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National Safe Boating Week: May 17-May 23

Come Join Us For The Celebration Of The Coast Guard Auxiliary's 75th Anniversary

Saturday June 21, 2014
Hosted by Division 10
1800-2300
Oakwood Country Club
24218 S. Oakwood Blvd
Sun Lakes, Arizona

Join us for fellowship, dinner, dancing and a formal celebration

For more information and registration visit the Division 10 Web site at —
<http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=114-10>
Or call Dave Esparza at 602-550-5530

Dinner Dress White Jacket, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket, Service Dress Blue, or Appropriate Civilian Attire



All Of Us Can Be Involved In Safety — Not Just Now But Throughout The Season

Welcome to the 2014 North American Safe Boating Campaign! As National Safe Boating Week (May 17–23, 2014) and the season approaches, we are preparing for another campaign to spread the message of safe and responsible boating.

This year, we will continue to educate the boating community about life jacket wear and the options that are available when it comes to comfortable and lightweight life jackets. We are also working closely with our partner organizations to create a larger grassroots network and create a more consistent campaign message. We are hoping these collaborative efforts will increase



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awareness about the importance of always wearing life jackets while on the water.

Once again all of your campaign materials including the order form for your free resources will be available only from www.safeboatingcampaign.com. The Web site may look a little different, but all of the resources you're used to are still there. Look under "Campaign Resources" to order your informational materials, and check out "Communications" to view press releases,

See **SAFETY** on page 13

NSBC Shares Vital Tips On Boating Safely

The National Safe Boating Council would like to remind you to "Boat Responsibly and Wear It!" "Boat Responsibly" by being alert and careful when taking out your boat, making sure you are prepared and always remember to "Wear It"! Wear your life jacket every time you are on the water. An accident can happen very quickly and unexpectedly so you

must be geared up in order to help yourself and your passengers on board.

Develop The Life Jacket Habit

According to the most recent U.S. Coast Guard statistics, over two-thirds of fatal accident victims drowned. Out of those who drowned, approximately 90 percent were not

wearing a life jacket. There are so many different types of life jackets today that are smaller and more comfortable; it's much easier to "Wear It!" at all times. Life jackets are part of the gear stylish and knowledgeable boaters wear. Be a role model! Develop the

See **TIPS** on page 13

I'm Your Life Jacket, But You Don't Know Me

I'm your life jacket, but you don't know me. I'm here to help you, maybe even save your life — but only if you're willing to take the help. Maybe National Safe Boating Week (May 17 – 23) will help remind everyone that I'm here for you?

You Hide Me

You think you may know me, but you really don't. Because the law says you have to keep me aboard your boat, you think you're safe. But, you put me in places so hard to find, under piles of junk or buried in lockers so deep that no one will ever know who I am, especially if something happens to you, or if something bad happens very fast, as most accidents do.

Of all of the fatal boating accident victims who drowned, almost 85 percent weren't wearing a life jacket. I wish I had gotten to know that 85 percent. I'll bet their families do, too.

I'm Still In The Package

You've never taken me out of my new packaging, or let me meet your family or friends. You barely even talk about me. Everyone knows where to find the fishing rods, the cooler full of drinks, or the sunscreen. But me? Hardly anyone knows I exist.



WHY NOT? — Where are your boat's life jackets? Can you get to them quickly? Better still, why don't you just "WEAR IT!" ?

About the only time you talk about me is when you take little boating guests aboard. You put my large adult-size on a small child, thinking I'll keep them safe. But sadly, all those little guys have to

See **LIFE JACKET** on page 17

TRI-STATE BOATING SAFETY FAIR

AZGFD Offers PDF Exchange, Vessel Safety Checks

The annual Tri-State Boating Safety Fair is set for Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. It will be held at London Bridge Beach Park Stage, 1340 McCulloch Blvd. N., Lake Havasu City, Ariz. Admission is free.

Boating officials from three states — Arizona California and Nevada — are teaming up to promote boating safety



Police Department, are promoting boating safety awareness and a life jacket ex-

change program. Life jacket trade-in (bring your unsafe, torn-up, or outgrown life jackets and get a new life jacket... while supplies last) and courtesy vessel safety checks are free to the public. Boaters who frequent Lake Havasu are all urged to stop over.

For more information, contact (928) 916-8519.



ON THE COVER

Safely Enjoy Summer On And In The Water

It's definitely summer in the Southwest. And, summer brings many of us to the water to enjoy all that it has to offer — boating, swimming, fishing, a myriad of watersports. Yes, "The Livin' Is Easy" at this time of year. But, it can also be a dangerous season with all the traffic, the celebrating, and, unfortunately, the lack of boater-safety skills. In fact, as lovely as the four girls are on the cover, there is something missing: their life jackets. Not just during National Safe Boating Week (May 17-23), but *always*, those who enjoy the water have the responsibility to ensure their and others' safety. Please see the articles on this page with suggestions for safety in and on the water, and visit page 3 of this issue to find the schedule of classes that can contribute immensely to the wisdom of us all.

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Boating

Welcome, Capt. Dave!

Capt. Dave Esparza, Coast Guard Auxiliary and Phoenix Power Squadron, initiates the first of his "Captain's Corners" this issue/Page 4



DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid May

BEYOND ARIZONA

DANA POINT BOAT SHOW: May 29-June 1 — See story on page 4.

