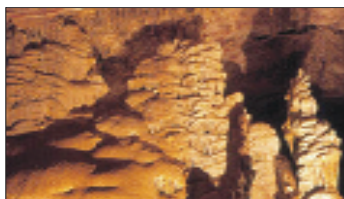


Arizonans Urged To Vote For Kartchner Caverns To Win \$100,000!

(Phoenix, AZ - July 30, 2010) 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 was launched today and encourages everyone to vote for a favorite park and then get out and recreate.

Reneé Bahl, executive 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 rangers to get a consensus on one park so we have a better chance to win this amazing prize for the whole system," said Bahl.

"Some states have a higher population,



Vote For Kartchner

some higher visitation, but we believe Arizonans have the greatest passion for all their parks and the outdoors so they will join us in voting for Kartchner Caverns State Park."

Tonto Natural Bridge State Park Rescued By Rim Country Residents

Arizona State Parks Executive Director Renée Bahl announced today that Tonto Natural Bridge State Park will not close this September due to the financial support of the Towns of Star Valley and Payson as well as the Friends of Tonto Natural Bridge.

These partners have come together to help fund the operations of the park through September of 2011 and the park will stay open on the five-day-per week schedule.

"Star Valley is one of Arizona's newest towns with 36-square-miles of incorporated land in its boundaries," said Mayor Bill Rappaport. "Our town leaders have voted to join the effort to keep the park open. We feel it is crucial because Star Valley's planning area is 100-square-miles and we are all dependent on tourism."

"Those thousands of visitors are extremely important for businesses so we have set aside \$5,000 in our budget this

Kartchner Epitomizes

The staff decided that Kartchner Caverns epitomizes the natural resource stewardship and commitment of Arizonans. Kartchner is now one of the top 10 show caves in the world for the diversity of its stunning calcite formations and symbolizes the extraordinary efforts taken by elected officials, park rangers and the public who took unprecedented steps to protect and open this pristine cavern system in 1999.

"This living cave has character and a persona. If you haven't gotten a 'cave kiss' from Kartchner Caverns, you haven't lived," says park director Bahl.

To watch a cave video tour and learn

the amazing secret story of how this cave was saved go to <http://azstateparks.com/Parks/KACA/index.html>

While we want you to vote as many times as possible for Kartchner Caverns, it is more important that you also visit your favorite park.

Vote Before Aug. 31

Votes will be tallied on Aug. 31, so hurry! Go to www.livepositively.com/#/Americasparks/vote and vote for Kartchner Caverns State Park.

The National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) established the America's State Parks alliance (www.americasparks.com)

See **KARTCHNER** on page 17



Rotunda/Throne Room

Arizona State Parks Proposes Fee Increase For Throne Room Tour

The Arizona State Parks department staff is proposing a fee change for one of the two cave tours at Kartchner Caverns State Park. The new fee proposal is to change the "Rotunda/Throne" adult cave tours from \$18.95 to \$22.95 and children's fees (7 to 12-year-old) from \$9.95 to \$12.95 and (6 and under free.)

Public comments regarding these fees will be accepted on the Web site until Aug. 29. Comments may be submitted online at AZStateParks.com/find/contact.html

The board will be presented this information from park staff who say this solution will increase income to the park and reduce overhead costs by suspending tours in the Rotunda/Throne room from Oct. 15 until Dec. 15. This will also allow time for this portion of the cave to have a rest from the public while scientific research can be conducted.

There also has been some confusion by the public as to why both cave tours are not priced equally. Both tours are equally magnificent in their own right and staff suggests this should be reflected in admission price.

Comments about these proposed fee increases will be presented to the Arizona State Parks Board at their September 2010 meeting. If the new fees are approved, the fee increases for the "Rotunda/Throne" tours will start on Dec. 15.

If you would like to get more information about the State Parks budget, please go to AZStateParks.com/board.

