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Exciting Events Ring In The New Year

Join Us For The 51st AYC Birthday And 12th Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta

Gold-Medal paralympian headlines January Arizona regatta.

When a small band of sailors in the desert raises hundreds of thousands of dollars for a good cause, it's bound to draw attention. Now it's drawn the attention of Maureen McKinnon-Tucker, the first woman to represent the United States in sailing at the Paralympic Games.

McKinnon-Tucker will headline the 2011 Arizona Yacht Club Leukemia Cup Regatta, Jan. 14-16, speaking to over 400 sailors on Saturday night, Jan. 15, and benefiting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS).



Arizona Hosts The Opener

For the past 12 years, AYC has opened the national Leukemia Cup Regatta calendar on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend, pairing it with the club's long-running Birthday Regatta.

Since 2006, the event has expanded to three days, with the addition of the Friday Eventagram Centerboard Challenge for smaller boats. Despite the recession, last year AYC raised \$78,000 for LLS, bringing

the 12-year total in the fight against blood cancers to \$500,000.

"We are honored to have Maureen McKinnon-Tucker as our speaker at this year's Leukemia Cup Regatta," said Arizona Yacht Club Commodore Greg Jackson. "As an American paralympian yachtswoman, Maureen is a legend and an inspiration. Her story brings hope to anyone who has ever faced

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Thomas Nunes

Nunes Appointed To Lead Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs And Assoc. Development Efforts

WASHINGTON — Thomas Nunes, a Phoenix, Ariz., resident and long-standing champion of recreational boating safety, was appointed to serve as the Director of Public Affairs for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for a two-year term that began Nov. 1. Nunes will oversee all public affairs activities for the organization including serving as the primary liaison with the Coast Guard headquarters public affairs office.

"The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a tremendous organization with exception people who volunteer their time and resources toward keeping America's waterways safe," said Nunes. "I am truly

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ISE, Feb. 24-27

ESCAPE TO THE OUTDOORS IN FEBRUARY

The Fun, Fabulous ISE Comes Back To Phoenix

Don't miss your once-a-year chance to celebrate the outdoors with family and friends, capture show-priced bargains, and meet face-to-face with guides and lodge owners from nearby and around the world.

Now opening on Thursday, the Southwest's largest gathering for fishing, hunting and outdoor enthusiasts includes new features, seminars, contests and special events.

Yes, it's the 2011 version of the popular International Sportsmen's Expo set for Feb. 24 through 27 at the University of Phoenix Sta-

dium, 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, Ariz.

Here's a look at what's new along with some of the ISE Phoenix show favorites:

- **New Hollywood Gun Museum** display, presented by the National Rifle Association
- **DockDogs Jumping Contest**
- **Rifle & Gear Raffle**, presented by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- **3D Pop-Up Archery Range and Contest**

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Three Safety-Oriented Groups To Provide Kayak/Canoe Course

The Coast Guard Auxiliary, Maricopa County, and Arizona Game and Fish are teaming up to present an eight-hour NASBLA-sanctioned kayaking course. It will be the first venture of its kind and is sure to be a valuable safety event and — fun.

Did you know that, statistically, kayaking and canoeing are the most dangerous types of boating and that Lake Pleasant is one of the nation's most dangerous waterways?

The combination of these two facts, and the ever-growing popularity and easy access to paddling, brought the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation and the Arizona Game and Fish Department together to collaborate on a day-long kayaking

course that addresses the unique safety needs of paddlers.

This National State Boating Law Administrators-sanctioned course will offer both on-the-water and classroom instruction designed to get the novice paddler off on the right course.

When?

Sunday, Jan. 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where?

1. In the classroom from 8 a.m. to noon at the AZGFD Headquarters: 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086

2. On the water from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Huntsman

SAFETY FIRST — The Coast Guard Auxiliary, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation, and Arizona Game and Fish Department are teaming up on Sunday, Jan. 23 to present an eight-hour NASBLA-sanctioned kayaking course. It will be the first venture of its kind and is sure to be both valuably informative as well as fun.



Blue Sky News

SAN DIEGO SHOW TIME! — The San Diego Sunroad Boat Show features exciting land-side and in-water exhibits. See fantastic new and used boats and yachts, plus the latest products and services for boaters. Located on the east end of scenic Harbor Island in San Diego Bay, the show has plenty of parking available with free shuttle transports. Fun for the whole family, the San Diego Sunroad Boat Show at the Sunroad Resort Marina will have something for everybody who wants to see how affordable it is to experience the dream of owning your own vessel on San Diego's beautiful waterways. Show hours are from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 27 and 28; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30.

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1954 43' Chris-Craft Tri-Cabin



1971 21' Chris-Craft Scorpion



1973 21' Chris-Craft Scorpion



1954 36' Chris-Craft Commander

ROCK THE BOAT 2010: A SUMMARY

More Fun With Each New Addition

By Jim Allen

RTB has made great headway during 2010 including the acquisition of another vintage Chris-Craft.

The pictures are grouped in order of acquisition. The groups are divided with pictures from boat shows and radio shows. The boats are all Chris-Craft.

The first boat is the 1954 43' Tri-Cabin. The second boat is a 1971 21' Scorpion. The third boat is a 1973 36' Scorpion. The fourth boat is a 1954 36' Commander.

All of the Rock The Boat sponsors have gone above and beyond the call of duty in helping rebuild these beautiful old boats. They are listed below. If you are looking to do boating business please consider these businesses. They have shown to us over and over again that they are indeed professionals worthy of your patronage.



We would also like to give special thanks to the Chris-Craft Antique Boat Club members and particularly to Allen Benton. Benton has, on a regular basis, been willing to help us with his experience and expertise.

Progress was made in all areas, but the major development was the 1954 36' Chris-Craft Commander that arrived from San Diego. Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times brought another vintage Chris-Craft to Arizona for restoration as part of the Rock The Boat (501C3) project to benefit Superstition Search & Rescue. This will make the fourth vintage Chris-Craft to join the Rock The Boat (501C3) fleet. As these boats are completed, they will be auctioned with

proceeds going to Superstition Search & Rescue.

CFB Marine Group - along with John Campbell of The International Yellowtail Derby — put together a San Diego team to help save this 1954 36' Chris-Craft Commander. The boat has been donated

by Marina Cortez. It was hauled out at Driscoll's on Shelter Island. It was transported to its new home at Bartlett Lake by Ed Hale of Hale's Marine Service.

Lake Tahoe in Nevada has long been a home to these beautiful floating pieces of history. *Arizona Boating & Watersports/*

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Western Outdoor Times and the Rock The Boat Project hope to establish this tradition at Bartlett Lake in Arizona.

Rock The Boat sponsors have been great and the list keeps growing.



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Refreshen your boating safety knowledge

Proof of Ownership Required To Register

To register a vessel, you must provide as evidence of ownership a complete bill of sale, a signed Arizona Certificate of Number, a court decree, or an original Certificate of Origin. If the vessel was registered in another state, you must provide the original title or registration (if a non-title state).

- ◆ If a bill of sale is presented, it must include
 - Buyer's name and seller's name and signature
 - Manufacturer's name
 - HIN (vessels manufactured after 1972)
 - Previous registration number if applicable
 - Purchase price
 - Sales tax paid if purchased from a dealer or at an auction. A business purchasing a vessel for rental or resale must complete a tax exemption form. Call the AZGFD (602-942-3000) for questions regarding sales or use tax.
- ◆ If previously registered in Arizona, the Certificate of Number must be signed by the previous owner and the new owner must complete the application on back.
- ◆ If registered in another state, the original title or registration must be submitted with the back side completed.

Statewide Boating Education Classes

The calendar of 2011 classes is still being developed.