YELLOWTAIL DERBY: Through June 7; johnncins@cox.net

CABO MARINE SHOW: May 15-17 — info@maaseventos.com

FUR AND FEATHER ANIMAL ASSISTANCE, INC.: Ongoing — A permanent residential facility for dogs and cats designed for comfort, well being, and CARE for LIFE. Where Every "One" Deserves a Chance. 575-772-2661 Laurie Beauchamp, 575-772-2543 Sharon Bostick, PO Box 555 Pie Town, NM 87827, e-mail to: furandfeatheranimalassistance@gmail.com Also, see story re: open position, page 14.

BOATING

TRI-STATE BOATING SAFETY FAIR: May 17 — See story on page 1.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: June 21 — See story on page 1.

YUMA: June 28 — 4th Annual Territorial River Regatta — on the Colorado River, a family-friendly floatdown, launches at confluence of Gila & Colorado beginning at 9 a.m., debarkation at West Wetlands Park, 928-343-1715 or 928-276-4803 or <http://www.caballeros.org> or <http://www.territorialriverregatta.com>

PARKER: June 7 — 37th Annual Great Western Tube Float — La Paz County Park, theme is Float-aritaville float 5 miles down the Parker Strip as singles, groups, or teams, an award for the best themed float with a prize of \$500, registration at 7 am, float at 9 am, 928-669-6511 or <http://parkertourism.com> or <http://parkerfun.com>

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK: May 17-23 — See stories starting on page 1.

SALT RIVER WHITEWATER RAFTING SEASON: Until May 31 — Globe: Salt River Whitewater Rafting Season - White Mountain Apache Reservation, (not the tubing section of river), half-day, full-day, and overnight wilderness trips of up to 5 days, <http://www.azroa.org/>

LAKE HAVASU OPEN OF WATERCROSS: June 21-22 — Championship PWC racing returns to Lake Havasu. IJSBA-sanctioned event with some of the best PWC racers from the Western U.S. and Canada compete for points. Two days of closed-course racing. Location: Lake Havasu State Park, Lot 4 (formerly Wind-sor 4) Admission: Free to spectators. Contact: Ross Wallach; 310-318-4012; rpmracingent@yahoo.com; www.rpmracingent.com. Direct URL: <http://www.golakehavasus.com/events/details/1705/1ake-havasus-open-of-watercross/>

TUCSON SAILING CLUB'S CABO REGATTA: May 13-15

GLOBE: Through May 31 — Salt River Whitewater Rafting Season - White Mountain Apache Reservation, (not the tubing section of river), half-day, full-day, and overnight wilderness trips of up to 5 days, <http://www.azroa.org/>

LEARN TO SAIL: Current — If you know someone who would like to learn to sail, turn them on to the Arizona Sailing Foundation's Adult Beginning Sailing class.

AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — at the 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).

CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FLAGSTAFF: June 28 — Wildflower Walks - The Arboretum at Flagstaff, a special wildflower walk that will focus on the native species in bloom at this time of year, sign-up upon arrival, 9:30-11:30 am, 928-774-1442 or <http://www.thearb.org>

MORMON LAKE: June 13 — Outdoor Festival — Mormon Lake Lodge, part of National Get Outdoors Day, activities including fishing, archery, air rifle shooting, wildlife viewing with more than 60 exhibits and displays, see a live snake display and learn about how to catch, clean and eat crayfish, lots of outdoor information and family fun, free, 10 am - 3 pm, 928-354-2227 or <http://www.mormon-lakelodge.com/>

PRESCOTT: June 7-8 — Go Outdoors! Event — Frontier Village Center, to entertain, educate and introduce Arizona residents and tourists to Outdoor activities available in this great State, from fitness, camping, archery, hiking spots, hunting, fishing, water sports off-road tours, climbing, biking trails, and traveling the state, 50+ vendors and exhibitors, 11 restaurants onsite from fast food to seafood, free, 9 am - 4 pm, 928-777-0532 or <http://www.Frontier-Village.com/go-outdoors>

PRESCOTT: June 7-8 — 12 Hours at Night Mountain Bike Ride - Pioneer Park / Brownlow Trails, 12 hour endurance mountain bike event for solo racers or teams of 2 or 3 done relay style, an 8-mile lap that includes wide track, hills, twisty single track, tunnels and more, benefits Prescott Kiwanis Foundation Endowment Fund, break out the headlights, \$65 to participate, free for spectators, 8 pm - 8 am, 928-713-2733 or <http://www.12hoursatnight.com> or <http://www.golakehavasus.com/12han.html>

PINETOP/LAKESIDE: June 7 — 22nd Annual National Trails Day Celebration - Woodland Lake Park, come join our local hiking and trail development organization TRACKS for a day of hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and interpretive activities in the White Mountain Trails system, free, 8 am, 928-368-6700 or <http://ci.pinetop-lakeside.az.us/>

PAYSON: June 6-8 — Mountain High Games — Payson Event Center, the Southwest's largest celebration of adventure sports combined with ATV trail rides, and a massive outdoor expo, outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy the cool mountain temperatures while competing in or watching this thrilling event, includes ATV trail rides, ATV rodeo, mountain bike race, 5K trail run, demolition derby, horse shoe tournament, archery tournament and Dutch oven cooking, <http://www.paysonrimcountry.com>

PHOENIX: CHIHULY: into May 2014 — Desert Botanical Garden, the exhibition will feature multiple installations and artworks on view throughout the Garden's trails by artist Dale Chihuly, Chihuly is credited with revolutionizing the Studio Glass movement and elevating the perception of the glass medium from the realm of craft to fine art, <http://www.dbg.org/>

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

TEMPE COMMUNITY MARKET: Sundays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. until June — 620 N. Mill Ave. (under the freeway); free

