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Arizona Puts Out The Welcome Mat Coast Guard Auxiliary National Conference: August 26-29, 2010

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — On Aug. 26, National Commodore Nicholas Kerigan will open the 2010 Coast Guard Auxiliary National Conference at the Camelback Inn in Scottsdale. While the Arizona desert seems an unlikely venue for seafarers to meet, some 200 members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary serve on Arizona's lakes and rivers.

Auxiliary members will share experiences, review policies, train and elect a new National Commodore, a new National Vice Commodore, and three new regional Area Commodores for the Atlantic, Midwest, and Pacific regions. About 800 Auxiliary members are expected as well as active-duty Coast Guardsmen and women and guests.

A Force Multiplier

The conference will focus on "Leadership, Performance & Readiness." Coast Guard Auxiliary members, all civilian volunteers, train as boat coxswains, boat-crew members, aircraft pilots and observers, radio operators, cooks, and in other roles to support the many and varied missions of the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a force multiplier to the Coast Guard.

Boating always has been one of America's favorite pastimes. Rowing and yachting races were among the most popular spectator sports through the 1930s. The wealth generated in post Civil War America, along with the growth of railroads, spurred the development of resorts, country homes, and the suburbs — all places to go boating.

The federal government began to construct large dams, reservoirs, and lake systems during the Depression, adding to waterways. With the development of the single-operator motorboat and the outboard engine at the turn of the twentieth century, the number of recreational boaters skyrocketed.

In 1939, the Coast Guard reported that

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The Elegant Eagle

About The U.S. Coast Guard *Barque Eagle* (WIX-327)

Details

Length: 295 feet
Maximum speed: 11-16 knots (under full sail)
Maximum Range: 5,450 miles
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Barque Eagle

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missioned in 1792, two years after the formation of the Revenue Marine, the forerunner of today's Coast Guard.

Today's *Eagle* is the seventh vessel to bear the name. Built in 1936 by Blohm & Voss Shipyard in Hamburg, Germany, it was commissioned *Horst Wessel* and was used in training German Naval Cadets. Following World War II, it became a U.S. war prize. It was sailed from Hamburg to New London and commissioned on May 15, 1946.

Education By *Eagle*

In reality, *Eagle* serves as a sea-going classroom for the cadets. Aboard *Eagle*,

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ALL ABOARD AT BARTLETT

Family, Friends, Food, Fun Filled The Day

By Carol L. Allen

We've touted it before. And, we will again. That top-deck party boat at Bartlett Lake is THE place to have a party!

A few days before this issue of *AZBW/WOT* went to press, a group of us (ranging in age from 17 months to 71



Carol Allen and Granddaughter Kelsee Haws.



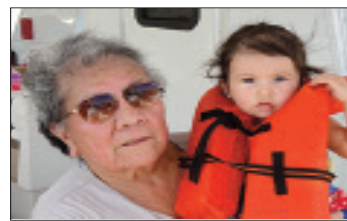
Fans Of Bartlett Lake

years) boarded *Barty Doll* or *Bartlett Belle* (or whatever Bryan and Eric Church are going to name the craft) for an all-day cruise around beautiful Bartlett Lake.

The day was a typical Arizona July scorcher, but underway, with the wind and water acting as one giant "swamp cooler," we were all quite comfortable.

Of course we visited. Of course we ate (and ate) from our onboard picnic table. Of course we enjoyed the scenery and watching other boats, wake boarders, and tubers.

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Vivian Winter Chaser And Little Emma Bear

LAKERACERS POKER RUN SCHEDULE

Energy, Thrills, Performance: It's All In 'The Cards'

By Jim Nichols

2010 San Diego BayFair Storm Poker Run — Sept. 16-19

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More information is available at — www.lakeracerllc.com/registration/Bay-fairEventinfo.pdf

Online registration at www.shop.lakeracerllc.com/category.sc?categoryId=11

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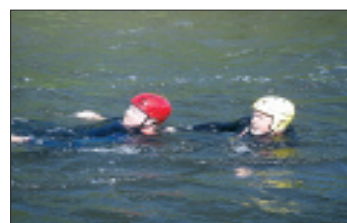
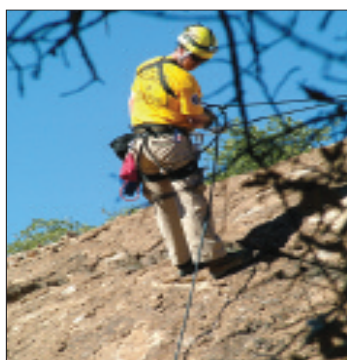
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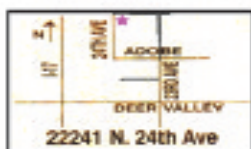


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Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is very toxic even in small quantities. It is produced when a carbon-based fuel, such as gasoline or diesel, is burned. Cooking ranges, heaters, and charcoal grills produce carbon monoxide also.

Carbon Monoxide Kills!

- ◆ Carbon monoxide disperses freely through the air and will travel readily throughout a boat.
- ◆ Carbon monoxide discharged as engine, generator, or appliance exhaust may re-enter your boat through any opening.
- ◆ By keeping a steady flow of fresh air moving through your boat, you will eliminate much, if not all, of the hazard. The danger comes when there are pockets of stagnant air loaded with carbon monoxide that are not flushed from your boat.
- ◆ When operating any type of watercraft, be careful running downwind because exhaust gases may blow back on board.
- ◆ The best prevention for carbon monoxide poisoning is knowing that carbon monoxide exists.
- ◆ Everyone should know the symptoms and treatments of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ◆ A marine-type carbon monoxide detector will sound an alarm when the gases reach an unacceptable level.

Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

One or more of the following symptoms may signal the adverse effects of carbon monoxide accumulations:

- ◆ Throbbing temples
- ◆ Inattentiveness or lack of concentration
- ◆ Inability to think coherently
- ◆ Ringing in the ears
- ◆ Tightness across the chest
- ◆ Headache, drowsiness, nausea, dizziness, fatigue, vomiting, collapse, and convulsions

For additional information, read *Boater Protect Yourself from this Silent Killer! Carbon Monoxide*, a brochure produced by the Arizona Game and Fish Department that is available by contacting your nearest Arizona Game and Fish Department office at (623) 236-7235.

Treatment of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Evacuate, ventilate, investigate, and seek medical help.



Statewide Boating Education Classes

July 2010

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	July 20 & 22 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
Arizona Game and Fish Department	July 24 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department 5000 W. Carefree Highway Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7235
Arizona Game and Fish Department	July 24 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Patagonia Lake State Park Sonoita Creek Visitors Center 400 Patagonia Lake Road Patagonia	\$0	(520) 287-2791

August 2010

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	August 11 & 12 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Department 5000 W. Carefree Hwy, Eagle Room Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7235
Arizona Game and Fish Department	August 14 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Boating Safety Training Center 8484 Riverside Drive Parker	\$0	(928) 669-6141
Arizona Game and Fish Department	August 14 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	MWR Rentals Building #70914 NE corner of Irwin & Hunter Streets Fort Huachuca	\$0	(520) 586-3891
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

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DARRELL EUGENE SMITH: MARCH 17, 1939-JULY 10, 2010

We Celebrate The Life Of An Avid Outdoorsman And — A Friend

Darrell Eugene Smith, 71, will be remembered for many of the best things in life: the deep love of his dear wife Sonja, his family, his many friends, his church, and the outdoors.