For more information about the 30 State Parks, statewide hiking opportunities, off-highway vehicle trails, and other outdoor recreational and cultural opportunities in Arizona, call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free [800] 285-3703) or visit AZStateParks.com or follow on twitter.com/AZStateParks.

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Contact local dealers or MaxxAir Vent Corporation, 5513 W. Sligh Ave., Tampa, FL 33634, USA. 800-780-9893; Fax: 813-876-2550. CustService@maxxair.com; www.maxxair.com.



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Contact local dealers or Thetford, 7101 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Toll-free 800-543-1219 or 734-769-6000; Fax: 734-769-2023. info@thetford.com; www.thetford.com.

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Contact local dealers or Aqua-Hot Heating Systems, 15549 E Hwy 52, Fort Lupton, CO 80621. Toll free: 800-685-4298 or 303-659-8221; Fax: 303-857-9000. marketing@aqua-hot.com; www.aqua-hot.com.

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PUT IT OUT!

Don't Incinerate Arizona

From Kim Eldredge

It is fire season again in Arizona. We've already had some devastating fires up near Flagstaff, including the Schultz Fire that burned more than 15,000 acres and has caused flooding nightmares for the residents ever since.

In fact, even after Schultz, Flagstaff law enforcement have had to deal with an additional three little fires. Officials are thinking arson.

Fires take up a lot of airtime on our summer news broadcasts: man-made fires, smoking restrictions, fire restrictions, wildfires, and really scary terms like "defensible space," "percent contained," "homes lost," "animals displaced," "residents evacuated," and so on.

I have written articles in the past about



safe fire starting (mainly because of one of my favorite camping treats: S'mores). But, one of the most important steps of the fire-making process, I've only mentioned in passing.

And, that's the right way to put OUT a fire. Read the full article at <http://PitchYourTent.com/Blog>.

For more information, visit <http://www.EatStayPlay.com>.

DOWNSTREAM™ Events Calendar Beginning Mid-August 2010



BEYOND ARIZONA

SUMMER NIGHTS AT SEAWORLD SAN DIEGO: through Aug. 29, Sept. 4-6 — SeaWorld's summertime extravaganza features an ocean full of good times, extended hours and seasonal nighttime-only animal shows weekends. (619) 226-3620

LONG BEACH TO CABO SAN LUCAS INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE: Oct. 23-24 — Following the Campbell Cup, LBYC will start its race to Cabo on Nov. 5.

INTERNATIONAL YELLOWTAIL DERBY 2010: Sept. 4-26 — San Diego; johncinsd@cox.net

WEEKEND ON THE BIG BAY, SAN DIEGO FLEET WEEK: Sept. 18-19 — cody@fleetweeksandiego.org or 619-858-1545.

BOATING

6TH ANNUAL BLUE WATER RESORT & CASINO 300 ENDURO: Oct. 23 — Parker; speed boat race, 50 six-mile laps will test the mettle and will power of the racers and their equipment, modeled after the original 1964 Parker Enduro, (310) 318-4012 or www.bluewaterfun.com

9TH ANNUAL HOT HEAD REGATTA: Oct. 9 — Location to be announced; watch rowing teams from all over the Southwest compete, food and fierce competition, free, www.temperowersassociation.org/

2ND ANNUAL PADDLE TO THE CHANNEL STAND UP PADDLEBOARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Oct. 9 — Lake Havasu City; The Nautical Beachfront Resort, (1000 McCulloch Blvd), stand up paddle races for all ages, expo, demos, prizes, food, family fun, music, benefits Paddle for the Cure, (928) 208-0786 or www.wsupa.us

29TH ANNUAL JET SKI WORLD FINALS: Oct. 3-10 — Lake Havasu City; 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 www.golake-havasus.com

5TH ANNUAL ABSOLUTE SPEED & MARINE POKER RUN: Oct. 1-2 — Lake Havasu City; The Nautical, (10000 McCulloch Blvd), 928-855-2252 or www.absolutespeedandmarine.com

CAMPBELL BOATS REGATTA: Sept. 24-26 — Lake Havasu City; north end of Channel, (714) 779-9115 or www.campbellboatowners.org