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

FISHING

PINETOP-LAKESIDE: June 15 — 27th Annual Father's Day Fishing Contest - Woodland Lake Park, registration begins at 10 am, prizes, trophies, hot dogs, sponsored by VFW 2364 and Ladies Auxiliary, 928-367-4290 or <http://ci.pinetop-lakeside.az.us/>

31ST ANNUAL WESTERN OUTDOOR NEWS LAKE HAVASU STRIPER DERBY: May 17-18 — Nautical Inn Resort, 2/person teams, \$100,000 in prizes, the largest of its kind anywhere in the west, perfect for novice and family teams, entry includes event shirt & hat, team goodie bag, Sat. BBQ & beach part and Sunday awards ceremony, 949-366-0030 ext. 2 or <http://www.golakehavasus.com> or <http://www.wonews.com>

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/SHOOTING/ ARCHERY

CALENDAR OF OUTDOOR EVENTS: Ongoing — www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills Google calendar.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY: Sept. 27

BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER: Current — Open seven days a week; (623) 434-8119

WATERSPORTS

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

Swimming:
SHOW LOW: June 21-22 — 11th Annual Deuces Wild Triathlon Festival — Fool Hollow Lake, Olympic course is **swim 1500 meters**, bike 24.9 miles and run 6.2 miles; Deuce Man Long course is **swim**



Box Of Sox

Please send at least one pair to save a pair of feet. Or, a box of sox would go a long way to soothe bruised and battered feet. The socks for both men and women will be used by volunteers who staff the Migrant Resource Center in Douglas/Agua Prieta where first aid is offered to migrants re-patriated to the United States. Laura Stump's blog describes in some detail what the center offers: worldnextdoor.org. Please use this mailing address: Dan Abbott c/o UPC, 139 E. Alameda Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282-3502. Thank you!

1.2 miles, bike 56 miles, run 13.1 miles; Xterra Deuces Wild Off-Road Triathlon — a Nissan Xterra Points Series Race, **swim 800 meters**, mountain bike 14.9 miles, trail run 5 miles, USAT sanctioned, www.trisportsracing.com

13TH ANNUAL TEMPE INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON: May 18 — Tempe Town Lake, the oldest triathlon at Tempe Town Lake and is an Arizona Classic, offers a completely shaded transition area, a beach start, custom finisher medals and women's specific sized tech T-shirts, swim 1500 meters, bike 24.9 miles, run 10 km; or **swim 1/4 mile**, bike 10 miles, run 3.1 miles, 6:30 am, <http://www.trifind.net>

INCARE SPLASH & DASH: May 15 — Tempe Town Lake; Presented by Triple Sports, Splash 750m or 1500m/Dash 5km; **Swim Only 750m or 1500m**, a unique event with a relaxed atmosphere that is suitable for all levels of athlete, \$35-40, 6 pm, <http://www.4peaksracing.com/>

WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

EXOTIC BIRD SHOW: Dates in May into October — See story on page 11.
FLAGSTAFF: June 22 — 8th Annual Pets in the Pines — Wheeler Park, features adoptable pets from rescues throughout northern Arizona, pet products, a variety of vendors and exhibitors, education, demonstrations, food, games, contests, music and in general a family fun outing for a day in the park, 9 am - 3 pm, 928-526-5964 ext. 254 or www.secondchance-center.org

PRESCOTT: June 13 — Zoo by Moonlight — Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, bring a flashlight and see the nocturnal residents, \$5, 8-9:30 pm, 928-778-4242 ext. 16 or <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

HUMMINGBIRD BANDING AT SAN PEDRO HOUSE: May 18, June 7 — Hummingbird Banding at San Pedro House, Sierra Vista — get a close-up look at these tiny travelers as staff and volunteers from the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory capture, band, measure, and release them as part of long-term studies of the bird life of this internationally important migration route, free, 4-6 pm, 520-417-6960 or 520-432-1388 or <http://www.visitsieravista.com/> or <http://www.sabo.org>

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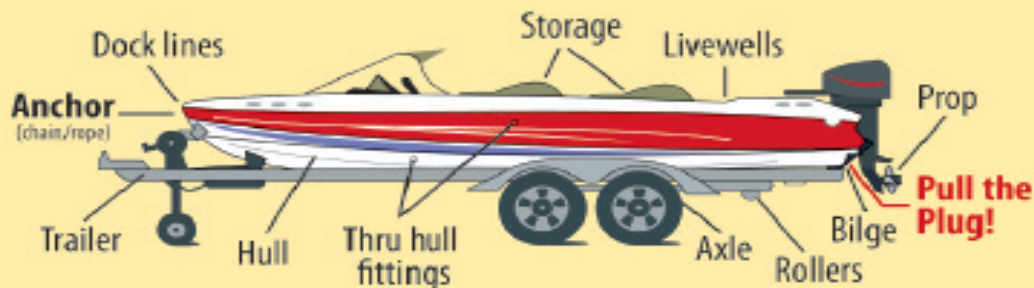
May 2014

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	May 17 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility 2176 McCulloch Blvd., Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	May 17 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076
Coast Guard Auxiliary	May 24 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Cabela's 9380 W Glendale Ave. Glendale	\$25	(623) 293-1637
Arizona Game and Fish Department	May 31 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Paddle Class)	Arizona Game and Fish Department 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219

June 2014

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	June 11 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department HQ 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	June 14 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N Dobson Rd. Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076
Coast Guard Auxiliary	June 14 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E Broadway Road Tempe	\$20	(602) 550-8655
Arizona Game and Fish Department	June 21 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Paddle Class)	Arizona Game and Fish Department 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	June 21 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Cabela's 9380 W Glendale Ave. Glendale	\$25	(623) 293-1637

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Renew Your Registration

It's summer, and that means it's time for fun on the water! When getting your boat ready for the 2014 boating season, be sure your boat's registration is up to date. Renew your registration in person at any Game and Fish office, by mail, online at www.azgfd.gov/watercraft (\$2.50 online service fee applies), or by calling 866-462-0433. Check your registration and make sure you're legal and ready for fun on the water!