Mr. Smith was born and raised in the mining town of Ray, Ariz. He left for Tucson to attend the University of Arizona, graduating with an engineering degree. He then began his career with Salt River Project, which lasted for over 30 years.

An avid outdoorsman, Mr. Smith loved all that the Southwest's rugged and varied terrain offered. Hiking, fishing and four-wheeling were his favorite ways to enjoy the beautiful Sonoran Desert and the glorious mountains surrounding Durango, Colo. where he and Sonja lived for 10 years.

Mr. Smith respected the land and loved to enjoy it with others. He was a man of deep conviction and religious commitment. He enjoyed time with his children, stepchildren, and grandchildren and worked to develop lifelong relationships with his extended family and friends.

He was known for pursuing excellence

in every endeavor, including his hobbies: woodworking, cooking, coin collecting, and, as aforementioned, outdoor activities. He leaves a legacy to his family and friends of love, loyalty, and the perseverance to succeed.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife Sonja, daughter Mindi and son Matt, two stepchildren, 10 grandchildren and his sister Charlene, as well as two nephews and a niece.

A Celebration of Life service was held July 15 at First Baptist Church of Scottsdale. In Mr. Smith's memory, the family requests donations to Hospice of the Valley.

Editor's Note: Jim and Carol Allen of AZBW/WOT are grateful for Darrell's love of the Southwest; he was the type of person who has earned the respect of all who treasure the outdoors. We extend our deepest sympathy to Darrell's family and to his wife Sonja, a very special friend.



Darrell Eugene Smith

A SALUTE TO MARTIN CHARITIES

Water Safety Is In Focus, A Legacy From Kerry Martin

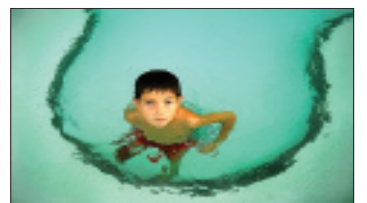
As most Arizonans know now, State Treasurer Dean Martin has dropped out of the Arizona governor race. In a recent news release, he suspended his campaign for governor of the State of Arizona.

Martin said, "It has been an honor to serve the people of Arizona. Public service takes dedication and many long hours to accomplish the business of the people who elected us."

There were political reasons too, of course, but the most poignant was Martin's stated desire to focus on the charitable work of the Martin Charities, established in memory of his late wife Kerry and son Austin Michael Martin. He wants to continue her spirit of service in water safety and financial literacy.

Kerry's Work With Water Safety

The late Kerry Martin devoted many hours to helping children learn to swim. She always said child drownings are 100 percent preventable through education and parental supervision.



ONE IS TOO MANY — Even one drowning is far too many! Kids in pools need constant vigilance. Even one moment of distraction can mean a life lost. As the late Kerry Martin stated: 100 percent of drownings are preventable. Teach your children to swim. And, watch them every moment they are in or near the water!

Mrs. Martin was a board member of the Drowning Prevention Coalition and worked tirelessly to raise funds to support water safety programs.

The Martin Family Charitable Foundation is continuing her work and as programs are developed, information will be available at http://www.martincharities.org/water_safety.php

The Foundation welcomes your ideas and asks you to submit them to the site under the volunteer link.

Editor's Note: We at AZBW/WOT thank the Martin family for their public service and commitment to one of our biggest concerns: water safety.

Outdoor Hall Of Fame To Induct Four New Members

Four new members will be inducted into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame at the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation's annual Outdoor Hall of Fame banquet on Aug. 28.

The two individuals and two organizations will be honored for outstanding contributions and service that have benefited Arizona's wildlife and their habitats.

This year's inductees are the following:
William (Bill) Cordasco. Mr. Cordasco is president of Babbitt Ranches and the Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Foundation. He has worked with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to enhance antelope, deer, turkey, and elk populations on Babbitt Ranches. He helped organize The Ecological Monitoring & Assessment Program & Foundation (EMA) in partnership with Northern Arizona University, dedicating the program to education and research in stewardship of lands in the Southwest. He served on the Arizona State Parks Board, and has worked with The Nature Conservancy, the Arizona Cattle Growers Association, Coconino County and others in implementing the Comprehensive Plan for ecological preservation.

Michael M. Golightly. Mr. Golightly served three consecutive appointments (15 years) as a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, each appointment being under a different governor. He is

owner/president of Michael M. Golightly & Associates, a private company (Golightly Tires) in Flagstaff. Examples of his visionary leadership during his tenure as a commissioner include his long and arduous journey to secure a shooting range in northern Arizona, and his being the driving force in dozens of wildlife habitat improvement projects to benefit wildlife in northern Arizona. These projects included construction, maintenance and repair of wildlife waters, grassland restoration projects, funding of prescribed burns for wildlife habitat enhancement, dirt tank renovations, and many others.

Rio Salado Sportsman's Club. Thousands of Arizona's youth and adult hunters have completed their hunter education field requirements at the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club (RSSC). Many of the members and staff of RSSC have become certified hunter safety instructors and/or firearms instructors and have donated thousands of hours of volunteer time to teaching wildlife management concepts and the safe, responsible use of firearms to Arizona citizens. RSSC has also donated untold hours of volunteer effort and personal expense to improving and maintaining Utery Mountain Shooting range. By providing a facility and educational opportunities to Arizona hunters, RSSC has

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We schedule the class for one Saturday and one Sunday, with classroom followed by on-the-water training. Students finish the class by competing in actual AYC Sunday races at Tempe Town Lake. I haven't picked out dates, but the class would likely be in September.

You can find more information on the AYC website: http://www.arizona-yacht-club.org/Education/Intro_to_Racing.shtml and you can call me (Mike Ferring) with any questions: (602) 241.7123.

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helped ensure that the concepts of sound wildlife management and the importance of obeying Game and Fish regulations have been delivered to the public.

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WITHOUT WARNING!

A Boater's Guide To Prevent A Silent Killer: Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide can collect within, along side or behind a boat in minutes in a variety of ways.

What To Do

- Educate family and friends about carbon monoxide so they are aware of what the early poisoning signs are.
- If your boat has rear-vented generator exhaust, check with the boat manufacturer for possible recall or reroute the exhaust to

a safe area.

- Assign an adult to watch when anyone is swimming or playing in the water.
- Schedule regular engine and exhaust system maintenance inspections by experienced and trained technicians.
- Keep forward-facing hatches open, even in inclement weather, to allow fresh air circulation in living spaces.
- When possible, run the boat so that prevailing winds will help dissipate the exhaust.