For more information go to:

www.azgfd.gov/boating or www.cgauz.org/boatinged/class_finder/index.html



All vessels except sailboards and certain racing shells or rowing skulls must have at least one wearable Type I, II, III or V life jacket that is U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved and of the proper size for each person on board. All life jackets must be in good and serviceable condition and must be readily accessible.

Weather Emergencies

Weather can change very rapidly and create unexpected situations for boat operators. Weather-related accidents in Arizona are on the rise, and even meteorologists have trouble predicting rapid weather changes. You should always monitor weather developments. One way is to tune to a VHF radio to the frequencies listed below. Then seek a protected area before the weather becomes a threat.

What To Do If Caught in Severe Weather

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

VHF Frequencies Broadcasting NOAA Weather Reports

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

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

Channel 6 Intership safety communications.

Channel 9 Communications between vessels (commercial and recreational), and ship to coast (calling channel in designated USCG Districts).

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

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

Channel 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.

Channel 24-28 Public telephone calls (to marine operator).

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

Channel 70 Digital selective calling "alert channel."

Falling Overboard

- ◆ **To prevent persons from falling overboard:**
 - Don't sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or any other area not designated for seating.
 - Don't sit on pedestal seats when under way at greater than idle speed.
 - Don't stand up on or lean out from the boat.
 - Don't move about the boat when underway
- ◆ **If someone on your boat falls overboard:**
 - Reduce speed and toss the victim a throwable PFD.
 - Have other passengers watch the victim.
 - Turn your boat around and slowly pull alongside the victim, approaching the victim from downwind or into the current, whichever is stronger.
 - Turn off the engine. Pull victim on board over the stern, keeping the weight in the boat balanced.

Hypothermia

- ◆ **If you are boating in cold water:**
 - Dress in several layers of clothing under your PFD or wear a wetsuit or drysuit.
 - Learn to recognize the symptoms of hypothermia. Symptoms begin with shivering and bluish lips and nails, and progress to a coma and, ultimately, death.
- ◆ **To reduce the effects of hypothermia:**
 - Put on a PFD if not wearing one. It helps you to float without excessive movement and insulates your body.
 - Get as much of your body out of the water as possible.
 - Don't take your clothes off unless necessary — clothes can help you float and provide insulation.
 - Don't thrash or move about. Excess motion consumes energy and increases loss of body heat.
 - Draw your knees to your chest and your arms to your sides, protecting the major areas of heat loss.
 - If others are in the water with you, huddle together with your arms around their shoulders.



Are you an outdoor enthusiast? Would you like to learn more about Arizona wildlife? Do you have outdoor skills you would like to share?

If you answered "yes," then the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Volunteer Program may be just right for you! Call us today for more information.

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Dredging In Progress At Lake Havasu's Bridgewater Channel



Lake Havasu Tourist & Visitors Bureau

DREDGE TO DEEPEN — The popular Bridgewater Channel of Lake Havasu will be better and deeper before the beginning of the new year. To address the concerns of boaters re: sediment deposits, the Lake Havasu City Public Works Department in late 2009 looked into correcting the problem with a proposed dredging operation at the critical channel entrance. The operation is nearly completed and will be ready for the influx of boaters, anglers, and watersports enthusiasts that begins in early spring.

Although spring and summer are still a ways off, things are already looking up for boaters visiting the pristine waters of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., and its world-famous London Bridge.

Each year, thousands of recreational boaters traverse the scenic Bridgewater Channel route past the Old English Village and under the fabled granite structure that was purchased from the City of London and relocated stone by stone at Lake Havasu back in 1967.

In recent years, however, sediment from natural run-off has been slowly depositing at the mouth of the southern end of the channel entrance, causing occasional navigation distress for some boaters who venture a bit too close to the shoreline.

"Lately, boaters not familiar with the entrance characteristics of the channel have been known to drag a propeller or scuff a hull bottom through the sand in certain places," commented Lake Havasu City Marine Association Director Jim Salscheider.

Bridgewater Channel Popular

"The problem was more irritating than serious, but it was something that needed to be corrected for the peace of mind of all

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For Holiday Gift-Giving, Think Boating Safety

From The Coast Guard Auxiliary

Puzzled about the perfect gift or stocking stuffers for the recreational boating family members and friends on your holiday gift-giving list? You can't go wrong by thinking boating safety. The gift ideas are almost endless and many are relatively inexpensive.



For Dad, how about a rearming kit for his inflatable life jacket, or one of the new variety of 12-gauge flare guns with attached assortment of flares? Of course, if you can afford a more expensive gift, a marine-band VHF radio or a portable, handheld EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) can be extremely useful while fishing or pleasure boating (be sure to register the EPIRB after purchase or rescuers may be delayed in responding).

Mom will be safe and stylish while sun bathing on the deck in a wrap-around-the-waist "belt pack lite" life jacket that won't interfere with her sun-tan maintenance. A CO2-charged fanny pack model also is available — it's unobtrusive yet readily accessible if the need arises.

For the kids, a new type-2 life jacket sized to your child's weight and sporting a neoprene collar will keep them safely afloat if they happen to fall overboard.

Stocking stuffer ideas might include —

- a Coast Guard-approved fire extinguisher,
- a first aid kit in a watertight container,

- nautical charts for areas the family likes to visit,
- or a signaling kit, including mirror, whistle and air-horn.

If it's been a while since your family coxswain has had a boating refresher course, your local Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla offers a number of inexpensive courses on such topics as —

About Boating Safety — This is an eight hour, in-depth boating safety course in which participants can earn a boating-safety identification card.

Boating Skills and Seamanship — A far more comprehensive course for those who want to go beyond the *About Boating Safety* class, this course covers such topics as choosing the right boat and equipment for your needs, trailering, boat handling and understanding the "highway" signs and rules of the nautical road, navigation, lines and knots and understanding weather — and much more.

GPS for Mariners — This is a modern learning experience that focuses on the GPS equipment typically owned by recreational boaters and helps an individual learn how to use a GPS for practical recreational boating.

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Weekend Navigator — This is a comprehensive course designed for both experienced and novice powerboat and sailboat operators to help the boating enthusiast hone the skills required for a safe voyage

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Your Engine Is Fine — It's The Fuel That's Causing The Problems

(Advertisement)

Boat mechanics are finding themselves dealing with a flood of frustrated owners who bring in their boats because the engine isn't running right or has a gummed-up carburetor or injectors, only to bring it back as soon as a month later with the same complaint. The problem is not the engines — it's the fuel.

The introduction of ethanol into fuel has caused a wide range of problems. While ethanol is a fuel, blending it with gasoline results in issues that are very often blamed on engines or the mechanics who maintain them: rough idling, hard starting, gummed-up injectors or carburetor jets and an overall loss of power and cruising range.

Even though marinas in many states are exempted from having to sell E10 fuel, not all marinas can obtain non-ethanol fuel. As a result, mechanics are reporting that the new blended fuels are raising havoc with boat engines because the fuel breaks down very quickly, forming gums too fast for traditional stabilizers to keep up.

Solution Is Simple

The "tried and true" marine-fuel stabilizers and additives that rely on 50-year-old technology just don't work with today's new fuels. They either cannot remove gum or they remove it in big chunks that end up causing clogs.

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aging process in order to keep fuel fresh and at peak combustibility even after long periods of storage. Its enzymes are particularly effective at cleaning the entire fuel delivery system to allow engines to once again perform at peak efficiency.

Gum formation is a major problem with ethanol-blended fuels. Because ethanol and gasoline do not chemically bond, E10 can begin to break down and form gums very quickly. As a result, engines that come out of the shop after expensive carburetor rebuilds or injector cleaning, but then sit idle for several weeks, may go right back to running poorly when they are finally used.