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ARIZONA BOATERS WELCOME

Come Cool Off At Dana Point Boat Show

Dana Point Harbor is one of the most spectacular marinas along the California coast, from San Francisco to the Mexican border. Always full with the highest-quality of boats, Dana Point Harbor is home to thousands of watercraft and enthusiasts who enjoy all types of water sports activities throughout the year.

At this year's Dana Point Harbor Boat Show, new and used boats and products will be on display both in and out of the water at the Boat Show.

A great selection of power and sail vessels will be featured, including Albemarle, Baja, Cenczi, East Bay, Egg Harbor, Formula, Grand Banks, Island Packet, Mediterranean, Mikelson, Mustang, Nordhavn, Ocean Pacific Sea Craft, Pursuit, Riviera, Tiara, Viking, with more being added each week.



Sunday, June 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Event Times

Thursday, May 29, noon to 7 p.m.
Friday, May 30, noon to 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tickets

General Admission Adult: \$9
Children 12 and under are free when



accompanied by a paying adult.

Location

OC Sailing & Events Center & Public Docks, Dana Point Harbor Drive, Dana Point Harbor, 34451 Ensenada Place, Dana Point, CA 92629.

Parking

There is plenty of free parking located



at most Harbor parking lots.

Shuttle Service

Constant shuttle service will be available from 1/2 hour before the event to 1/2 hour after the event closes. The shuttle will stop at each parking area every 10 minutes.

For a more information, visit <http://www.danaboatshow.com/about/>

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

It Only Takes A Few Minutes For Safety



By Captain
Dave Esparza

The boating season is upon us with the warm weather fast approaching. I know that we all want to hook up the boat, grab the family and run off to the lake to water recreation and good times. We also need to think about the safety of our friends and family.

I see people every weekend with their boats broken down or their trailer parked alongside the road due to a lack of planning. I am seeing people at the lakes receiving hundreds of dollars in citations because they leave items at the house or just do not know the rules of the road.

Before we leave the house, let's make sure our trailer is ready for that trip — check the air pressure in your tires, are the bearings greased, do the lights work?

Let's do the same thing with our boat — is the battery charged, full tank of gas, how long has it been since you had

it at the lake? Be prepared so that nothing goes wrong.

Do you have a boaters check list? They provide these free at West Marine, or take a boating class with the Game and Fish, Phoenix Power Squadron, or Coast Guard Auxiliary.

How about old, outdated equipment on your boat? We are going to do our part on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at our local lakes. Arizona Game and Fish is sponsoring a life-jacket exchange.

Is yours worn out, torn, or faded? We will have a new one for you. I personally will be at Saguaro Lake — stop by, let me check your life jacket and your boat.

Have you had a Vessel Safety Check from the Coast Guard Auxiliary? What a great way to find out if you have all the safety gear aboard before you hit the water. It only takes a few minutes to make sure that your family is safe and your boat is properly equipped. Hope to see you there.



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SUPERSTITION SEARCH & RESCUE

'Smile, You're On Camera' — Not Candid, But *Eagle 1*

Superstition Search & Rescue (SSAR) uses its remote controlled quad-copter *Eagle 1* to search the remote canyons and locate the wreckage. Team members follow with blue paint to mark the wreck and establish the GPS coordinates.

Imagine that you have just taken a spill in one of the out-of-the-way canyons in the Superstitions. It wasn't a serious fall, but you have twisted your ankle and it's very painful to walk, let alone climb out. Hours have gone by when you hear the insistent sound of a swarm of insects and look up to see a hovering high-tech quad-copter.

Smile! You're on camera, and help is on the way. Superstition Search & Rescue (SSAR), a local volunteer rescue group, has added a new tool to help them in their efforts to locate and rescue lost or injured hikers.

Tremendous Benefit

Eagle 1, SSAR's Matrix quad-copter, is an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) they recently purchased and are now putting through its paces to see how best to use it. It consists of a technologically advanced system that includes a gimbal-mounted video camera on a remote-controlled helicopter — along with a control unit and a monitor that shows a live feed from the copter.

The UAV has wireless connections to six Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites. The monitor displays a high resolution video feed plus grid coordinates of where it is and where the ground-based pilot wants it to go.

The battery-powered helicopter can be controlled from 200 yards away during a 25-minute flight time. The benefit to both the search team and those who are lost or in trouble is tremendous.

Critical Time Savings

The peaks and deep canyons of the Superstitions can be accessed more quickly and safely using the UAV along with searchers in the field, resulting in critical



AN 'EAGLE SCOUT' — *Eagle 1* is the newest acquisition to help Superstition Search & Rescue with the complicated rescues in the mountains and canyons of the Desert Southwest. It is shown here scouting the dark recesses of a canyon in search of a person who is lost and/or in trouble.

time savings. Robert Cooper, director of urban searches at SSAR, said that the system can give accurate directions to help find the person who is lost.

SSAR has had their eye on the system for a long time. "We have been hosting fundraisers and applying for grants because UAV systems used to cost \$20,000, but the technology is going up and the

prices are coming down," Cooper said. "We ended up paying just \$5,000 for the best system, with all of the upgrades." Cooper added that it also came with a hat.