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

BOATING ACCESS AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINE: Oct. 1 — www.BoatUS.com/gov/Access/Award

U.S.C.G. AUXILIARY 2010 NATIONAL CONFERENCE (NACON): Aug. 26-29 — Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale; Tom Nunes: (602) 617-1979, tomnunes1@gmail.com, <http://www.news.auxpa.org/>

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

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

HTM BOATS REGATTA, DCB BOATS REGATTA: Sept. 17-18 — (928) 855-8155 or www.htmperformanceboats.com or www.dcbacing.com

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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

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

CHECK FIRE RESTRICTIONS BEFORE YOU GO: Summer — www.publielands.org/firenews/AZ.php

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY

MICHIGAN PROFESSOR ON SABATICAL: Jan.-Aug. 2011 — Needs a room to rent while she does research at either ASU or U. of A. Contact editor@azbw.com or call (480) 947-6219.

54TH ANNUAL FORT VERDE DAYS: Oct. 9-10 — Camp Verde; Fort Verde State Historic Park, celebration of Camp Verde's historic military heritage, living history presentations with the Buffalo soldiers and re-enactors, special presentations, a fashion show, cavalry drills and vintage baseball game, free on Saturday, \$2 on Sunday, (928) 567-3275 or www.azstateparks.com or www.visitcampverde.com

HOPI WATER IS LIFE RUN: Sept. 9 — Open to anyone interested in running for the cause of water and life, includes Ultra Run and Ultra Run 3-person and 6-person relays, covers the various types of high desert terrain, from open sand, hard rock surfaces to high mesa tops and riparian habitat, www.waterislife.run.org/theRun/default.aspx

COCONINO COUNTY FAIR: Sept. 3-6 — Fort Tuthill County Park in Flagstaff, Ariz.

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

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

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

FORT TUTHILL CELEBRATIONS: Sept. 18, 19 — Fort Tuthill City Park; contact Jim: (602) 944-0359 or Lon: (928) 284-1535

VERDE RIVER DAY: Sept. 25-26 — Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Cotton-

wood, to develop the awareness of the importance of the Verde River, informative exhibits, 40+ environmental exhibits, hands-on activities, and live entertainment, sand castle building, live animals, canoe rides, nature hikes, American Civil War encampments, vintage trailer show, food, fish the lagoon no license needed and poles, bait and tackle provided, exhibits, nature walks, exhibitors, \$6 per vehicle up to 4 adults, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., (928) 634-7593 or www.azstateparks.com

SEDONA EVENTS: Aug. 20-21 — Celebrate the Red Rock Road - Road completion ceremony + Sept. 4 — Moonlight Madness + Sept. 11 — Fiesta del Tlaquepaque; hhermen@sedonachamber.com

FISHING

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

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

NATIONAL BASS WEST FISHING TOURNAMENT: Sept. 24-25 — Lake Havasu City; (760) 497-8238 or www.nationalbasswest.com

HUNTING

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

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY: Sept. 25 — Wonders of Wildlife, Springfield, Mo.; www.nhfd.org

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 Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguarosports.com

Frozen: **CURLING STARTS:** Mid-Sept. + 12 weeks — Fall League shawntait@coyotes-curling.com; two August Learn-To-Curl classes; theskip@coyotescurling.com

Swimming: **8TH ANNUAL SOMA HALF IRON MAN ARIZONA:** Oct. 24, 6:30 a.m. — Location to be announced; includes swim 1.2 miles; (480) 226-4729 or <http://redrockco.com/soma-triathlon>

4TH ANNUAL POWELL3 TRIATHLON: Oct. 23, 8 a.m. — Page; Lake Powell Wahweap Marina, (86040); includes swim 1500 meters, swim 750 meters, USAT sanctioned, course covers a beautiful sand stone course with a great view of Lake Powell, \$90 early registration; (801) 355-4940 or <http://www.trifind.com> or www.powell3.com