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Note: One ethanol problem that no additive can solve is the damage caused to rubber and plastic hoses and components. Over time, ethanol will damage these parts. The solution is to check the fuel lines and primer bulbs on a regular basis, replacing them immediately at the first sign of sponginess.

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These Are The Goals Of AZGFD Boating-Safety Instructors

Think about joining the crew as a volunteer.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Boating Safety Education program develops and delivers instruction and information through classes, events and presentations that are designed to enhance the boating skills, knowledge and abilities of citizens recreating on Arizona's waterways, thus promoting and enhancing their



safe and enjoyable recreational experience.

Boating Education Goals

1. Expand and enhance boating safety education, including development of an independent study course to promote safe and responsible boating.
2. Emphasize responsible boating behavior during appropriate Sportfishing Education courses and clinics.
3. Work with local organizations such as the Power Squadron, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, schools, Red Cross, Universities, hospitals, fire, police and sheriff's departments, military installations and other boating and water safety groups and clubs, multi-state cooperative efforts, private companies, The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, National Water Safety Congress, National Safe Boating Council, National Transportation Safety Board, Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Coast Guard's Office of Boating Safety to promote and support safe and responsible watercraft recreation.
4. Implement recommendations from the Department's watercraft team report.
5. Add a conservation component to all

watercraft education and outreach efforts.

How Do I Get On Board?

When: Ongoing. The boating-safety education program operates with volunteers and they are vital to its ongoing success.

Where: Volunteers decide where they want to teach (Phoenix Game and Fish department Headquarters is always a venue.)

Description: 35 to 40 applicants are needed for the position of volunteer boating education instructor. They should be at least 18 years of age and need to complete a volunteer instructor application. They should have already completed either the classroom or online Arizona Game and Fish Department's *Boat Arizona* course. The applicants will then be scheduled to attend the 16-hour instructor-training program. Upon successful completion of the training, a background investigation will be conducted prior to any candidate's receiving an appointment as a certified volunteer boating safety education instructor.

It is highly suggested that applicants have a solid boating background and experience, a basic knowledge of Arizona's waterways, boats, motors, trailering and safety equipment requirements as well as state and federal rules and regulations. Some teaching and/or public speaking experience will help as well. Certified instructors will be expected to teach, assist

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BRRR!!! GASP!! THE END! Don't Let The Thermometer Fool You

Do not let the temperature outside fool you. Cold water immersion and hypothermia can occur in water as cool as 70 degrees at any time of the year, even on a warm and sunny day.

Arizona winters are mild, and recreational boating is popular year-round, but an unexpected immersion into cold water can cause hypothermia and even lead to a life-threatening situation.

Entering extremely cold water causes an immediate gasp reflex that can fill the lungs with water. After falling overboard or entering the water, it is important to —

- Wear a life jacket, which will help keep your head above water or bring your body to the surface.

- Stay calm and move slowly.
- Don't try to take off clothing in the water (a common misconception is that heavy clothing or waders weigh down your body when in fact can trap air and help keep your body afloat);

- If your boat has capsized, stay with it. More than likely, it will not sink. It can be used as a platform to maneuver, so stay on top of it as much as possible, getting yourself out of the water and maintaining stability.

For more information, visit http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/BoatingEducationCategorypage.shtm

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May this beautiful season bring you happiness, peace, and love, Carol



LIGHT LINES

FISHING IN ARIZONA AND BEYOND



TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS!

Arizona Lakes Welcome The Trout

From Rory Aikens

Arizona Game & Fish Department

At press time, during the second week of December, the Page Spring Hatchery had stocked the following:

Tempe Town Lake, 3,760 rainbows, water temp 58 F.

Dead Horse Ranch, 3,008 rainbows, water temp 44F.

Canyon Lake, 3,760 rainbows, 59 F.

Verde River, 2,256 rainbows, 52 F.

Fain Lake, 1,105 rainbows, 43 F.

Fortuna Pond (Yuma), 1,320 rainbows, 62 F.

Yuma West Wetland, 880 trout, 58 F.

Redondo Pond (Yuma), 1,760 trout, 60 F.

Roper Lake, 3,807 rainbows, 53 F.

Cluff Pond, 1,293 trout, 48 F.

Graham City Pond, 235 trout, 48 F.

The next (mid-December) scheduled stockings include Oak Creek, Frances Short (Flagstaff), Parker Canyon Lake, Pena Blanca Lake, Patagonia Lake, Tempe Town Lake, Lower Salt River, and Saguaro Lake.

More Tips From Rory

My biggest tip for all outdoor enthusiasts is to look skyward at night for the annual Geminids meteor showers, especially

with a waxing crescent moon (full moon is Dec. 21). It can be spectacular in our Arizona night sky. For more information, here is a link to NASA's Space Weather http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2010/06dec_geminids/

Also keep in mind the winter solstice is Dec. 21, which marks the beginning of winter in the northern hemisphere and summer in the southern hemisphere. It's the shortest day of the year coupled with the longest night of the year (and a full moon as well).

On calm nights, night fishing for stripers can be productive at places like Pleasant and Havasu. With a million or so holiday lights near London Bridge,

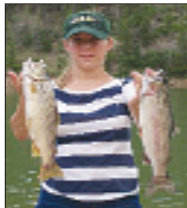


Tempe Town Lake

Havasu can be a dramatic place to fish during the holidays. By the way, seeing meteors streaking across the winter sky while being reflected in the mirror-like water is spectacular.

With most of the country feeling the cold effects of an arctic chill down, we in Arizona can count our blessings with daytime temperatures in the 70s. It's great

weather to get out fishing and hunting. Don't forget that our tree squirrel season now lasts until Dec. 31. We did that so youngsters on their winter break can go hunt squirrels.



Moggon Rim

Give Fishing Memories This Holiday Season

If you want a special gift for your family and friends, take them fishing this holiday season.

"Take time during the hectic holidays to reconnect with your family, friends and nature," recommends Rory Aikens, the fishing report editor for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "The memories might last a lot longer than most toys or other gifts."

You can reel in some superb trout fishing opportunities in town, close to town and not far out of town.

The Urban Program lakes are routinely stocked with trout. By the way, almost next door to the **Pagayo Ponds** (a blue ribbon urban bass fishery), you can go see the Las Noches de Las Luminarias at the Desert Botanical Gardens or go visit the Zoo Lights.

Tempe Town Lake is also a good hol-

iday catch. The Game and Fish Department is doing an extra stocking of rainbows just before the winter school break.

Both Canyon and Saguaro lakes are also stocked with trout during winter and you might also catch some pretty nice bass or take a scenic ride on an old paddle wheeler. The desert bighorn sheep are making a comeback in the area and you might just see them.

Game and Fish also stocks trout in the lakes around **Prescott**, which is a great community to catch plenty of Yuletide spirit around the Courthouse Square.

The Verde River from Cottonwood to Camp Verde is also stocked with rainbows, as is **Dead Horse Ranch State Park** near Cottonwood.

"This is also a wonderful time of year to explore nearby ancient Indian ruins at Tuzigoot and Montezuma's Castle once you've filled your creel full of fishing memories," Aikens advised.

Oak Creek provides plenty of scenic fishing opportunities for both novice and veteran anglers. You can also experience lingering autumn colors along with Sedona's Red Rock Fantasy Lights.

Trout are stocked along **Casino Row** below **Davis Dam** and some lucky anglers are even reeling in some 20- to 22-

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AT THE RAIL

San Diego Angler, Author Publishes New Book On Long-Range Fishing

At *The Rail: Long Range Fishing* by well-known San Diego angler and fishing writer, Bill Roecker is one of the heaviest,

best-illustrated books on long-range fishing available today. It's about the best bites ever seen, the closest calls, oddest events, the most gratifying results and heart-breaking losses of the original extreme sport.