Thank You, Elks

The Apache Junction Elks #2349 raised \$2,000 to be applied to the purchase. Dennis Mack, one of the SSAR volunteers

who is also in the Elks said that *Eagle 1* should be a big help on the trail. "It folds up to fit in a suitcase, which is actually pretty heavy," Mack said. "But I guess we'll rig up a harness so it won't be too hard to pack in."

More About SSAR

SSAR is a private volunteer service organization dedicated to wilderness and urban search and rescue in Arizona. The primary purpose of the organization is to assist individuals who may experience wilderness-related problems including falls or medical emergencies, lost or overdue hikers and heat or cold exposure.

SSAR is skilled in wilderness first-aid, technical rescue, orienteering and tracking. These skills enable Superstition Search & Rescue members to safely and efficiently move patients from the field to appropriate medical service in the event of injury, or to their families, in the case of a lost or overdue hiker.

To learn more about Project Blue, visit www.projectblue.com. Information about Superstition Search & Rescue and volunteering may be found at <http://superstition-sar.org>.

Congratulations, Capt. Kelsee Haws!

By Her Grandmother Carol Allen

At an inspiring ceremony in Casa Grande, Ariz., on May 9, Chief Mike Berger of Central Arizona Vocational Institute of Technology (CAVIT), presided over promotions given to young fire-



Kelsee Haws, Chief Mike Berger



LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER — Shown second from right in first row is Kelsee Haws' mother, Lisa Brookes-Haws, as she graduated from her Fire Academy in the mid-'80s.

fighter cadets.

Promotions included those to Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, and Battalion

Chief. Proud father Paul Haws, grandparents Pert Fuller and Jim and Carol Allen, aunt Chelle Brookes, and friends Haylie and Janean Jesch celebrated Kelsee Pearl Haws' achievement of Captain.

Her late mother (Lisa Brookes-Haws, Oct. 31, 1964-Dec. 20, 2013) was a retired Firefighter/EMT and 911 Dispatcher. Needless to say, Kelsee is following in her mother's footsteps, and we could feel Lisa's presence and pride during the evening.

The moments of joy and memory we all shared were especially appropriate for a Mother's Day weekend.

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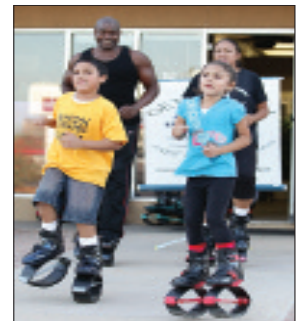
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LAKE POWELL FISHING

Spring Fishing Is At Its Best

By Wayne Gustaveson
http://www.wayneswords.com

May is here and water temperature is in the 60s which means spring fishing is at its best. Cold fronts will still slow down catching for a day or two but on most days fishing will be excellent.

Here is the room service menu for spring fishing in order of availability.

Striped Bass

Bait fishing along the canyon walls is good in the normal spots. Spots close to the marinas will provide good catches for those looking for a good, close fishing trip. But, the results are sometimes long awaited and time spent at the Dam or on Moki Wall could actually have been more productive in another spot.

My recommendation for better fishing results is to head to the back of the major canyons where water clarity is reduced by runoff and waves. Begin fishing where water color changes from clear to green or murky where bottom depth is 35 feet or less. Troll to locate scattered stripers with crankbaits that run at 12-20 feet. Watch the graph for schools and fish traces.

Hooking a fish is just the beginning of the adventure. The first fish marks a productive location where other stripers can quickly be caught by casting around the boat with crankbaits and by dropping spoons to the bottom. Other stripers follow the hooked fish and come in range while the first fish is landed.

After 10 minutes of casting without further results, continue trolling to locate a new aggregation. Stripers are feeding on plankton in the upper 20 feet of the water column and are more than willing to eat a fish (crankbait) that swims into their personal space.

HINT: Striped bass fishing is "on fire" during the first hour of daylight right now! Be out there when the sky lightens in the East and before the sun hits the water.

Walleye

This is walleye month and they are the second most common fish to catch. Choose muddy to murky water in the backs of canyons where bottom depth is 7-25 feet. Walleye like to hang near structure such as a rocky point or hump where they can wait to ambush a forage fish that swims in range.

Techniques include slow trolling with flat line, bottom bouncing with live worm or jigging with plastic tubes and grubs. The common theme is to put the lure or bait on bottom and slowly move it along until walleye find it. These light-sensitive fish are best caught in low light early or late in the day.

They feed all day long with water temperatures in the 60s so fish on the shady side of a rock or under a mudline caused by wind or wave action.

HINT: Live worms attached to plastic grubs increase catch rate.

Smallmouth Bass

Some bass have spawned once but with this springs' sporadic weather the main spawn will happen this week. Fish clear water to sight fish for bass on nests. It is more difficult to see fish now with water level increasing but bass on beds can be located and caught. If a bedding fish won't bite because the boat got too close the first time, just mark the spot and return an hour later and throw a long cast to complete the task.



EXCERPT FROM EARLY MAY AZGFD'S FISHING REPORT

Get Ready For Possible Brown Trout Bonanza

Tip Of The Week

Hello, Anglers:

Top-water lovers should consider setting up a variety of fishing rods with different plugs so that when the action is heated, you'll be better prepared for what they're biting.

Binoculars can be used to spot boils. Boat to the side of a boil and, if possible, cast past a boil and work the lure back through it.

The Reel Deal

Brown Trout

They often flop from the water, or twist and tangle line. Clever and elusive, brown trout are one of the state's top sport fish to target. And, they taste great.