ARIZONA OPEN WATER SWIM SERIES #4: Oct. 16 — 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), www.dcbadventures.com

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FALL GAMES: Oct. 15-16 — Surprise Stadium, with aquatics, bocce, golf and softball, 602-230-1200 or www.soaz.org

HOLUALOA TINFOILMAN TRIATHLON: Oct. 10, 6:30 a.m. — Tucson; final race of the series; includes 825 yd. pool swim; a USA Triathlon sanctioned event, \$60, (520) 670-0223 or www.trifund.com

ANNUAL TRI IN THE PINES TRIATHLON: Aug. 21 — Includes 825 yd. swim at the Family Aquatic Center, USA Triathlon sanctioned event, www.trifund.net/nf/az.html or <http://ci.show-low.az.us/departments/parks/runs&traces.htm>

ANNUAL TRI COMMUNITY TRI 2010: Aug. 28, 7 a.m. — Pima Pool, (125 East 300 South), includes Spring Triathlon and Super Sprint, begins at the Pima Pool; includes Sprint: swim 625 yards, Super Sprint: swim 225 yards, (520) 678-1196 or www.trifund.com

WORLD JUNIOR DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS: Sept. 1-6 — Tucson, University of Arizona, Hillenbrand Aquatic Center (1827 Enke Dr, 85721), 200 of the world's top junior divers from more than 30 countries; <http://www.2010juniorworlddiving.com/>

ANTHEM SPRINT TRIATHLON: Sept. 4, 7 a.m. — Anthem Community Center, (41130 N. Freedom Way, 85086), sanctioned; includes adult swim 400m, kids 150m pool swim; (623) 330-0913 or www.4peaksracing.com

ARIZONA OPEN WATER SWIM SERIES #3: Sept. 18 — 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), www.dcbadventures.com

GCC F-I TRIATHLON & RELAY & YOUTH TRIATHLON: Sept. 19, 6:30 a.m. — Glendale Community College, swim 150 yards, youth triathlon is swim 100 yards, www.trifamilyracing.com

WILDLIFE-RELATED

2010 OUTDOOR HALL OF FAME BANQUET: Aug. 28, 6 p.m. — Honors 2010 wildlife conservationists/inductees; Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale.

ELK WORKSHOP: Aug. 21 — Mormon Lake Lodge, (Main Street, 86038), learn about the behavior and habitat of elk, a PowerPoint presentation and then go out with spotting scopes and binoculars to observe and discuss elk in the field, free but pre-register, (928) 774-5045 or www.MormonLakeLodge.com

SAVE THE OSPREY: Sept. 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. — Mormon Lake Lodge, (Main Street, 86038), join Arizona Game & Fish and Northern Arizona Audubon to clean up the forest area from litter that can injure nesting Osprey and other wildlife, BBQ lunch, then Joe Yarchin, AZGFD Watchable Wildlife Project Coordinator, will present how, where and when to view wildlife responsibly and efficiently, free, (928) 354-2227 or www.MormonLakeLodge.com

EXPLORING NATURE: Sept. 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m. — Mormon Lake Lodge, (Main Street, 86038), go on a free Nature Quest and learn about the birds, wildlife and trees in the forest and lake basins, on the lake basin's Island Trail from the lodge to the island where eagles nest, free, (928) 354-2227 or www.MormonLakeLodge.com

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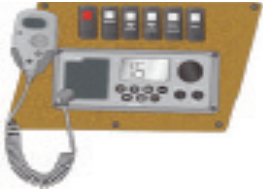
BOATING BASICS: ON THE WATER

Be Weather-Aware And Weather-Ready

From Arizona Game & Fish Department

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. 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

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

VHF Frequencies Broadcasting NOAA 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.

For more information, visit <http://www.boat-ed.com/az/handbook/weather.htm>.

The Legal Requirements Of Boating; Other Equipment and Regulations

From AZGFD

Diver-Down Flags

Scuba divers or snorkelers must display a diver-down flag that marks 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 dis-

tance is 100 yards.