At The Rail shows fishing for giant yellowfin tuna, and wahoo, dorado, yellowtail and other species. This is a landmark saltwater book for the general audience, with high-quality color photos, location and tackle, war stories from fishermen, the most significant catches, details of record fish and Roecker's personal long-range adventures over the past 30 years — a must-have for all ocean anglers.

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Bartlett Lake

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Fly-Fishing Book Celebrates Great Smoky Mountain National Park Anniversary

ROCK HILL, S.C. Oct. 30, 2009 — Jim Casada, one of America's premier outdoor writers, who has fly fished the storied trout streams of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park since age 9, has captured this life-long experience and love of the park in his latest book, *Fly Fishing in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park — An Insider's Guide to a Pursuit of Passion*.

Casada, who has waded the hundreds of miles of wild trout water in the nation's most-visited national park, said he wrote the book to help celebrate the Park's 75th Anniversary and considers it to be his masterpiece.

Jim Casada is a widely published author whose work has appeared in virtually all the major national and regional outdoor magazines. He has written more than 4,000 magazine features as well as having written or edited more than 40 books. Fly fishing for trout has been a significant focus of his work, which includes two previous books in the field, the award-winning *Modern Fly Fishing* and *Beginner's Guide to Fly Fishing*, along with articles for magazines such as *Trout*, *Eastern Fly Fishing*, *Fly Fisherman*, *North American Fisherman*, *Salmon-Trout-Steelhead*, and many others.

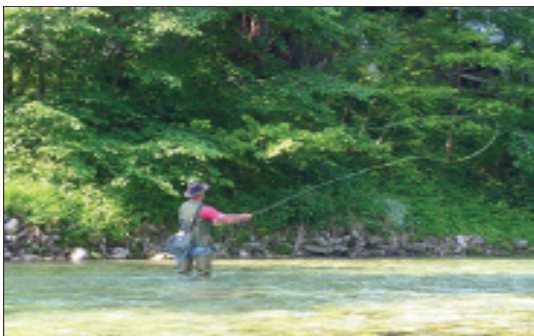
Past president of the Outdoor Writers Association of America and the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association, Casada is the recipient of more than 150 regional or national awards for his writing and photography, and was honored by the Federation of Fly Fishermen with a Lifetime Membership and its Arnold Gingrich Memorial Award for contributions to the literature of fly fishing, and has been recognized by the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association with its most prestigious service award. He has taught fly fishing in the University of Tennessee's Smoky Mountain Field School for more than 20 years and has led dozens of angling trips to Montana, Wyoming, and other destinations.

Inaugural 'Big Bass Bash' Set For March 25-27 At Pickwick Lake

The Association of Collegiate Anglers have announced that Florence/Lauderdale Tourism will host the newly created "Big Bass Bash" at Pickwick Lake on March 25-27. The event is open to all institutionally recognized college fishing clubs and becomes the third major, nationally televised event of the 2011 BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship Series.

This unique event will feature hourly weigh-ins with prizes awarded for first, second and third place each hour, plus additional awards for the three biggest bass overall. The Big Bass Bash will also be one of several BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship Series events that qualifies for a number of sponsor incentive awards from

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TO CATCH A TROUT — in the Great Smoky Mountains is the focus of this and much more in Jim Casada's new book: *Fly Fishing in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park — An Insider's Guide to a Pursuit of Passion*. This would make an excellent gift for a fly fisherman from any area of the country.

Fly Fishing in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park: An Insider's Guide to a Pursuit of Passion, is available in both paperback and hardback formats. The 448-page book contains 52 chapters covering every major Park stream as well as equipment, tactics and techniques, safety issues, "Seasons of the Smokies," recipes for trout, and an extensive annotated bibliography. Copies can be ordered using PayPal by visiting www.jimcasadaoutdoors.com <<http://www.jimcasadaoutdoors.com>>

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- Long-range history, best trips over 30 years
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Book Signing

Here's a chance to get your signed copy — a don't-miss, one-time event. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18, Roecker will be signing books in the tackle store at Fisherman's Landing, 2838 Garrison Street in the Point Loma area of San Diego.

Parking at the Landing is no problem in December; there are lots of spaces.



Lake Powell

TROUT

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inch monsters amidst a winter wonderland of neon lights.

A holiday trek to **Lake Havasu** might net you some ferocious smallmouth or striped bass and also gaze at a million or so colorful lights around London Bridge.

Willow Beach below Hoover Dam is also stocked with rainbows. There is a new fishing pier that provides anglers with very good opportunities to catch trout, and maybe even a huge striped bass or two. You might even find a holiday float trip through Black Canyon to be a special holiday experience.

Your favorite trout angler might also treasure another gift — a guided fishing trip to Arizona's most famous trout fishery, **Lee's Ferry**. The rainbow trout are beginning to don their crimson-sided spawning colors. Experiencing a wild trout dancing on the end of the line in the spectacular Marble Canyon Gorge is the memory of a lifetime.

"Fill your stockings with outdoor memories this holiday season. You might also discover it is the best "Ho, Ho, Ho" for the buck. Or is that reindeer?" Aikens pondered.



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TRACKING: PART 3 OF 3

A Good Track Is As Rewarding As A Good Hunt

By Mike Wallace

Discouragement can be a big part of hunting. It causes us to do one of two things: give up or motivate us to learn how to do better. Tracking can get discouraging and most people give up too soon because they don't have the right tools.

This is the neat thing about the lows of discouragement; they make the highs of success much more memorable! Don't give up until you have no other option. A good track is as rewarding to me as a good hunt.

Let's Review

Let's go back a little and review. You have shot at an animal. The first five things you need to do are —

- 1) Mark where you are standing (most use flagging tape).
- 2) Make a mental note where your game was standing.
- 3) Note which direction it ran.
- 4) Mark the spot it was hit and confirm and mark where it was standing.
- 5) Look for the first blood sign.

Did You Even Hit It?

What happens if you don't know if you even hit your target? If you have fired your weapon at an animal, you should pay attention to the way that animal is posturing.

There are signs of an animal's being hit: hunching up slightly, head down as it runs, running down hill at an unusually slow pace, kicking or biting at a spot on its body — basically anything the animal does that is not normal could be an indi-



TALKING TRACKING — Archery hunter Mike Wallace, shown with his hunting friend Dwayne Rogers, says, "Tracking is an art. Learn it well and then teach it. Hunting is an honorable sport as long as we honor and respect the animals that we are hunting. Don't let a life be wasted because of discouragement or for lack of knowledge."

cation that it was hit. Go confirm and mark any sign.

There are many things you can do to make tracking your game easier. Try to resist celebrating — especially vocally — a well-placed shot; it will make the "feel-safe" distance farther away for your game.

When on a track, don't walk on your evidence; walk to the side. Walking on it will destroy what evidence you do have. After you have marked your first blood and have waited the appropriate time, do

a hasty search.

Go to where you think the animal has gone down and quickly look to see if it went down rapidly just out of view.

Talking Tracks

Let's talk a little about tracks. Sometimes tracks are the only clues you have. They can be tricky; it's another one of those skills that we all need to get better at.

One thing that might help you is to remove that mental picture of a full track.

You rarely have a nice laid-out trail of full imprints.

Instead, look for discolorations of the ground or disruptions in the ground like scrape marks, wet sides up on leaves, sticks or pine needles, dark dirt or particles of dark dirt on the upside of leaves, sticks, or pine needles.