• Do not confuse carbon monoxide poisoning with seasickness, intoxication or heat stress. If someone on board complains of irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness or dizziness, immediately move the person to fresh air, investigate the cause and take corrective action. Seek medical attention, if necessary.

• Install a carbon monoxide detector in each accommodation space on your boat. Check detectors before each trip to be sure they are functioning properly. If the detector goes off, believe it!

Facts

Carbon monoxide is a potentially deadly gas produced any time a carbon-based fuel, such as gasoline, propane, charcoal or oil, burns. Sources on your boat include gasoline engines, generators, cooking ranges, and space and water heaters. Cold or poorly tuned engines produce more carbon monoxide than warm, properly tuned engines.

Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless

AVOID THESE DEATH ZONES!

Do not sit or sleep near or under the back deck or engine platform. Carbon monoxide from exhaust pipes of inboard engines, outboard engines and generators build up inside and outside the boat in areas near exhaust vents. **STAY AWAY** from these exhaust vents and **DO NOT** sit or sleep in these areas when the motor or generator is operating. On calm days, wait at least 15 minutes after the motor or generator has been turned off before re-entering these areas. **NEVER** sit or sleep in an enclosed area under a swim platform where exhaust is vented, not even for a second. It only takes one or two breaths of the air in this "death chamber" for it to be fatal.

Exhaust from another vessel: Exhaust from another vessel that is docked, beached, or anchored alongside your boat can enter your cabin or the cockpit of your boat. Even with properly vented exhaust, your boat should be a minimum of 20 feet from the nearest boat that is running a generator or engine.

Slow speeds or idling in the water: On calm carbon monoxide can accumulate in the cabin or cockpit of your boat, even in an open area. A slow speed or idling in the water allows exhaust to build up in the cabin or cockpit.

The "station wagon effect": or backdrafting can cause carbon monoxide to accumulate inside the cabin, cockpit and bridge when idling or slow speed or idling in the water. This effect can also occur when idling or slow speed or idling in the water. Carbon monoxide can accumulate inside the cabin, cockpit, at the stern, and bridge when idling or slow speed or idling in the water.

Task surfing, dragging and water skiing within 20 feet of a moving watercraft: Carbon monoxide can accumulate in the cabin, cockpit, at the stern, and bridge when idling or slow speed or idling in the water. Carbon monoxide can accumulate inside the cabin, cockpit, at the stern, and bridge when idling or slow speed or idling in the water.

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and tasteless and mixes evenly with the air. It enters your bloodstream through the lungs and displaces the oxygen your body needs. Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning - irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness, and dizziness - are often confused with seasickness or intoxication. Prolonged exposure to low concentrations or very short exposure to high concentrations can lead to death.

Each year, boaters are injured or killed by carbon monoxide. Most incidents occur

on older boats and within the cabin or other enclosed areas. Exhaust leaks, the leading cause of death by carbon monoxide, can allow carbon monoxide to migrate throughout the boat and into enclosed areas. New areas of concern are the rear deck near the swim platform with the generator or engines running and teak surfing or dragging behind a slow moving boat. Regular maintenance and proper boat operation can reduce the risk of injury from carbon monoxide.

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Big Trout Stocked To Ignite Fishing Excitement

The Arizona Game and Fish Department stocked four lakes in different parts of the state with larger-than-usual rainbow trout at the first of July to give anglers an even better reason to be on the water.

Some of the "incentive" trout weigh between 5 and 10 pounds and all of the fish are at least 50 percent larger than those normally stocked by Game and Fish, with all of them longer than 15 inches.

"There's no better time than now to head to our cool and scenic high-country lakes and experience the thrill of catching some of these large, feisty fish," said Scott Gurtin, Game and Fish hatchery program manager.

The four lakes stocked were Woods Canyon Lake on the Mogollon Rim, about



30 miles east of Payson; City Reservoir near Williams, Rose Canyon Lake on Mount Lemmon near Tucson, and Fain Lake near Prescott.

A valid Arizona Fishing License (some licenses require a trout stamp, too) is needed to try for these large fish, and one can be purchased either at license dealers,



at Game and Fish offices, or online at www.azgfd.gov/eservices/licenses.shtml. Children under 14 are allowed to fish for free.

This time of year the trout tend to go to the deeper, colder water. Even the newly stocked incentive fish will head for that deep water as well.

The best way to catch these fish is to drop your line and bait as deep into the lakes as possible. You'll want to use a light test line as these trout are fairly smart and will see the line in the water.

Try a spinnerbait or a large night crawler worm to get their attention. These larger fish tend to go for bait-type fish as opposed to the average fly bait.

Gurtin added that there are many other high-country lakes and streams offering good fishing opportunities, cool temperatures and outstanding scenery. "Fishing is a great way to get outdoors and spend quality time on your own or with friends and family," he said.

To learn more about where to go and other aspects of fishing in Arizona, go online to www.azgfd.gov/fishing.

Best Strategies For Trout Fishing Arizona's High-Country Lakes

The following trout fishing tips were provided by Mike Lopez, fisheries program manager in the Arizona Game and Fish Pinetop office. Although these tips are for Woods Canyon Lake, many of them apply to fishing most of Arizona's high-country lakes right now (at press time).

Water temperatures in Woods Canyon are still fairly cool, measuring 62 F recently. Normally we recommend that anglers fish in deeper water this time of year when the lakes start to warm up, but Woods Canyon Lake is moderately high in elevation and had a long winter.

When water temperatures increase, trout normally go deeper to find cooler water. With all this in mind, anglers should start fishing in moderately deep water (10-12 feet), then try different depths if they are not catching fish.

Early Or Late

Fishing early in the morning or late in the day, just before dark, is better than fishing in mid-day, especially if the sun is shining brightly. Trout generally have two peak times that they feed this time of year, once in early morning and once in late evening, although a few will feed sporadically through the day.

If the sky is overcast, fish will feed longer into mid-day and in shallower water than when the sun is shining.

Boat anglers are currently having much higher success than shore anglers at Woods Canyon Lake. Boat anglers should try trolling Super Dupers, Crickhoppers, small Rapalas, or cowbells (tipped with a

piece of worm) anywhere from mid-lake to within 40 feet from shore in 10-12 feet of water.

If trolling close to shore, please keep to the far shoreline so that you do not cross the lines of shore anglers. There are boats for rent at Woods Canyon Lake.

For anglers who are shore fishing, fish off the bottom with a nightcrawler or Power Bait (orange, chartreuse, or green are currently working well) about 60 feet out from shore.

If the sky is overcast, fishing the same baits under a bobber may also work. When fishing off the bottom with a nightcrawler, it often helps to inject air into the worm so it floats off the bottom a foot or two and will be conspicuous to cruising trout.