- The diver-down flag that is recognized and used on Arizona waters, including the Colorado River and Lake System, is a rectangular red flag with a white diagonal stripe.
- A blue and white international Code Flag A (or Alfa flag) is recognized and used on federally controlled or international waters.



Divers Flag

Alfa Flag

Scuba divers and snorkelers should not place a flag in an area already occupied by other boaters or where their diving operation will impede the normal flow of waterway traffic. Divers also should follow all of the water safety rules themselves.



Skier-Down Flag

Arizona law requires that vessels towing person(s) on water skis or similar de-

vices carry and use a red or orange skier-down flag, at least 12 x 12 inches in size and mounted on a handle, whenever a skier is in the water after falling or while preparing to ski.

Marine Events

In order to hold a race, regatta, or tournament on federally controlled waters, a permit from the U.S. Coast Guard is required. When the marine event is held on state waters, a permit is not required, but the event sponsor is responsible for ensuring the public's welfare. Vessel operators competing in marine events may test the vessels prior to the event only if the operators have first obtained a permit from the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Local Regulations

Many waterways in Arizona have special regulations such as horsepower restrictions or speed limits. Be sure to check for special restrictions on a waterway before you go boating.

For more information, visit http://www.boat-ed.com/az/course/p4-11_other equipment.htm.

Before You Get Underway, Fuel Your Vessel – Safely

From Arizona Game & Fish Department

Serious accidents can occur when fueling. Never fuel at night unless it is an emergency. If you must refuel after dark, use only electric lights. To protect the water environment, try to refuel away from the water or on a commercial fueling ramp. Follow these procedures in order to fuel safely and responsibly.

Before Beginning To Fuel

- Tie the boat securely to the fuel dock.
- Ask all passengers to leave the boat and go onto the dock.
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- 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.
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- Make sure that your fire extinguisher is within reach.

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IT'S FOR THE BIRDS

Margie Allen, *Birding Editor*



This is a list of U.S. state birds as designated by each state's legislature. The selection of state birds began in 1927, when the legislatures for Alabama, Florida, Maine, Missouri, Oregon, Texas and Wyoming selected their state birds. The last state to choose its bird was Arizona in 1973, although the Eastern Bluebird had beaten the American Robin in a statewide survey 42 years previously. (Note: Duplicate photos have been omitted.)

ALABAMA

State Bird: Yellowhammer, aka Northern Flicker (state bird)
Binomial nomenclature: *Colaptes auratus*
Year: 1927



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

State Bird: Wood Thrush
Binomial nomenclature: *Hylocichla mustelina*
Year: 1938



FLORIDA

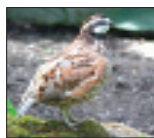
State Bird: Northern Mockingbird
Binomial nomenclature: *Mimus polyglottos*
Year: 1927

GEORGIA

State Bird: Brown Thrasher (state bird)
Binomial nomenclature: *Toxostoma rufum*
Year: 1928



State Bird: Bobwhite Quail (state game bird)
Binomial nomenclature: *Colinus virginianus*
Year: 1970



HAWAII

State Bird: Nēnē or Hawaiian Goose



Binomial nomenclature: *Branta sandvicensis*
Year: 1957

IDAHO

State Bird: Mountain Bluebird
Binomial nomenclature: *Sialia currucoides*
Year: 1931



ILLINOIS

State Bird: Northern Cardinal
Binomial nomenclature: *Cardinalis cardinalis*
Year: 1928



INDIANA

State Bird: Northern Cardinal
Binomial nomenclature: *Cardinalis cardinalis*
Year: 1933

IOWA

State Bird: Eastern Goldfinch, aka American Goldfinch
Binomial nomenclature: *Carduelis tristis*
Year: 1933



KANSAS

State Bird: Western Meadowlark
Binomial nomenclature: *Sturnella*



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Year: 1933

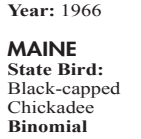
KENTUCKY

State Bird: Northern Cardinal
Binomial nomenclature: *Cardinalis cardinalis*
Year: 1942