Dark dirt is dirt that is made darker from moisture. As you follow tracks, you learn a lot about the condition of your prey. Is it walking in a straight line or are its prints staggering and swaying? He will have one stride length and hoof alignment for his run and one for his walk; they will change as he weakens.

The Right Thing To Do

Marking your trail with flagging tape is very effective; it not only gives you a reference to return to when the trail is lost, but also it also gives you a good direction of travel and an easy trail to follow out. (As you do follow it out, remove the tape; it takes years for the markers to break down and this is just the right thing to do.)

Tracking is an art — one that I personally hope master before the legs get weak and eyes go dim. I hope these three articles have been of help to at least some of you.

Learn tracking well and then teach it. Hunting is an honorable sport as long as we honor and respect the animals that we are hunting. Don't let a life be wasted because of discouragement or for lack of knowledge; take this basic information and learn.

And, put some meat on the table for those future trackers of yours.

Questions? E-mail me at wallysfishing.com.

Hunters, Anglers Are At High Risk of Drowning

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Hunters and fishermen in small boats pose the highest risk for drowning. In cool weather, pleasure boaters dwindle and lakes and rivers play host to hunters and fisherman.

Many times, these outdoorsmen don't see themselves as "boaters." They are hunters and fishermen. The boat is simply a tool of the trade — little more than a means to the end of bringing home dinner, a trophy, or a good fish story.

Hunters and anglers rarely take a safe boating classes offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary or the U.S. Power Squadron or the Arizona Game & Fish Department. Wearing a life jacket is often viewed as uncomfortable and in the way.

Another point: Small craft are often unstable. Their center of gravity is altered by small movements. Falling overboard is easy, even without a collision, bad weather, or high speeds.

People sometimes stand in a boat, raising the boat's center of gravity and reducing the boat's stability. As the boat shifts and rocks, passengers may lose their balance and fall into the water. The water is cool enough to trigger a gasp reflex upon sudden immersion. As people inhale water, they begin to drown.

Further, hunters and fisherman spend much of their time in shallow water around standing timber, submerged rocks, and logs as these are a great habitat in which to locate (or hide from) their quarry. Unfortunately, falling headfirst from a standing position into shallow water around rocks and logs is a very good way to be knocked unconscious and drown. A person can also hit one's head on the gunwales of his or her own boat.

Don't drink and fish or hunt. Balance will be impaired and resistance to hypothermia be reduced. Judgment will be diminished — a deadly mix. Save the alcohol for when you get home with your catch or harvest.

Small craft are often unstable. Their center of gravity is altered by small movements. Falling overboard is easy, even without a collision, bad weather, or high speeds.

Remember to always wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket when in a boat. Having one on board but stowed under the seat won't help you in the water.

Fish or hunt with a buddy. It's more fun, and there's someone there to help you if there's a problem. When alone, you could be in serious trouble for a long time before anyone even misses you.

File a Float Plan. Make sure someone knows where you are, and when you're expected back.

Take a safe-boating class and get a vessel safety check.

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Heritage Fund Benefits Wildlife And Arizona

One of the most beneficial sources of funding for Arizona's wildlife and outdoor recreationists is the Heritage Fund. Passed overwhelmingly by voters as a ballot initiative in 1990 by a 2-1 ratio, the fund provides up to \$10 million each year from lottery proceeds to the Arizona Game and Fish Department for the conservation and protection of the state's wildlife and natural areas.

Because Game and Fish receives no Arizona tax dollars to cover its operating budget, the Heritage Fund is critical to recovering or sustaining Arizona's unique native wildlife and to managing more than 800 species. The fund's impact is multiplied through its use as a match for federal dollars.

Just some of the benefits the Heritage Fund has provided include recovery and conservation efforts for some of the state's imperiled wildlife (including Apache trout, Gila trout, bald eagles and California condors); programs that support public land access to hunters and outdoor recreationists; representation of Arizona's interests with regard to wildlife conservation, land use and water policy decisions; and research to identify wildlife corridors, reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions on



Mike Wallace

IT'S OUR HERITAGE — Passed in 1990 by a 2-1 vote ratio, Arizona's Heritage Fund has provided up to \$10 million each year from lottery proceeds to the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Among many programs that have benefited from the Heritage Fund are programs that support public land access to hunters and outdoor recreationists as well as programs aimed at wildlife conservation.

roadways, and assist planners in ensuring a wildlife legacy for future generations.

More information will continue to be

provided in future issues of Game and Fish communications about the many benefits to Arizonans of the Heritage Fund.

Congratulations! AZGFC Honors Award Winners

Mark your calendar to attend the annual Arizona Game and Fish Commission Awards Banquet on Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 2532 W. Peoria Ave. in Phoenix.

The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the awards ceremony.

The cost is \$55 for an individual, or \$500 for a table of 10 (a \$50 savings over the cost of the seats if purchased individually).

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The Commission Awards are given an-

nually to recognize Arizonans who have contributed to the welfare of Arizona's wildlife, its outdoor heritage, and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

This year's award winners, who will be formally recognized at the banquet, are — **Award of Excellence** — **Wink Crigler** **Youth Environmentalist of the Year** — **Brad Garr**

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Conservationist of the Year — **Brian Dolan**

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Volunteer of the Year — **Mark Adkins** **Mentor of the Year** — **Eddie Corona**

Advocate of the Year — **George Rein-**

Habitat Stewardship Award — **Duane Coleman**

For more information about the banquet, visit www.azgfd.gov/inside_azgfd/commission_awards.shtml.

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Ingredients

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- 2 carrots, scraped and sliced
- 2 stalks celery with leaves, chopped
- 6 parsley sprigs, minced
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 8 whole peppercorns
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 whole cloves, or substitute nutmeg
- 1/2 cup wine vinegar
- 2 cups port wine, or Bordeaux
- 1/2 cup olive oil (Olio Santo is nice)
- 6-8 chunks of salt pork

Preparation

Make 6-8 small slits in the roast and shove some crushed garlic and salt pork into each of the slits. (Sometimes an elk roast comes in a couple pieces, so you can just sandwich the salt pork and garlic between the two large pieces and then use some toothpicks to fasten some additional

salt pork chunks on top and hold everything together.)

After this, it's on to the marinade. Blend all the other ingredients together in a large bowl. Stir well and let flavors blend before adding the meat. Marinate over-night, preferably refrigerated. Turn the meat at least twice. There should be enough marinade for about five pounds of meat.

Cook in the slow cooker on **low** for 8-10 hours. After you get back from chasing wild animals around all day, you'll have a delicious one waiting for you back at camp — slow-cooked to perfection.

Servings: 6-8

Time Involved

Prep Time: 24 hours

Cook Time: 8 hours

Total Time: 32 hours

This recipe comes via outdoorsman Rod Trewek — who has varied the recipe somewhat — courtesy of one found in "Butte's Heritage Cookbook" out of Butte, Mont. Trewek uses a propane slow cooker, but he says this could be done over a campfire's coals with a small roast wrapped in foil. He does some of the prep ahead of time before leaving home.



Victorian-Style Holidays Grace Fort Verde State Historic Park

Through Jan. 3, Fort Verde State Historic Park will be decorated for the holidays. Visitors can glance into the past and see how those who once resided at Fort Verde celebrated the holidays on the frontier.

Trees and fireplace mantels are adorned with unique Victorian decorations, pine wreaths and garlands that add to the festive programs at the park.

Dec. 17 and 18, come join in the festivities as Fort Verde will host Candlelight Tours from 6-8:30 p.m. Re-enactors dressed in period clothing will provide guided tours, along Officer's Row with hot chocolate and light refreshments to follow.