Adding a nugget of Power Bait or small marshmallow to the same hook will also float a nightcrawler off the bottom.

Fishing with lighter lines and appropriate-sized hooks (4- to 6-pound test line and #8-#6 hooks) will get more bites when bait fishing. However, anglers wanting to be prepared for large incentive fish in the 1- to 8-pound range may want to bump up to 6- to 8-pound line and #6-#4 hooks. Also make sure your drag is set appropriately.

Tire The Trout

An angler who does hook into a large incentive-sized trout should play the fish and allow it to wear itself out. Don't try to crank it straight in or it may break your line.

If the trout makes a strong run, let it make its run while maintaining a tight line,

using the flex of your rod to cushion the head shakes and bursts of speed. When the trout slows down, start reeling again. It is okay to lose line to a large running fish; that is how they tire out.

Just plan to regain that line when the trout wears out. The key is being patient.

When the trout is finally brought to shore or to the boat, do not lift the fish out of the water by the line, which risks breaking the line. Use a dip net at that point, or grab the trout by the gill cover if you don't

have a dip net. Just watch out for the hooks.

Is It A Record?

If you plan to release the trout, cradle the tired fish with your hands instead of grabbing under the gill cover.

If you do catch that once-in-a-lifetime trout at Woods Canyon Lake, take some photos to preserve that memory. Also consider getting the trout weighed on a certified scale.



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AT POWELL

Bullfrog Is Boiling!

By Wayne Gustavson

The main channel upstream from Bullfrog has erupted with significant sustained striped boils. That is the place to be right now.

Cruise the main channel from Bullfrog to Good Hope Bay early in the morning or in the evening to find cooperative striped bass chasing shad on the surface. Slurping boils are still seen every day in the main channel near Wahweap, but fishing near Bullfrog and upstream is much more rewarding.

Stripers

Boils are seen more often in the main channel than in the backs of canyons. Shad migrate into the channel in search of plankton where they are found by stripers that have recently completed spawning in main channel areas.

Later, as shad grow larger, they will leave the channels and bays to seek shelter in brush-ringed coves. For now, search the channels and bays morning and evening to find hungry striped bass.

The next step in boil progression will be at Hite. The water is now clearing rapidly as runoff has subsided to normal summer flow patterns.

With increased visibility, shad will migrate into the channels as they have done down lake and stripers will find them. There are more shad in the productive in-flow areas.

Cruise the main channel from Bullfrog to Good Hope Bay early in the morning or in the evening to find cooperative striped bass chasing shad on the surface.

Expect boils to be bigger and stronger each day in the Hite area. That will be the place to be from mid July to the end of the month.

Walleyes

Walleye fishing remains strong from Bullfrog to Hite. Record numbers of walleye were found in northern lake sampling last year.

Those fish are hungry and willing to hit live worms, plastic baits and trolled crankbaits. Morning, evening and night are the best times to fish for these light-sensitive fish.

They can be caught mid day and afternoon in areas where wind or wave action has created a mudline that provides shade for these ambush feeders. Muddy coves along the main channel are great walleye-producing spots.

Largemouth Bass

Bass continue to hit plastic baits, live worms, and spinnerbaits. Largemouth will be right inside dense, brushy shelter.

Weedless rigged baits that can be worked through and retrieved from brush are the most effective. Four-pound largemouth are still being caught each week.

Smallmouth Bass

Smallmouth bass are on rock structure and seemed to be found more often in the



BIG SMALL — Russ Bassdozer, Page Ariz., with one of the many trophy-size smallmouth bass caught this spring at Lake Powell. Stripers are boiling in open water, but bass fishing along the shoreline remains good. Just fish deeper, about 25 feet, as bass have left the shallows in search of cooler water.

backs of canyons and coves than in open bays. Trailing a single-tail plastic grub rigged Carolina style or fishing a drop-shot rigged plastic bait directly under the boat at 25 feet seems to be the best method for successfully taking bass right now.

Catfish

Catfishing is awesome on sandy beaches near camp in the evenings and just after dark.

It's the dog days of summer but Lake Powell fish don't care. They are still being caught in good numbers and in exciting fashion.

At press time, lake elevation: 3,638 and water temperature: 79-84 F



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Grants Available To Hunting-Focused Nonprofit Organizations

Innovative program funds first-time hunter clinics and camps; deadline to apply is Aug. 9.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has \$30,000 in grant funding to assist local nonprofit hunting organizations to implement hands-on events designed for firsttime hunters in an effort to recruit new hunters, and teach them about wildlife conservation in Arizona.



The grant program is a pass-through grant program funded by the National Shooting Sports Foundation's (NSSF) Hunting Heritage Partnership, which sup-

ports state agencies' efforts to expand hunter recruitment and retention.

Applications are being accepted now, and funding will be awarded through a competitive application process. Applications and any supporting materials may be submitted by U.S. mail, fax, or e-mail, and must be received by Monday, Aug. 9 by 5 p.m. (MST). Postmarks do not count.

"This grant program gets funding to the core engine of continuing Arizona's hunting heritage — the state's sportsmen's organizations," said Denise Raum, Game and Fish hunter recruitment coordinator. "As volunteer-based, nonprofit organizations, funding a weekend event can be a barrier. This grant, and others like it, bridges that gap allowing them to do great work."



Applicants must be a nonprofit organization based in Arizona, have a mission related to hunter recruitment, and have a certificate of general liability insurance.

To be eligible, the proposal must include, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- Promote or facilitate hunter recruitment and retention (examples include hunting camps for rabbit, dove, quail, squirrel, and predator/furbearing),
- Hunt using a firearm,
- Available to the public,
- Provide family activities at camp,
- Complete best practices training,
- Complete project by Jan. 31, 2010, and
- Submit a survey / evaluation of the event.

Grant funds cannot be used to purchase hunting or fishing licenses/tags/stamps, group banquets, raffle prizes, for-profit projects, or hunting competitions.

Application packets can be obtained from the Game and Fish Web site at www.azgfd.gov/getoutside under "Hunting Heritage Partnership: Hunter Recruitment Camp Project" or by contacting Hunter Recruitment and Retention Coordinator Denise Raum at draum@azgfd.gov or (623) 236-7567.

Submit completed applications and supporting materials to: Arizona Game and Fish Department, IEWR, Attn.: HRR Coordinator, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086, by e-mail to draum@azgfd.gov, or fax (623) 236-7903 Attn.: HRR Coordinator.

"Studies show that a mentored-experience is the best way to recruit new hunters. This partnership with local organizations is a great way to reach families that have an interest in hunting, but they don't know where or how to get started," said Raum.

Grant awards will be announced on or about August 16, 2010.



Mike Wallace

More than \$400,000 was awarded to seven states by NSSF through the Hunting Heritage Partnership this year. Arizona received \$40,000. The balance, not being passed through, is to be used to promote, advertise, and administer the best practices training of the grant program.

To learn more about the department's efforts to preserve the hunting heritage, visit www.azgfd.gov/hhwg.