Get ready for a possible brown trout bonanza at Lynx Lake. For the first since 2012, 742 brown trout were stocked the week of May 5. Get out to the Prescott area and try spinners and flies as well as your trout bait of choice.

Browns rely heavily on insect larvae and pupae, both nymphs and adults. So fly fishing is a great option. Try a No. 18 or 20 wooly bugger about 4 feet under a float with 4-pound test line.

Another option for brown trout is the Greer lakes. One angler (below) reported catching a few large browns to 6 pounds out of the lakes in late March. We also have stocked Perkins Tank in Flagstaff with browns.

Bass

Bass spawning activity varies across the state, although most bass seem to be in post-spawn. At Roosevelt Lake, however, the spawn is in full swing, and many spawning fish can be seen in shallow water.

Because most bass are in the post spawn now, they'll be feeding aggressively. So top-water action is picking up statewide. When fish are out chasing bait in the morning, anglers can throw top-water baits, swim baits, even your chuggers, poppers and stick baits. At the right place and time, anglers can set personal records.

Rainbow Trout

Okay, back to rainbow trout real quick. Some excellent news for Arizona anglers who fish the Colorado River in the Willow Beach-Bullhead City area — trout stockings are coming back!

This has been one of the heaviest stocking periods of the year in terms of numbers of fisheries.

Here's a rundown of the waters that were stocked the week of May 5:

Show Low (Pinetop): Fools Hollow Lake, Rainbow Lake, Show Low Lake, Silver Creek.

Greer, Alpine area: East Fork of the

See **BONANZA** on page 17



AN ADVENTURE — Dan Kennedy, Spanish Fork, Utah, found good crappie fishing near Bullfrog by searching the floating tumbleweeds in the backs of canyons. Brush is out of the water until the lake comes up more so for now look for floating cover to find both crappie and largemouth bass. Finding fish in Lake Powell is always an incredible adventure.

Crappie

Crappie and largemouth bass are searching for cover for spawning and habitation. A bumper crop of tumbleweeds were blown into the lake this spring. Now, with rising water the weeds are submerged and provide the needed

cover.

Find the huge floating tumbleweed mats and fish under and along the edges for the brush loving fish. These mats of floating weeds may provide the nasty cover necessary for the 2014 crop of bass

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EASY ON THE WALLET — John Anderson is shown thoroughly enjoying his new aluminum Ranger boat on Bartlett Lake. He reports, "It's been a long time since I've enjoyed fishing this much. Margie [Anderson] and I love fishing, but we also love hunting, hiking with our granddaughters, sporting clays, bird hunting and tons of other outdoor activities. So, spending \$60,000 on a boat that doesn't get used every weekend just didn't trip my trigger. This Ranger is easy on the wallet but still lets you fish like a pro and looks great. The Yamaha four-stroke just sips gas, so it's economical to run, too."

J and M Anderson

Community Fishing Program Expansion Waters Stocked

At the end of April, eleven of the Community Fishing Programs expansion waters were stocked with catfish. Ponds stocked include Bonsall (Glendale), Discovery and McQueen (Gilbert), Pacana (Maricopa), four Yuma waters (Redondo Lake, Fortuna Lake, West Wetland Pond, and Council Ave. Pond), Roadrunner and Granada (Phoenix), and Eldorado (Scottsdale).

Catfish stockings will continue in all CFP waters through mid-June. Grab your fishing poles and catch a feisty catfish!

Turn In Poachers

We need your help in catching poachers. Fishing without a license and taking too many fish are common violations. This interferes with our ability to manage fishing lakes and reduces your opportunities to catch fish.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Operation Game Thief is an anti-poaching program that encourages the public to report any suspicious activity or knowledge about a poaching violation.

A toll-free hotline is available 24 hours



a day, seven days a week at 1-800-352-0700. The information also can be reported on the Department's Web site (www.azgfd.gov). Your report can remain confidential upon request, and rewards of up to \$8,000 are available for information leading to an arrest.

Do your part by helping the Department by reporting poachers.

Gilbert To Propose Catch-And-Release For Water Ranch

The town of Gilbert is evaluating a proposal to modify Water Ranch Lake at the Riparian Preserve into a Catch-And-Release lake. As part of the town's proposal, new catch-and-keep fishing opportunities are being proposed at Freestone park in addition to the newly added CFP ponds of McQueen and Discovery parks.

Thus far, there have been two public meetings convened on March 19th and March 22nd, and many comments have been received on both sides of the issue.

The tentative date for discussion by the Town Council is set for Thursday, May 15 at 50 E Civic Center Dr Gilbert, AZ 85296.

If the proposal is approved by Town Council, new regulations would need to be approved by The Arizona Game and Fish Department Commission at the September 2014 meeting. Public comments will be solicited during that process as well.

Trout Stockings To Resume At Willow Beach Hatchery

The Arizona Game and Fish Department, in cooperation with Mohave County and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), succeeded on April 22 in creating a short-term solution to provide recreational fishing opportunities this fall in the Willow Beach-Bullhead City area.

Arizona Game and Fish will be providing some 21,000 juvenile rainbow trout to be reared and stocked through the Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, which is located along the Colorado River south of the

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Arizona Hunting Regulations For 2014-2015 Are Online

Game and Fish now accepting paper applications for 2014 fall hunts; online application service will be available until mid-May



any Game and Fish office. The online application service for this draw is expected to be available until mid-May.

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, June 10 by 7 p.m. (MST). For those mailing a paper application, remember that applications must be received by the department by the deadline. Postmarks do not count.