LOUISIANA

State Bird: Brown Pelican
Binomial nomenclature: *Pelecanus occidentalis*
Year: 1966



MAINE

State Bird: Black-capped Chickadee
Binomial nomenclature: *Poecile atricapilla*
Year: 1927



MARYLAND

State Bird: Baltimore Oriole
Binomial nomenclature: *Icterus galbula*
Year: 1947



MASSACHUSETTS

State Bird: Black-capped Chickadee
Binomial nomenclature: *Poecile atricapilla*
Year: 1941

State Bird: Wild Turkey (state game bird)
Binomial nomenclature: *Meleagris gallopavo*
Year: 1991

MICHIGAN

State Bird: American Robin
Binomial nomenclature: *Turdus migratorius*
Year: 1931

MINNESOTA

State Bird: Common Loon
Binomial nomenclature: *Gavia immer*
Year: 1961



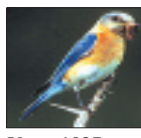
MISSISSIPPI

State Bird: Northern Mockingbird
Binomial nomenclature: *Mimus polyglottos*
Year: 1944

State Bird: Wood duck (state waterfowl)
Binomial nomenclature: *Aix sponsa*
Year: 1974

MISSOURI

State Bird: Eastern Bluebird
Binomial nomenclature: *Sialia sialis*
Year: 1927



MONTANA

State Bird: Western Meadowlark
Binomial nomenclature: *Sturnella neglecta*
Year: 1941

NEBRASKA

State Bird: Western Meadowlark
Binomial nomenclature: *Sturnella neglecta*
Year: 1941

NEVADA

State Bird: Mountain Bluebird
Binomial nomenclature: *Sialia currucoides*
Year: 1967

NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Bird: Purple Finch
Binomial nomenclature: *Carpodacus purpureus*
Year: 1957



NEW JERSEY

State Bird: Eastern Goldfinch
Binomial nomenclature: *Carduelis tristis*
Year: 1935



NEW MEXICO

State Bird: Roadrunner, aka Greater Roadrunner
Binomial nomenclature: *Geococcyx californianus*
Year: 1949



NEW YORK

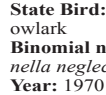
State Bird: Eastern Bluebird
Binomial nomenclature: *Sialia sialis*
Year: 1970

NORTH CAROLINA

State Bird: Northern Cardinal
Binomial nomenclature: *Cardinalis cardinalis*
Year: 1943

NORTH DAKOTA

State Bird: Western Meadowlark
Binomial nomenclature: *Sturnella neglecta*
Year: 1970



OHIO

State Bird: Northern Cardinal
Binomial nomenclature: *Cardinalis cardinalis*
Year: 1933

OKLAHOMA

State Bird: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



Binomial nomenclature: *Tyrannus forficatus*
Year: 1951

OREGON

State Bird: Western Meadowlark
Binomial nomenclature: *Sturnella neglecta*
Year: 1927

PENNSYLVANIA

State Bird: Ruffed Grouse
Binomial nomenclature: *Bonasa umbellus*
Year: 1931



Binomial nomenclature: *Bonasa umbellus*
Year: 1931

RHODE ISLAND

State Bird: Rhode Island Red Chicken
Binomial nomenclature: *Gallus gallus*
Year: 1954



SOUTH CAROLINA

State Bird: Northern Mockingbird (former state bird)
Binomial nomenclature: *Mimus polyglottos*
Year: 1939-1948



State Bird: Carolina Wren
Binomial nomenclature: *Thryothorus ludovicianus*
Year: 1948

State Bird: Wild Turkey (state wild game bird)
Binomial nomenclature: *Meleagris gallopavo*
Year: 1976

SOUTH DAKOTA

State Bird: Common Pheasant
Binomial nomenclature: *Phasianus colchicus*
Year: 1943



TENNESSEE

State Bird: Northern Mockingbird (former state bird)
Binomial nomenclature: *Mimus polyglottos*
Year: 1933