The recruitment and retention of hunters, anglers, trappers, and shooters is important to continue the successful management of Arizona's wildlife. Funding for the management and conservation of game animals is funded by dollars generated by the sale of licenses, hunt tags and matching funds from federal excise taxes hunters pay on guns, ammunition, and related equipment — not through the state's general fund. However, driving on a country road and enjoying roaming elk herds, antelope on the range or ducks in flight are enjoyed by all citizens of Arizona and beyond. Did you know regulated hunting has never resulted in the extinction of a species? On the contrary, most game species populations are more stable now than when there were no hunting regulations.

Realtree Steps Up Again As NHF Day Sponsor

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—The official "holiday" for hunters and anglers, National Hunting and Fishing Day, is working to promote America's first best conservationists with help from perennial sponsor Realtree.

NHF Day is set for Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010.

Congress formalized the annual commemoration in 1972 as a public reminder that conservation depends on funding and leadership from hunters, shooters and anglers. Through licenses and special taxes, traditional sportsmen and women provide most of the funding for state conservation agencies today. In turn, results benefit all citizens who appreciate healthy fish, wildlife and habitat.

"Off the top of my head, I cannot tell you how long we have been supporting NHF Day, but I can tell you how long we will support it — as long as all of us are here!" said Realtree President and CEO Bill Jordan.

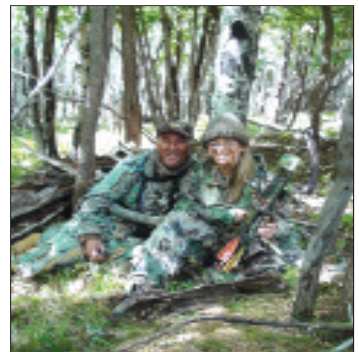
"Preserving our hunting heritage is vital to our land, our wildlife and our way of life. I offer everyone who supports, works and volunteers for NHF Day my sincerest thanks."

Realtree's sponsorship supports Wonders of Wildlife museum in Springfield, Mo., the official home of NHF Day. The museum directs programs to build public understanding and appreciation for hunting, angling and conservation.

Event-planning tools, PSAs, promotional items, communications initiatives and more are part of its annual campaigns. Learn more at www.nhfd.org.

Denise Wagner of Wonders of Wildlife said, "Our goal is telling the NHF Day story all year long. Americans tend to forget who pays to conserve the wildlife resources that we all cherish. We're better positioned for this important work because of dedicated sponsors such as Realtree."

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER — Mike Wallace, avid outdoorsman and hunter, shares his love of archery hunting with his daughter Leisha. National Hunting and Fishing Day, which celebrates the value of both sports, is set for Saturday, Sept. 25.

and shotgun marksmanship, the U.S. excels in few sports more than shooting.

Only track and field, swimming, diving, wrestling and boxing have been more prolific medal producers for Americans. In fact, shooting ranks ahead of gymnastics, figure skating, volleyball and more than 30 other Olympic sports.

Most members of the current USA Shooting Team are active hunters and anglers, blending a passion for the outdoors with winning on the world stage.

The growing list of sponsors for NHF Day 2010 includes Wonders of Wildlife, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Bass Pro Shops, Smith & Wesson, Sportsman Channel, Realtree, Cabela's, GunBroker.com, Yamaha, Pope and Young Club and Izaak Walton League of America.

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The world-renowned Kartchner Caverns State Park has a campground and cave tours available, but call (520) 586-2283 in advance to make reservations.

If you are going camping, there are fire restrictions in almost every location in the state, so be sure to check AZfireinfo.com before you leave urban areas to go camping. Before you leave, visit AZStateParks.com to get driving directions, download park maps and Junior Ranger activity papers. Here are the campgrounds to visit:

Northern Arizona State Parks Campgrounds — Please call ahead.

• **Dead Horse Ranch State Park** - (928) 634-5283 - Cottonwood - 150 campsites - fishing, boating (non-motorized), cabins, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, guided trail rides, campfires in designated fire rings.

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Southern Arizona State Parks Campgrounds — Please call ahead.

• **Catalina State Park** (520) 628-5798 - 125 campsites, hiking, corrals for horses. Charcoal and propane fires only, wood campfires not allowed.

• **Kartchner Caverns State Park** (520) 586-2283 - 60 campsites - cave tours. Propane only. Smoking in camp area or vehicle, no smoking while hiking.

• **Lost Dutchman State Park** (480) 982-4485 - Campsites closed after July 5 for repair. Charcoal and propane fires only, wood campfires not allowed, no smoking while hiking.

• **Patagonia Lake State Park** (520) 287-6965 - 107 campsites, boats to rent, fishing, beach. Campfires ok in designated grills, must provide own firewood, no gathering or cutting on park property. Smoking in camp areas only, no smoking while hiking.

• **Picacho Peak State Park** (520) 466-3183 - 85 campsites - fantastic walking trails. No restrictions at this time, no smoking while hiking.

• **Roper Lake State Park** (928) 428-6760 - 71 campsites - outdoor rock hot tub, fishing. Campfires and smoking restricted to developed areas only, no smoking while hiking.

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• **Alamo Lake State Park** (928) 669-2088 - 250 campsites, excellent bass fishing, waterskiing, swimming. Campfires and smoking in designated areas only.

• **Buckskin Mountain State Park & River Island** (928) 667-3231 - 126 camp-



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Nine Tips For Picking A Great Campsite

By Kim Eldredge
EatStayPlay.com

Have you heard that there's more interest in camping this year than ever before? Due to changes in how people budget for vacations, camping is suddenly 'in vogue' and people are heading to the hills.



TILTED — Look at the slope of that tent! Might not be a very comfortable night's sleep.

So, here's a question that's being asked over and over:

How do I pick a great campsite at a public campground?

Good question! Here are nine tips for you.

First, decide what you're looking for — Do you need trees for shade?

Will it be windy?

Tent or RV?

If you have a tent, do you want a tent pad? Tent pads are usually mostly level and free of rocks and roots to tear the bottom of the tent.

If the campsite doesn't have a tent pad, is the campsite level enough for you to be comfortable?

If you have an RV, do you need a pull-through spot or are you comfortable backing in? What about slide- or pop-outs; is there enough room?

Can you bring your pets?

What is the placement of the fire ring

in relation to your tent or camper? Will the (prevailing) wind blow the fire at your "living" space?

How close do you want to be to your neighbors? The bathroom? The water faucet? The camp host?



WHERE? — Lots of shade, but not much of a tent pad.

Some campgrounds have lights that stay on all night — especially near the camp host or the restrooms.

Obviously, you can't really tell any of this information about a specific campsite from a Web site. If at all possible, go to the campground where you want to stay and drive around.

A family favorite campground here in Arizona is Pine Grove Campground near Flagstaff. I know that the sites that are located on top of the hill, while pretty, are subject to wind. The sites just off the hill are much more sheltered.