Fort Verde State Historic Park is the best-preserved example of an Indian Wars period fort in Arizona. Spanning from 1865 through 1890 Camp Lincoln, Camp Verde and finally Fort Verde were home to officers, doctors, families, enlisted men and scouts.

Today, visitors can experience three historic house museums, the Commanding Officer's Quarters, Bachelors' Quarters and Doctor's Quarters on Officer's



row — all furnished in the 1880s period and holiday grace.

These Arizona treasures are currently listed on the National and State registers of Historic Places due to their unique ar-



chitectural and historic significance.

In the former Administration building, the Park offers visitors interpretive exhibits with period artifacts on military life, Indian Scouts and Indian Wars history.

Fort Verde State Historic Park is located at 125 E. Holloman Street in Camp Verde, Ariz. Park Entrance Fee is \$4 per person for those aged 14 and older; \$2.00 for youth 6-13; 6 and under are free.

Arizona State Parks offers a free Annual Pass to disabled veterans living in Arizona for those qualified at 100 percent disability. Active military personnel will enjoy a reduced park entrance fee of 50 percent off.

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. Follow us on Twitter/Facebook at AZStateParks.



A NEW 'OLD WEST'

Opened earlier this fall, The Western Discovery Museum (WDM) is located in Arizona's newest incorporated Town of Tusayan near the south entrance at Grand Canyon National Park. The Western Discovery Museum's inaugural exhibitions invite visitors to explore the twinned threads of observation and imagination, romance and reality that have long been integrated into the fabric of western history and culture. Guests are introduced to some of the fascinating imagery and icons that have given rise to a vision of the West that has captivated the imaginations of thousands of people for more than a century. It is managed by the non-profit organization Scottsdale Museum of the West. Winter (through Feb. 28) hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., daily. For further information, please contact John Dillon, WDM Director, at (928) 638-0333, or john.dillon@westerndiscoverymuseum.org.



FRESH AIR — Serving the needs of RVers and RV manufacturers alike, MaxxAir Vent Corp introduces its new MaxxFan Standard, Model 4700K with wall control. This company is well known in the aftermarket accessories segment of the industry.

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Contact local dealers or Shurhold, 3119 SW 42nd Ave., Palm City, FL 34990. 800-962-6241; Fax: 772-286-9620. www.shurhold.com/rv.

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Marge Allen, *Birding Editor*



THE BELOVED CARDINAL

This 'Merry Christmas Bird' Ranges Far And Wide

Long beloved as a symbol of Christmas cheer, the Cardinal is unique in appearance and so is a very easy bird to identify. Its peaked head (known to birders as a crested head) and vibrant scarlet color stand out in any landscape.

Bird watchers know that providing a bird feeder for Cardinals is the best way to ensure visits from these delightful birds. Even in the deep snows of Canada and the northeastern United States, Cardinals remain at their homes all winter.

Their nest is a cup set low in shrubbery and contains three to four light green eggs. Immature birds are buff in color.

For most inhabitants of the western United States, travel is necessary for sighting Cardinals. Bird watching tours to Baja or Arizona are sure to include a glimpse of these remarkable birds.

In Northern California, the bird closest in appearance to the Cardinal is the Cedar Waxwing, sharing the Cardinal's general shape and crested head.

Count yourself lucky if the beautiful Cardinal is a backyard bird where you live! In fact, if you see one, count that sighting as a Christmas gift to yourself.

Latin Name: *Cardinalis cardinalis*



Size: 7 1/2" - 9"

Color: Male — brilliant red with black face and throat and red bill. Female — tan with lesser red markings on crest, wings, and tail.

Voice: Whistles *cheer cheer* and calls *tsp.*

Habitat: Gardens, woodlands, streams, and mesquite regions.

Range: From the Colorado River valley of California through southern Arizona to Baja and Mexico. Nearly all of the eastern United States. Introduced to Los Angeles and Hawaii.

Bird Feeder? The Cardinal is an excellent birdfeeder guest. Being a non-migratory bird, a supplemental food supply can be a tremendous help to the Cardinal in winter.

Outdoor Recreationists Asked To Help Bald Eagles During Breeding Season

Each year as part of its highly successful program to manage and conserve bald eagles in the state, the Arizona Game and Fish Department asks outdoor recreationists to help protect important eagle breeding areas by honoring the closure of 21 areas across the state.

Various land and wildlife management agencies close the breeding areas for part of the year, beginning in December, to protect the state's 52 breeding pairs of bald eagles. Some of the closure areas are located near popular recreation sites.

"Bald eagles are continuing to do well in Arizona, but they are sensitive to human activity during the breeding season and it can take as little as 30 minutes of leaving the eggs uncovered for a breeding attempt to fail," says Kenneth Jacobson, head of the Arizona Game and Fish Department Bald Eagle Management Program. "Cooperation from outdoor recreationists during the breeding season has helped the population continue to grow."

The bald eagle was federally listed as an endangered species in 1978. Nationally, the birds recovered enough to be removed from the list in 2007.

In December, Arizona bald eagles



begin rebuilding nests in preparation for laying eggs. During this time, land and wildlife management agencies enact the seasonal breeding area closures. Bald eagles nest, forage and roost at the rivers and lakes that have become some of Arizona's most popular recreation spots, and this time of year can be challenging for the birds.

Game and Fish's bald eagle management efforts are supported by the Heritage Fund, an initiative passed 20 years ago to provide for wildlife education and conservation through Arizona lottery ticket sales.

New! 2011 Urban Fishing Program Guidebook

Due to the popularity of last year's 25th anniversary special edition *Guidebook of the Urban Fishing Program*, we've decided to continue in 2011. Copies of the 2011 *Urban Fishing Program Guidebook* are now available for free from Game and Fish Department offices or any of our 330 sporting goods or retail license dealers statewide.

So, pick up a guidebook and grab an extra one to pass on to a friend. The attractive, high quality books were designed to make it easier for anglers of all ages and

abilities to figure out where to fish, when to fish, how to fish, what to fish with and much more.

Major features of the guidebook include —

- the 2011 weekly fish stocking calendar,
- license requirements and how the Urban Fishing Program works,
- lake and park maps with family friendly park amenities, and
- fishing tips with a fishing-equipment checklist.

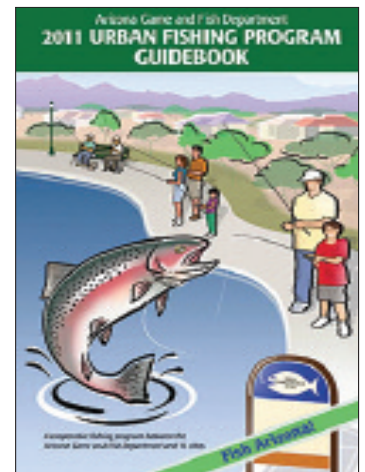
Holiday Checklist Reminders

The new 2011-2012 Arizona (statewide) Fishing Regulation booklets will be arriving at license dealers statewide before Christmas.

After Dec. 31, you will need a 2011 license to fish. Purchase your 2011 Urban Fishing license (\$18.50), or, for good value, buy the Super Conservation Fishing license (\$53 residents, \$63 non-residents) that covers all urban waters, state waters and trout fishing privileges (it covers everything!).

Licenses are now available at 330 license dealers, Game and Fish offices, or online at www.azgfd.gov. All anglers age 14 and over must purchase a license to fish in Arizona's statewide or Urban waters.

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ETHANOL 101

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT E10 / ETHANOL FUEL

4 MAIN PROBLEMS WITH E10 / ETHANOL FUEL

PROBLEM 1: DEBRIS IN FUEL

Gums rapidly form in the fuel tank and fuel delivery systems as ethanol fuels age. However, ethanol is also a powerful solvent that will strip away and disperse this build up back into the fuel as large, performance-robbing particles. This leads to clogged filters, injectors and carburetors.