The printed 2014-15 Arizona Hunting Regulations booklets are available at department offices and at license dealers statewide.

Please note that the trapping seasons, rules and regulations are no longer a part of the annual Arizona Hunting Regulations booklet. The department will produce a separate Trapping Regulations pamphlet that will be available in the summer of 2014. For more information about Arizona's drawing processes, hunting season dates and more, visit www.azgfd.gov/draw.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has posted the 2014-15 Arizona Hunting Regulations online at www.azgfd.gov/draw.

Hunters may now apply for a 2014 hunt permit-tag issued through the drawing process for deer, fall turkey, fall javelina, bighorn sheep, fall buffalo and pheasant. (The drawing process for elk and pronghorn antelope occurred earlier this year.)

At this point, paper applications may be submitted by U.S. mail to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Drawing Section, P.O. Box 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052, or hand-delivered to

LIVE IT!

National Hunting And Fishing Day Has Grant Opportunities

Groups and organizations encouraged to apply immediately.



NHF Day and Yamaha continue to promote conservation throughout the community. Through the Live It! Grant,

National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHF Day) and Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A., have partnered to promote a grant program called the NHF Day Live It! Grant. Enrollment for the grants opened in late April.

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TIME OUT FOR TROUT — The Hunting and Angling Heritage Workgroup is a full-time passion for Doug Burt, Hunting and Shooting Sports program manager for the Arizona Game & Fish Department. The mission of HAHWG is to promote hunting and angling throughout Arizona, with one emphasis being on involving youth in these outdoor sports, thus passing on the heritage. Visit www.azgfd.gov/hahwg to learn more about the Hunting and Angling Heritage Workgroup. The next meeting of the group is in Flagstaff, July 12-13 at the Nordic Center. (Burt did take time out of his busy schedule to take his kids fishing, and by the looks of those trout, it was worth it!)



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Western Wildlife



Public Can Provide Input On Grand Canyon Bison Management

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is making constituents aware of the opportunity to provide input regarding bison management at Grand Canyon National Park.

The National Park Service (NPS) has initiated a public scoping process for a bison management plan and environmental impact statement (EIS) for Grand Canyon National Park pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. The NPS is working closely with the U.S. Forest Service and the Arizona Game and Fish Department on this effort. View background information.



Grand Canyon

Over the last several years, few bison have returned to HRWA, and most now spend a majority of their time inside the park, with many not leaving the park at all.

Guided By Their Mission

Guided by their mission and the Department of the Interior Bison Conservation Initiative (2008), the National Park Service seeks to work with partners to conserve and manage bison as wildlife. Where bison are found on NPS lands, they are managed as needed to ensure other resources and values are protected.

In the case of Grand Canyon National Park, the current movement, distribution, and abundance of bison creates concerns for other park resources such as soils, vegetation, archeological sites, and water resources. Additionally, the current situation precludes the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) from providing bison

hunting opportunities outside the park and meeting the bison management goals of the state and the USFS.

Hence, A Plan

As a result, the National Park Service intends to prepare a bison management plan and environmental impact statement (plan/EIS) for Grand Canyon National Park. The USFS, AGFD, and BLM are all participating as formal cooperating agencies.

Ultimately, the action the NPS selects for implementation will provide the basis for Grand Canyon National Park's participation in a long-term, interagency approach to managing bison on NPS and USFS lands that meets the various mandates of each agency.

Public scoping for this plan/EIS in late April has solicited early input from stakeholders. The continuing scoping process will provide the public and other interested parties the opportunity to participate early in identifying the range of issues to be considered when the NPS studies the potential environmental impacts of managing bison in the park; to identify topics and concerns that should be addressed in the EIS, and to bring forward any new information that NPS may not be aware of that would be useful in preparing the plan and EIS.

Awaiting Your Comments

People wishing to submit comments



Bison

should go to the National Park Service Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site at www.parkplanning.nps.gov/grca_bison_eis and click on the "Open for Comment" link to the left. We encourage you to check this site throughout scoping as additional information will be posted when it becomes available.

The NPS looks forward to hearing from you as they start this important plan/EIS effort. To be most helpful, they request you submit comments by June 6.

Comments will also be accepted via U.S. Postal Service to Grand Canyon National Park, PO Box 129, Attn: Bison Management Plan EIS, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023. Public comments will be accepted through June 6, 2014.

More information is available at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grca_bison_eis and be contacting Martha Hahn: (928) 638-7759.

Fire Restrictions In Effect At Arizona Game and Fish Department Wildlife Areas

The Arizona Game and Fish Department implemented Stage 1 fire restrictions at all department wildlife areas on April 18. The restrictions are part of the restrictions issued by the Arizona State Forestry Division on state-owned and state-managed lands outside incorporated municipalities due to the increased risk of wildfire in the state.

Stage 1 restrictions mean that no open fires are allowed — including campfires and wood or charcoal-burning stoves and barbecues. Smoking is prohibited except within an enclosed vehicle or building or developed recreation site. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch devices with open flames is prohibited, as are fireworks.

Increase In Fire Numbers

"The state has seen an increase in the

number of wildfires in the last few weeks, with most being human-caused," said State Forester Scott Hunt of the Arizona State Forestry Division. "Implementing fire restrictions will reduce the threat of wildfire to communities and to natural resources; Arizona residents can do their part in preventing human-caused fires by following the fire restrictions guidelines for state-owned and state-managed lands."