Another campsite is raked by headlights all evening long since it's on a curve of the road. I really studied the layout of the campground during a pre-trip drive-through.

How to pick a great campsite —

If possible, **visit the campground** and come up with your first, second and third choices. Most campground hosts have a map of the campground that you can take with you. Make notes on it. Write down sites you'd love to stay at and sites you don't want to have.



JUST A PARKING SPOT — Not a lot of shade here. That might be fine if you don't spend a lot of time in camp.

Ask Around

The camp hosts are the experts about that campground. Tell them what you're looking for in a perfect site and then have them make site recommendations. If there are people in the spot that you're thinking of using, ask them how they like the spot.

A Good Idea: Reservations

Some public campgrounds offer reservations rather than first-come, first-served. Often, not all spots are available for reservations. I recommend reservations when —

You're going for an extended stay and want to make sure you've got a spot.

Your trip is months ahead and you want to be guaranteed a spot.

You have a favorite campsite.

You're going camping over a busy weekend like Labor Day weekend.

Book really early if you can — especially over holiday weekends.

If you are going to do a first-come, first-served campsite, then here are some additional tips:



HOW FRIENDLY ARE YOU? — Look at all the big trees! But, how close are the neighbors?

Campgrounds are busy on the weekend. If you can, plan to arrive on a Wednesday or Thursday to get your spot.

If you can't get to the campground mid-week, arrange to arrive at check-out time. I've actually sat on a picnic table as a family was leaving to make sure I got the LAST space in a campground. (I did ask the family if they minded first.)

Be flexible.

Readers Weigh In

What are your suggestions for finding the perfect campsite?

Do you have any funny (or horror) stories about a campsite?

Navigation System Offers Drivers Unparalleled Information

When taking long trips on the open highway in an RV, or even trailering a boat, drivers know having the best GPS navigation system makes time on the road more efficient, simple and enjoyable. The 7700 Pro from Cobra provides multi-route trip planning options, including shortest time or distance and critical driver information useful for eliminating unwanted stops.

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Featuring text-to-speech guidance and loud, clear verbal instructions, this system provides turn-by-turn spoken street names for safe navigating. Cobra's 7700 Pro



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comes with three months of unlimited downloads from the company's AURA Camera and Driving Hazard Database, which alerts drivers to the locations of fixed speed and red-light cameras, dangerous intersections and known speed traps.

Cobra Electronics' 7700 Pro navigation system retails for \$399.95.

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DOWNSTREAM™ Events Calendar Beginning Mid-July 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

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

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

BOATING

AYC KINNIKINICK KAMPOUT: Aug. 6-9 — Visit Arizona Yacht Club Web site.

BULLHEAD CITY RIVER REGATTA: Begins Aug. 14 — Bullhead Community Park; grab an inner tube and enjoy a lazy 8-mile float or build a creative, non-motorized float and parade down the Colorado River. Flotilla Monster Bash in Rotary Park follows. www.bullheadregatta.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. 24 — Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale; Tom Nunes: (602) 617-1979, tomnunes1@gmail.com, <http://www.news.auxpa.org/>

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

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

SAFETY TIPS FOR BOATERS: Ongoing — Visit <http://www.BoatUS.com/news/releases.asp> before you go.

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

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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

NATURE QUEST: Aug. 8 — Mormon Lake Lodge, (Main Street, 86038), a unique way to learn about and enjoy our distinctive natural outdoor environment, follow intriguing maps and clues to discover and learn about the landscape and heritage, free, (928) 354-2227 or www.MormonLakeLodge.com

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.pub-liclands.org/firenews/AZ.php

BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN: Aug. 13-15 — Camp Friendly Pines, Prescott; offers adventure and life skills, for women age 18 and older to learn to camp, fish, rappel, hike, cook with Dutch ovens, photograph wildlife and a range of outdoor recreation skills, "hawk talks" and nature hikes. (480) 644-0077 or www.azwildlife.org

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY

MICHIGAN PROFESSOR ON SAB-BATICAL: 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.

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, Cottonwood, 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

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

SHOWS/EXPOS

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

Swimming:
ANNUAL TRI IN THE PINES TRIATHLON: Aug. 21 — Includes 825 yd. swim at the Family Aquatic Center, 12.3 mile bike on city streets, 3.5 mile run on paved multi-use trail in the City Park, USA Triathlon sanctioned event, www.trifind.net/nf/az.html or <http://ci.show-low.az.us/departments/parks/runs&aces.htm>

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

26TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN MAN TRIATHLON: July 18, 6:30 a.m. — Flagstaff, Lake Mary; includes Sprint: swim 700 meters, bike 10.6 miles, run 3.1 miles; Olympic: swim 1500 meters, (928) 526-8761 or www.trifind.net or www.mountainmaneevents.com

MOUNTAIN MAN TRIATHLON: Aug. 8, 6:30 a.m. — Flagstaff, Lake Mary, includes Sprint: swim 700 meters, Olympic: swim 1500 meters (928) 526-8761 or www.trifind.net or www.mountainmaneevents.com

ANNUAL PIONEER DAY CELEBRATION: July 23-24 — Snowflake; arts & crafts fair, parade, BBQ, rodeo, dances, kid's entertainment, theatrical performance, pioneer day run, softball league tournament, free swimming, fireworks display, Sweet Wheels Car Show & Swap meet on the 24th from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; (928) 536-4331 or www.snowflakecityorchamber.org or www.cruiseinarizona.com/carshows.html

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.2010junior-worlddiving.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

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

19TH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST WINGS BIRDING & NATURE FESTIVAL: Aug. 4-8 — Sierra Vista; Knights of Columbus Hall, self-guided and guided tours, field trips, seminars, vendors, silent auction, displays, lectures, bat stalks, owl prowls, displays, arts & crafts, Pete Dunn is featured speaker, \$15 for adults, free for children with parents or grandparents, 520-678-8237 or <http://www.swwings.org>

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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Bartlett's Top-Deck Party Boat



'Capt.' Jim Allen Ready To Slide

BARTLETT

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But, the real highlights came with our stops.

Almost everyone aboard tried the boat's water slide. Hesitant at first, once down the slide and into the cool lake waters, the kids and adults alike thoroughly enjoyed their splash and swim. We also rented tubes from the marina, and several

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EAGLE

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they get their first real taste of salt air and life at sea. They are tested and challenged often to the limits of their endurance. Working aloft, they meet fear and learn to overcome it.

Sailing on *Eagle*, cadets handle the more than 20,000 square feet of sail and five miles of rigging. Over two hundred lines must be coordinated during a major ship maneuver, so cadets must learn the name and function of each line.

Eagle's hull is built of steel, four-tenths of an inch thick. It has two full-length steel decks with a platform deck below and a raised forecastle and quarterdeck. The weather decks are three-inch-thick teak over steel.