STAR TRON® SOLUTION: Star Tron®'s enzymes break down debris into sub-micron sized particles that can be easily burned during the combustion process, restoring full performance.

PROBLEM 2: EXCESSIVE WATER IN THE FUEL AND PHASE SEPARATION

Ethanol attracts moisture from the atmosphere, forming an ethanol/water solution mixed in the gasoline. E-10 fuel will naturally hold .5% water in suspension, but when water levels exceed this threshold, or when the fuel cools significantly, the water/ethanol mix drops out of suspension. This is phase separation. Excessive water in the fuel tank causes engines to run rough, stall, and can lead to internal damage to engine components. Ethanol provides a significant amount of the fuel's octane, so when the ethanol/water solution separates and drops to the bottom of the tank, the remaining fuel is left without enough octane to properly operate the engine. Additionally, the ethanol/water solution can become partially combustible, which can lead to engine damage.

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PROBLEM 3: ETHANOL FUELS BREAK DOWN QUICKLY

Over a short period of time ethanol fuel begins to break down. As ethanol and other components evaporate, the fuel loses octane and becomes "stale." This causes hard starts, pinging and engine knock, which robs your engine of power and can cause damage.

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PROBLEM 4: ETHANOL CAUSES LOST POWER, PERFORMANCE AND DECREASED FUEL ECONOMY

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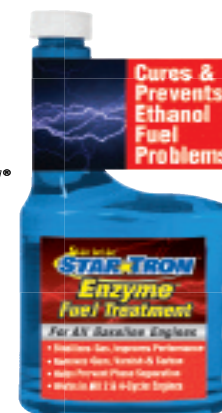
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Be careful of what additive you use – many contain alcohol. Adding more alcohol to ethanol fuels can lead to engine problems. Read the MSDS of any fuel additive before using it with ethanol fuel. Star Tron® does not contain any alcohol and is 100% safe for use in all ethanol blends. Star Tron® is easy to use, effective and cannot be overdosed.



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on a variety of waters and under a variety of conditions.

Some of the most valuable gifts don't cost anything but a few minutes of your time. For example, you can schedule a free vessel safety check with your local Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla at a marina near you. To find a flotilla in your area, simply log on to cgaux.org/units.html

No matter what level of enthusiasm or

how many years your family mariner has been boating, any of these items can help make boating a safer, more enjoyable experience. Consider giving the boating enthusiast in your family a life-saving gift this holiday season.



Editor's Note: Another great stocking stuffer idea is the boating-safety DVD "Splash" from the Arizona Game & Fish Department.

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SENIORS' MOMENTS — Claire Ferro anchored two relays for Northern Arizona Swimming and Diving and touched out New Mexico State both times in the Lumberjacks' 170-130 win at the Wall Aquatic Center on Dec. 4. Ferro, along with eight of her teammates, were honored on Senior Day in the team's last home event of the season. "It is big for the seniors and big for everyone on our team to get a win like that against New Mexico State," said Head Coach Andy Johns. "This class had not beaten them before. They are a tough team and brought out the best in us. We had great senior leadership on the boards as usual ... All of our seniors were great leaders today ..."

Grand Canyon Meanderings

By **Rory Kenyon Aikens**

Dawn dancing across the grand defile
Bathes buttes and mesas in rainbow style,
Pinnacles stretch their red-stained spires
To stab cloud shadows without denial.

With sun traversing low the sky
Upon the winter solstice lies,
Slanting rays of God's light reveal
Where quiet sandstone hues reply.

A bright angel lodges against the rim,
Colter's magic resides deep within
Or towers to treat a watchful gaze
While hermits rest idly without sin.

We launch our hike in rim fresh snow,

Our course is narrow, winding, slow,
Whilst Indians garden wayfaring souls
Phantoms dwell with angels far below.

Trekking across steep epoch rock
Boots whisper across an eternal clock
Where eroding eons sculpture and wait
To translate inaudible Toroweap talk.

The bottom quest is flowing near,
We tunnel through our Supai fear
Hope stretches across the rushing void,
The serpent's red breadth we hear.

We ventured deep the soul of man,
To fathom nature as best we can,
And along the way we met ourselves,
Meandering canyons for themselves.

©**Rory Aikens**

DREDGING

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boaters. Unquestionably, the Bridgewater Channel is the most popular gathering place for boaters on the lake and we want it to remain that way."

To address the concerns, the Lake

Havasu City Public Works department looked into correcting the problem in late 2009 with a proposed dredging operation at the critical channel entrance.

"The last time the Bridgewater Channel was dredged was back in 1996, 25 years after the Bridge and Channel were officially opened to the public," commented Mark Clark, Public Works director for the City of Lake Havasu.

"When the project was last done in 1996, more than 100,000 cubic yards of sediment were removed which restored the entire channel to its original depth. This time, however, we are doing a more area specific dredging, and intend on only removing about 7,500 cubic yards of build-up at the southern-most end. This will alleviate the problem for boaters from running aground. We are also initiating some additional measures to mitigate future localized run-off and sediment build-up in that critical area."

Ready For Visitors

Following a lengthy permitting process, dredging commenced in mid-November 2010 and is expected to be completed before Christmas — well in advance of the spring and summer crowds of recreational boaters who flock to this desert oasis annually for boating, fishing and all types of watersports.

"When the bulk of our boaters return for fun this spring, I'm sure they will appreciate the effort and resources allocated by the city to keep our channel wide and deep," remarked Salscheider. "Lake Havasu is a boater friendly destination and it's our duty to maintain that reputation. Boating is our lifeblood here in Lake Havasu and we never take it for granted."

For additional information regarding Lake Havasu City recreational opportunities, tourism and events, please log on to www.golakehavasu.com or call the Lake Havasu Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 242-8278.



DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid-Dec.



BEYOND ARIZONA

ANNUAL BIG BAY WHALE DAYS FESTIVAL: Jan. 22 — At the new Port Pavilion at the foot of Broadway, San Diego; Maritime Museum of San Diego: (619) 234-9153.

CHALLENGED AMERICA HOLIDAY PARTY & OPEN HOUSE: Dec. 18, 4 – 8 p.m. 2240 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego

MARINA DEL REY TO PUERTO VALLARTA INTERNATIONAL RACE SERIES: Starts Feb. 11 — Marina del Rey Yacht Club, Calif.

YACHTFEST: April 2011 — San Diego, 5th Ave. Landing, behind Convention Center; nwilson@marinegroupbw.com; (619) 857-4000

BOATING

7TH ANNUAL RC MODEL BOAT RACE: Feb. 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. — Lake Havasu City, Bridgewater Channel, 9 a.m. – 4 pm, (928) 453-6222 or www.golakehavasu.com

COMMENTS RE: DIRECTOR'S ORDERS + AZ AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN: Jan. 10 deadline — Available for viewing at www.azgfd.gov/mussels. Written comment can be submitted at the public meeting or by e-mail to AIScomments@azgfd.gov. For more information, visit www.azgfd.gov/mussels. For questions, contact Tom McMahon at tmcmahon@azgfd.gov or (623) 236-7271.

ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP: April 16 — george@tingom.com

51ST AYC BIRTHDAY AND 12TH ANNUAL LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA: Jan. 14-16 — Lake Pleasant, www.arizonayachtclub.org.

HAVASU POCKET CRUISERS: Feb. 14 through 21 — London Bridge Resort and Convention Center; www.sailhavasu.com

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

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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

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will receive a Turtles Project sponsor kit, which includes a personalized sponsorship certificate and a photo of a turtle in the chosen sponsorship level.

Visit www.azgfd.gov/turtles for more information.