State Bird: Bobwhite Quail (state wild game bird)
Binomial nomenclature: *Colinus virginianus*
Year: 1987

TEXAS

State Bird: Northern Mockingbird (former state bird)
Binomial nomenclature: *Mimus polyglottos*
Year: 1927

UTAH

State Bird: California Gull
Binomial nomenclature: *Larus californicus*
Year: 1955



VERMONT

State Bird: Hermit Thrush
Binomial nomenclature: *Catharus guttatus*
Year: 1941



VIRGINIA

State Bird: Northern Cardinal
Binomial nomenclature: *Cardinalis cardinalis*
Year: 1950



State Bird: Wild Turkey (state game bird)
Binomial nomenclature: *Meleagris gallopavo*
Year: 1980

ALASKA

State Bird: Puffin
Binomial nomenclature: *Fratercula Arctica*
Year: 2010



ARIZONA

State Bird: Cactus Wren
Binomial nomenclature: *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*
Year: 1973

ARKANSAS

State Bird: Mockingbird, aka Northern Mockingbird



Binomial nomenclature: *Mimus polyglottos*
Year: 1929

CALIFORNIA

State Bird: California Quail
Binomial nomenclature: *Callipepla californica*
Year: 1931



COLORADO

State Bird: Lark Bunting
Binomial nomenclature: *Calamospiza melanocorys*
Year: 1931



CONNECTICUT

State Bird: American Robin
Binomial nomenclature: *Turdus migratorius*
Year: 1943



DELAWARE

State Bird: Blue Hen Chicken
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Year: 1939





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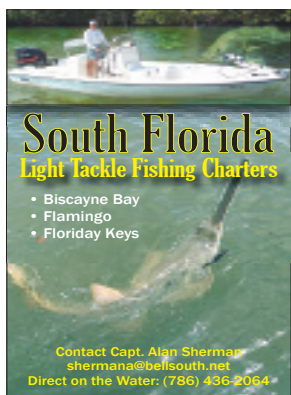
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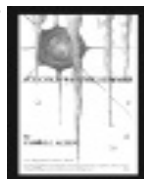
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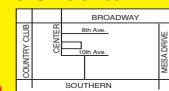
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DOVE HUNTING

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Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists said the early season half-day dove hunting restrictions were eliminated by the Game and Fish Commission this past June due to a number of changes the state has experienced.

"The half-day dove hunting restrictions were implemented in 1989 in response to declining numbers of both mourning doves and white-winged doves," said Mike Rabe, small game program supervisor.

Since that time, explained Rabe, dove hunting participation has declined and places to hunt doves near urban centers have also declined.

In addition, recent data indicates current harvest rates are low and doves are abundant.

Game and Fish conducted a hunter survey in March and a majority of hunters said they favor lifting the half-day hunt restrictions.

Rabe pointed out that removing the half-day restrictions also eliminates the need for

two hunting zones for the early dove season. "This sure makes it much more simple for our hunters, and us too."

Don't forget that once again this year, there is a juniors-only dove hunt at the Robbins Butte Wildlife Area near Buckeye on Sept. 4-5. Following the morning hunt each day, the Chandler Rod and Gun Club will be providing its famous pancake breakfast on site for the young hunters and their mentors.

Shooting stations will be assigned on a first-come, first-served process unless there

are more people desiring to participate than available shooting stations, then a drawing will be held at 4:45 a.m. But, those who routinely work the hunt say a drawing has never been necessary yet. It's a great time; bring your youngsters.

Also keep in mind that the late dove season is Nov. 19 through Jan. 2. "This late season is mourning doves only — all the white-winged doves will have migrated south. But, it's a much more leisurely hunt — the best times to hunt are in the late afternoon," Rabe said.

WOMEN

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DRAW RESULTS

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fall javelina hunts.

Hunters can obtain a leftover tag in person by filling out an application at any of the seven Arizona Game and Fish Department offices. A list of office locations is available at www.azgfd.gov/offices.