Sailing on *Eagle* gives cadets a chance to apply the navigation, engineering and other training skills they learn at the Academy. Under-class cadets perform duties of the enlisted crew, including helm watch at the huge brass and wood wheels used to steer the vessel.

Editor's Note: The cover photo for this issue of Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times proudly presents *Barque Eagle* as our welcome to all U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliaryists visiting us here in Arizona. We thank you for your service and welcome you to our home state.



CONFERENCE

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there were more than 300,000 boats operating in federal waters. In the previous year it had received 14,000 calls for assistance and had responded to 8,600 "in peril" cases — a record number.

Boaters needed to be better trained in seamanship and federal law. At the same time, civilian yachtsmen were pressing the Coast Guard to establish a volunteer arm of the service.

Birth Date: June 23, 1939

As a result of these demands, on June 23, 1939, the Congress passed legislation that established the Coast Guard Reserve, its volunteer civilian component, to promote boating safety and to facilitate the operations of the Coast Guard.

Groups of boat owners were organized into flotillas and these into divisions within Coast Guard Districts around the country. Members initially conducted safety and security patrols and helped enforce the provisions of the 1940 Federal Boating and Espionage Acts.

Then in February 1941, a military reserve was created and the volunteer Reserve was renamed the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Following America's entry into the World War II in December of 1941, recruits flooded into Auxiliary flotillas in a burst of patriotic fever. June 1942 legislation allowed Auxiliaryists to enroll in the

Coast Guard Reserve on a part-time, temporary basis. Throughout the war, some 50,000 Auxiliaryists constituted the core of the temporary Reserve membership.

These reservists, along with newly enrolled civilians, performed coastal defense and search and rescue duties. They patrolled bridges, factories, docks, and beaches. They fought fires, made arrests, guided naval vessels, and conducted anti-submarine warfare.

As their ranks grew, thousands of active duty Coast Guard personnel were freed up for service overseas.

Four Cornerstone Missions

Following the war, by 1950, the four traditional Auxiliary cornerstone missions of public education, operations, vessel examination, and fellowship had been established. The public education program yearly trains tens of thousands of boaters in seamanship, piloting, rules of the road, and weather, among other topics.

Specially qualified coxswain and crew members conduct search and rescue missions in their own boats and support Coast Guard missions. Auxiliary pilots and air observers search for boaters in distress, floating hazards, pollution spills, and ice-locked vessels.

Communications watchstanders handle distress calls at Coast Guard and Auxiliary radio stations. Vessel examiners conduct Vessel Safety Checks under which recreational vessels are examined for properly installed federally required equipment and

systems.

The Auxiliary has continued to grow with more than 30,000 members in the United States and its territories. Training is held at every level from the flotilla to national training schools. Leadership and management training, award programs, and data management systems ensure a high level of professionalism.

In 1996, new legislation expanded the Auxiliary's role to allow members to assist in any Coast Guard mission, except direct law enforcement and military operations, as authorized by the Commandant. Auxiliaryists can be found examining commercial fishing vessels, flying in C-130 aircraft, working in Coast Guard offices, and crewing with regulars.

Active Duty Coastguardsmen, Reservists, civilian employees, retirees, and Auxiliaryists constitute Team Coast Guard.

Lives, Dollars Saved

In 2009, Auxiliary efforts resulted in 256 lives' being saved, 4,351 persons' being assisted, and \$29.6 million dollars in property being saved. The Auxiliary fields over 5,000 watercraft and 200 aircraft and mans more than 2,641 radio stations throughout the USA.

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the largest volunteer marine safety organization in the world and has fostered similar ones in other countries. During its more than sixty years, it has lived up to its motto of "A Proud Tradition, A Worthy Mission."

POKER RUN

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Monster Bash Poker Run — Nov. 5–6, Lake Havasu's Nautical Resort

In 2009 LakeRacer took us back to the early days of Arizona Hot Boats and the Fall Heatwave series poker runs by hosting the Monster Bash Poker Run. It was back to a little smaller and easier-going event with a fun theme and costumes encouraged.

As it was late in the season, only 50 boats signed up, but what a great time we had! Everyone who came swore they were coming back and many more who didn't make it declared they weren't missing the 2010 event.

So, welcome to the 2010 Monster Bash Poker Run on Nov. 5 and 6. As last year, we're supporting the Lake Havasu Food Bank, as our designated charity, so a percentage of the poker run jackpot will be donated, and you are encouraged to make any other donations of non-perishable food at the event.

This event is limited in number and size of boats. It is for boats 35 feet and under, with a special invitation to larger boats that have provided special support to our events. We want to encourage those who feel the Desert Storm event no longer accommodates their boat.

The Nautical Resort and Teague Custom Marine have encouraged us to organize this event with their sponsorships, so

make sure to thank them.

This poker run is themed for Halloween to make it fun for the whole family. Included in this event is an opportunity for a holiday photo of each boat in front of the London Bridge. These will be included on an event photo CD to be mailed out after the event.

We will host a reception and registration party Friday night in the Turtle Grill or Nautical Cove and an awards costume party Saturday night in the Nautical Conference Center. By special request, we will bring back the Friday Lunch Run to Havasu Springs, but it is reserved only for those who register before Oct. 15. (They will receive a special wristband in the mail for the special event.)

Depending on our permit request to BLM, we may even host a Friday morning shootout for some of our guys who couldn't do the Desert Storm version.

Online registration is at www.shop.lakeracerllc.com/category/sc?categoryId=9 and more information is available at www.lakeracerllc.com/

2011 Desert Storm Poker Run — April 27-30, 2011

Next year, the 2011 Desert Storm Poker Run will be pushed back a week due to Easter's falling so late in the spring. We plan on starting off the long weekend with charity rides on Wednesday, continuing the all-day Main Street Boat Show and Party on Thursday, the Poker Run on Friday, and the Shootout on Saturday.

We have some early indications of the BLM in Lake Havasu's imposing new fees on events such as \$150 per day, still-photo fee plus \$250 per day fee for video productions.

We've also heard they will place a per-head count fee on the events of \$5 to \$25 per person. Of course, these fees will have a major impact on our event along with others, with the down side being that I don't see any real benefits from these fees as are provided by Fish and Game or the sheriff officers.

Due to issues like these, new restrictions on the lake and others, plus the need for additional navigational buoys in the river mouth, we have been working with the Lake Havasu Marine Association to form a new Performance Club of boaters who are concerned with keeping our type of activities coming to Havasu.

Please contact Jim Salscheider at jims@lhema.com if you're interested in joining.

Also, POPRA has moved their race to a March weekend to join with the Lake Havasu Boat Show, so Sunday of the Desert Storm weekend may be a relaxed play day for all involved.

But, you never know, so keep in touch at www.lakeracerllc.com for updates.