Donations to the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center — The Arizona Game

BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN: Jan. 28-30 — Saguaro Lake Ranch, 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, \$420 includes meals, lodging and classes, 480-644-0077 or www.azwildlife.org

NEEDLE ROCK AREA CLOSED: until January 2011 — Cave Creek Ranger District officials of the Tonto National Forest announced a construction project at the Needle Rock Recreation Area will finish in early January 2011; beach and campground closed; Forest Road 20 may have travel restrictions and delays.

ARIZONA STATE PARKS' EVENTS: Fall/Winter — See page 11 of this issue.

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

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY

YUMA CROSSING RIVER DAZE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL: Feb. 11-13 — Historic North End; celebrate the river and its role in Yuma's story, and the amazing engineering feats that made this thirsty desert bloom, (928) 783-0071 or (800) 293-0071 or www.visitYuma.com

58TH ANNUAL GREAT CANADIAN PICNIC: Feb. 5 — South Mountain Park; celebrate all things Canadian, with live music, games, chocolate bars; bring a picnic or purchase from Earl's Grill, free, 11 a.m.-3 pm; (480)-255-5865 or www.canadianpicnic.com

POWER PAWS ASSISTANCE DOGS ANNUAL WLAK 'N ROLL DOG WALK & SILENT AUCTION: Jan. 29 — Tempe Town Lake, www.walknroll-dogwalk.org.

40TH ANNUAL TOSTITOS FIESTA BOWL FOOTBALL CLASSIC: Jan. 1 — University of Phoenix Stadium, top teams play, the champion of the Big 12 Conference and another one of the nation's top college football teams, 5:30 pm, (480) 350-0911 or www.tostitosfiestabowl.com

CHRISTMAS TREE-CUTTING TAGS through Dec. 25 — Big 5 Sporting Goods and other locations; see story on page 1.

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

and Fish Department's rehabilitation center treats more than 1,000 sick and injured animals annually and provides wildlife education to local schools.

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Super Conservation Licenses for 2011 — These super package deals combine multiple licenses, stamps and tags to

FISHING

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

WINTER TROUT FISHING DERBY: Jan. 15 — Litchfield Park; Tierra Verde Lake Park, fish with more than 500 pounds of trout stocked in the lake, food, prizes and giveaways, license not required for this event, \$4 per pole 15 and under; \$6 per pole 16 and over, 7 am – 3 pm, www.litchfield-park.org

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

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

SHOWS/EXPOS

INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMENS' EXPO: Feb. 24-27 — University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Ariz., 300 exhibitors, the latest in adventure trips, hunting accessories, fishing gear and family fun, camping equipment, info about lodges, resorts, boating, seminars, contests and hands-on features, \$7-15 and youth 12 and under are free, Fri-Sat 10 a.m.-7 pm, Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; (800) 545-6100 or <http://phoenix.sportsexpos.com> or (480) 947-6219 or jim@azbw.com

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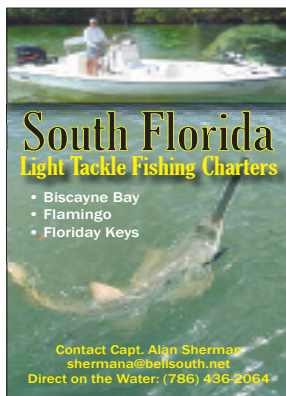
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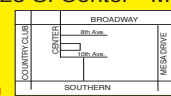
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NUNES

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honored to help promote this effort."

Nunes has also been appointed to serve as the Director of Development for the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc., based in St. Louis, Miss. He will spearhead the Association's fundraising and outreach efforts in this capacity.

Nunes previously served as Deputy Director of Public Affairs where he functioned as Chief-of-Staff for the Public Affairs Directorate. He continues to be a

regular contributor to *Navigator* — the official magazine of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary — as well as to *Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times*.

Nunes teaches recreational boating safety classes in the Phoenix area and leads maritime safety patrols as a coxswain on Arizona waterways. He also serves as a Vessel Examiner and boating industry liaison where he has experience proves invaluable toward helping promote boating safety.

A native New Englander, Nunes graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy

in 1964 and served the Coast Guard for 20 years in a wide variety of assignments before retiring from commissioned service in 1984 as a Commander. Nunes resides in Phoenix with his wife Pam. Both are members of local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-8.

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REGATTA

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huge obstacles in their life, like the blood cancer patients we raise funds to help in the Leukemia Cup Regatta."

About McKinnon-Tucker

Maureen McKinnon-Tucker learned to sail when she was 20. It was through sailing that she met Dan Tucker, who later became her husband. McKinnon-Tucker raced J/24 sailboats and she started to compete.

In 2008 in Beijing, she became the first woman to represent the United States in sailing at a Paralympic Games. At the games, McKinnon-Tucker and fellow crewman Nick Scandone won a gold

medal for the United States, sailing in the SKUD 18 class.

The Trials win was a personal triumph for a racer who had overcome great obstacles. In the 1990s, McKinnon-Tucker fell 13 feet off a seawall and became paralyzed. After her accident, she tried racing again.

But the J/24s were too challenging and the Freedom 20s designed for individuals with disabilities were too tame. She gave up sailing for a while, until a chance meeting with Paralympic skipper Rick Doerr, who invited her aboard his triple-handed Sonar as crew.

An Open Invitation

McKinnon-Tucker, Doerr, and crew Tim Angle campaigned for the 2004 Para-

lympics. After a third place at the Trials, McKinnon-Tucker moved on to the SKUD-18, a double-handed performance dinghy making its Paralympic debut at the 2008 Games.

She connected with Scandone, and their pairing had electricity! They blazed to top finishes in a series of events before earning a spot on the Paralympic team.

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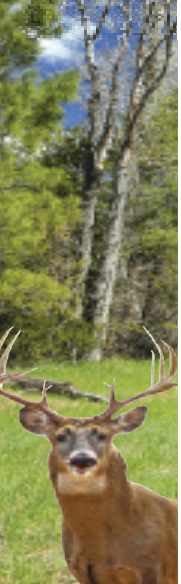
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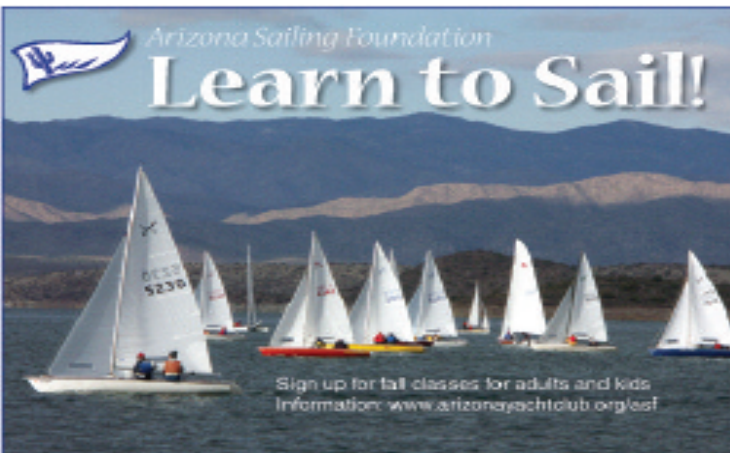
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tute of Phoenix as a possible
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companies such as BoatUS, Cabela's, Abu Garcia, Columbia, Costa Del Mar, Sperry, Gemini and others.

Competitors will be allowed to weigh only one bass each hour, which will make it critical to choose the right time to weigh a bass. The student anglers will also be faced with tough decisions regarding how far to venture from the weigh-in site each day. Daily weigh-ins will take place at McFarland Park in Florence, Ala., beginning at 9:00 am on March 26 and 27.

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