For a detailed listing of leftover permits, visit www.azgfd.gov/draw or call (623) 236-7702. For those who qualify, there are military hunts available for Fort Huachuca. Call (520) 533-2549 for additional information.

One Remaining Clinic

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 species-related conservation groups, and hunting organizations offer hunting clinics to help hunters have a successful hunt. Many of these clinics offer biology and ecology of the species; hunting tips and techniques; knowledgeable guest speakers, and other great information from experienced hunters.

At press time, the remaining clinic is Sept. 25: Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society Clinic.

For more details on this clinic, upcoming hunting camps for first-time hunters, and events hosted for families and juniors-only hunts, visit www.azgfd.gov/hunting.

TONTON

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keep the Park open into the future," he said.

Go to AZStateParks.com for more information about these partnerships and to get information about the September Board meeting. Or, call (602) 542-4174 if you have other questions.

Arizona's State Parks generate \$266 million per year for rural economies through the 2.3 million visitors to the parks each year. Join Facebook and Twitter social groups at AZStateParks.com to keep in the know about your State Parks.

BIRDS

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WASHINGTON

State Bird: Willow Goldfinch, aka American Goldfinch
Binomial nomenclature: *Carduelis tristis*
Year: 1951



WEST VIRGINIA

State Bird: Northern Cardinal
Binomial nomenclature: *Cardinalis cardinalis*
Year: 1950

WISCONSIN

State Bird: American Robin
Binomial nomenclature: *Turdus migratorius*
Year: 1949



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DROWNING

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who died in boating accidents, nearly 75 percent drowned.

In most cases, only one person made a

mistake but in all cases, others paid dearly for it.

Sign up for a safe boating class. Always wear a life jacket while on the boat. Don't drink and boat. Do these and you can safely say, "That'll never happen to me!"

LIFE JACKETS

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cream if they presented a coupon from the Auxiliary.

The above methods have been used and do stress the importance of wearing a life jacket. There is really no reason not to

wear a life jacket with the lightweight inflatables for sale today.

Nearly 75 percent of the 736 people who died in boating accidents in 2009 drowned, and 84 percent of those victims reportedly were not wearing a life jacket. Take a boating safety course and wear your life jacket.

ACCIDENTS

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5.8 deaths per 100,000 registered boats in 2009.

The top five contributing factors to the accidents included boat operator inattention and inexperience, excessive speed, improper lookout and alcohol consumption. The report states that alcohol consumption "continues to be of major concern" in fatal accidents, and was the leading factor in 16 percent of deaths.

In addition, a full 86 percent of boat operators involved in fatal accidents had not received boat safety instruction.

"Nearly 75 percent of the 736 people who died in boating accidents in 2009 drowned, and 84 percent of those victims reportedly were not wearing a life jacket," said Rear Adm. Kevin Cook, the Coast Guard's director of prevention policy. "The two most important things boaters can do to prevent the loss of life is to wear a life jacket and take a boater education course."

FUEL

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ventilated properly to remove fumes.

While Filling The Fuel Tank

- Keep the nozzle of the fuel-pump hose in solid contact with the tank opening to prevent producing a static spark.
- Use caution and fill the tank slowly to avoid spilling fuel into the boat's bilge or into the water. Use an oil-absorbent pad to catch drips or spills.
- Never fill a tank to the brim — leave room for fuel to expand.

After Fueling

- Put the fill cap on tightly to prevent vapors from escaping.

- Wipe up any spilled fuel and properly dispose of the used paper towels or rags on shore.

- Open all windows, ports, doors, and other openings.

- If your boat is equipped with a power ventilation system (exhaust blower), turn it on for at least four minutes before starting your engine. This will help eliminate fuel vapors in the bilge.

- Before starting the engine, sniff the bilge and engine compartment for fuel vapors. Continue ventilating until you cannot smell any fuel vapors. Consider installing a gas vapor detection and alarm device.

- Start the engine and then reload your passengers.

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