Take care, have a great summer and I hope to see you on the water

For more information, contact Jim Nichols: (602) 578-5975, jimn@lakeracerllc.com

**BOAT SAFE, SMART, SOBER****Boating Accidents On Arizona Waterways Claim Two Lives Over Holiday Weekend**

Two people died and four were injured in two separate boating accidents on waters within or bordering Arizona. One person died in a multi-boat accident at Lake Pleasant while the second fatality involved a water-skier who was struck and killed by a hit-and-run boater on the California side of Lake Havasu on July 3.

In the Lake Havasu hit-and-run case, anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has other information regarding it is asked to please contact Sergeant Clayton Bailey, Sgt Tim Smith, or Detective Jimmy Trahin of the Colorado River Sheriff's Department at (760) 326-9200. To see the full press release from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (California), visit <http://www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/public/pr/essreleases/PRDetail.asp?PRID=3134>.

While investigators from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department continue to probe the two accidents' exact causes, the Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds boaters to **Boat Safe, Boat Smart and Boat Sober**.

Boat Safe

Boat Safe by avoiding waterskiing in congested areas, steering clear of rough water and excessive speeds while towing skiers, and rapidly retrieving your skiers

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from busy waters. In addition, boaters should always travel in a counterclockwise direction while on the water.

"Boaters should keep the closest shore over their right shoulder, and they shouldn't cut blind corners where oncoming boaters can't see them," says Kevin Bergersen, state boating law administrator with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Boat Smart

Boat Smart by taking a boating safety education class. Educated boaters are safer boaters. Boating accident statistics indicate that more than 70 percent of all boat

**Lake Pleasant**

operators involved in boat accidents have not attended any formal boating safety education classes.

Boat Sober

Boat Sober by designating a designated boat operator. Consuming alcohol is permissible on a boat, but the operator cannot be under the influence of alcohol (OUI) to the slightest degree.

"The Blood Alcohol Concentration

(BAC) limit for boats is 0.08 percent or higher, the same as motor vehicles," says Bergersen.

The boating fatality at Lake Pleasant is the first within Arizona this year. Two people died in boating accidents in the state during 2009.

For boating safety information, including course information, please call (623) 236-7235 or go to www.azgfd.gov/boating, or to page 3 of this issue of *AZBW/WOT*.

Boating Safety Tips For Busy Summer Weekends

During Arizona's summer months, boaters can count on busy launch ramps and high use at lakes and rivers most any weekend, but this is especially the case during the long holiday weekends. Boating safety officials from the Arizona Game and Fish Department remind boaters to take precautions to ensure a safe, enjoyable experience this coming Labor Day weekend.

Among the things boaters should do before hitting the water are —

- **Make sure** enough life jackets are on board the boat for everyone, that they are the right size, U.S. Coast Guard-approved, and in good working order free from deterioration.

- **Designate** a sober captain. Keep in mind that the "Boating under the Influence" Blood Alcohol Content is .08, which is the same limit as driving a car under the influence of alcohol; penalties include steep fines and jail time.

- **Avoid** overloading your boat by knowing the passenger and weight limits for your specific vessel.

- **Know** the "rules of the road." The correct direction of travel on Arizona lakes is counterclockwise (shoreline off your right shoulder).

- **Don't crowd** other boaters, and remember to maintain a safe distance when passing others. After all, boats do not have brakes.

- **Check** that your boat's motor and propulsion system are working right.

- **Make sure** your fire extinguishers work.

Arizona's boating regulations can be viewed or downloaded at www.azgfd.gov/boating.

Take a boating safety class near you or online at www.azgfd.gov/boat-ed. (See schedule on page 3 of this issue.)

Editor's Note: Ed Huntsman of AZGFD also recommends this site in hopes of getting all Arizona boaters into life jackets: <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/state-videos/arizona640.wmv>

Last-Minute Rental Saves Three Lives
Crew Sends Mayday Just Before Capsizing

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The day before departing Crescent City, Calif., for an offshore passage bound for Alameda, Calif., the shore-bound father of one of three crewmembers aboard the 32-foot catamaran sailboat *Catalyst* wanted to ensure his daughter was safe.

So, on July 1, he went to www.BoatUS.com/Foundation/epirb to rent an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB).

Normally costing about \$800, the BoatU.S. Foundation rents the life-saving units for just \$65 per week. The rental program is intended to fill the short-term safety need for occasional offshore cruisers.

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With winds gusting past 50 mph and seas treacherous, the three crew — two men in their 40s and a woman of unknown age — activated the EPIRB at about 12:44 p.m. Soon after, 15-to-20-foot waves knocked the boat completely upside down, pinning all three underneath.

Once they freed themselves from the overturned boat, the trio lashed themselves to the overturned vessel, but without survival suits to protect them from the cold water, hypothermia quickly set in.

A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter was able

to home in on the signal given by the EPIRB, and after commencing a search pattern, quickly found the floating wreck awash in the sea.

With the help of a rescue swimmer, *Catalyst's* three crew were quickly loaded into the helicopter for a life-saving flight to the hospital. The female crew member's body temperature was only 79°F and pulse barely 30 beats per minute. All are expected to fully recover.

The signal from the EPIRB was the

only distress signal received by the Coast Guard from *Catalyst*. The Coast Guard also credits the crew for staying with the boat after it capsized and for having filed a float plan, which allowed the rescuers to expedite the search.

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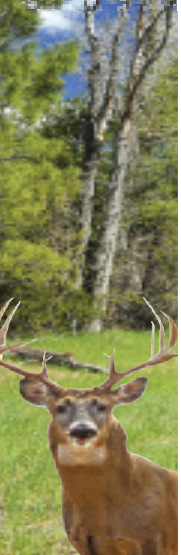
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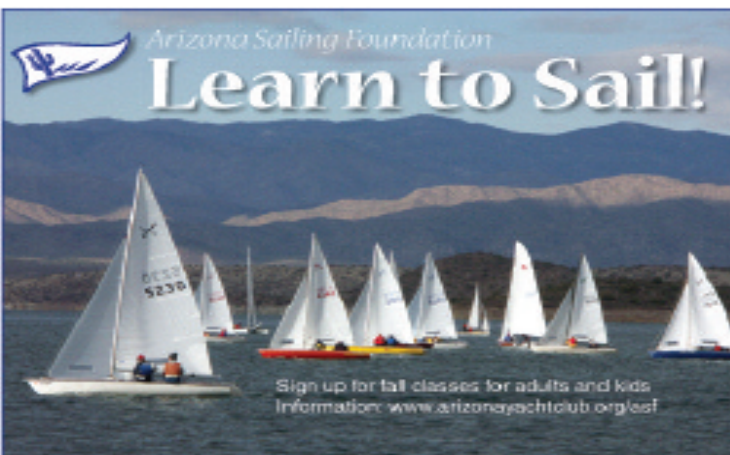
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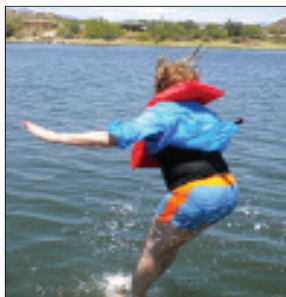
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