The State Forester's fire restrictions cover all unincorporated state-owned and state-managed lands south of the Grand Canyon, including all state trust lands, all Game and Fish wildlife areas, all Arizona state parks (state parks will remain open with campfires allowed in developed campgrounds; please visit <http://azs-tateparks.com> for more information), and all Arizona Department of Transportation highway right-of-way property not owned



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by federal land management agencies.

Wildlife Areas Affected

Although Game and Fish wildlife areas are under fire restrictions, the areas remain open, offering an excellent outdoor recreation experience, and you can still use gas and propane stoves and lanterns at this time.

The restrictions apply to the following wildlife areas —

- Alamo Wildlife Area
- Allen Severson Memorial Wildlife Area
- Aravaipa Wildlife Area
- Arlington Wildlife Area
- Base and Meridian Wildlife Area
- Becker Lake Wildlife Area
- Bog Hole Wildlife Area
- Chevelon Canyon Wildlife Area
- Chevelon Creek Wildlife Area
- Cibola Wildlife Area
- Clarence May Wildlife Area
- Cluff Ranch Wildlife Area
- Colorado River Nature Center
- Fool Hollow Lake Wildlife Area
- House Rock Wildlife Area
- Jacques Marsh Wildlife Area
- Lamar Haines Wildlife Area
- Luna Lake Wildlife Area

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Arizona Game And Fish Earns 11 Communicator Awards

The 20th Annual Communicator Awards honored the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Arizona Wildlife Views TV and Arizona Wildlife Views Magazine staff with 11 awards when winners were announced on April 29.

The Gold Communicator Awards of Excellence went to *Arizona Wildlife Views Magazine*, earning the top honor in the magazine/government category, and to David Majure's "Glen Canyon Dam High-Flow Release," the top award in the online documentary category.

Each of the following entries by Arizona Game and Fish earned an Award of Distinction and a Silver Communicator statuette.

George Andrejko — Two Awards of Distinction in the photography category, a Coues' whitetail and a brown trout

Cecelia Carpenter — Award of Distinction for overall magazine design

Ben Avechuo — "Bighorn Sheep Workshop" video Award of Distinction in the film/video nature/wildlife category

David Majure — Three Awards of Distinction in the film/video nature/wildlife category: "Tracking Tortoises," "Protecting Grand Canyon's Humpback Chub," and "Strength in Numbers," a video about pronghorn management

Carol Lynde — Two Awards of Distinction: "Moving Bighorn Sheep" video in the online documentary category and "Yarnell Fire Raccoon" in the film/video nature/wildlife category

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Lyman Lake State Park Re-Opens; Picacho Peak State Park Winds Down Season

Lyman Lake State Park in northeastern Arizona is a 1,500-acre lake with no size restrictions on boats and is now open for camping reservations. The park re-open on May 2 for the summer season. Picacho Peak State Park, the famous Peak between Phoenix and Tucson, will close for the season from May 23 to Sept. 23.

"In the summer, Picacho Peak State Park is not open due to the extreme heat and safety of our visitors," said Executive Director Bryan Martyn. "Lyman Lake State Park opens in the spring because it is located on the Colorado Plateau, which is much cooler in the summer."

Summer Days At Lyman

Summer days at Lyman Lake State Park are perfect for fishing, water-skiing, camping and hiking. The park features 61 camping sites with shade ramadas, picnic

tables and grills. Campsites range from \$20 to \$30 a night depending on the type of campsite needed.

There are also four air-conditioned camping cabins (\$55). The four one-room log camping cabins overlook the lake with covered wood porches and comfortable features. They are accessible by car and RV and equipped with electric hook-ups outside.

Reservations

Reservations for camping can be made 24-hours-a-day at AZStateParks.com or by calling (520) 586-2283 between 8am and 5pm (Mountain Standard Time) seven days per week. The park is located 11 miles south of St. Johns Arizona on US 191/180. Call the park at (928) 337-4441 to reserve ramadas and group areas or to get more information about the park.



Lyman Lake

Visit AZStateParks.com/parks/LYLA.

For information about all 27 Arizona State Parks, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703).

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Picacho Peak

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Tonto Natural Bridge

Exotic Bird Show At Tonto Natural Bridge State Park Continues Monthly

AZ Exotic Bird Rescue held an Exotic Bird Show at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park on May 10. The show will continue each month at Tonto Natural Bridge through October — on June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20 and Oct. 18. On May 31, 2014, join us at the park for a lecture about the prehistoric people of the Payson area.

Curt Scarberry and the folks from AZ Exotic Bird Rescue will bring some of the exotic birds from their rescue out to the park from 1 to 3 p.m. The public will be able to see and to learn about these amazing birds.

The show may include birds such as macaws, cockatoos, conures and parrots but the birds will vary with each show. There will also be speakers from the rescue at each show to inform about the wonders of these animals.

On Saturday, May 31 from 10 to 11 a.m., representatives from the Northern Gila County Historical Society will talk about the early (prehistoric) people of the Payson area. They will have displays on site about what may have comprised their daily lives.

This will include what kind of tools they used, the crops they would have grown, and more. Free handouts will be available as well as books about the area that can be purchased.

The cost for the show or the lecture is the regular park entrance fee of \$5 per person for those aged 14 and older, \$2 per person for those aged 7-13, and no charge for anyone younger than 6.

For more information about either event, please call the park at (928) 476-4202, email Gavin at gerickson(at)azstateparks.gov or visit AZStateParks.com/parks/TONA.

For more information about AZ Exotic Bird Rescue, visit azexoticbirdrescue.org or check them out on Facebook at facebook.com/wedontquit. Tonto Natural Bridge State Park is located 10 miles north of Payson, Arizona on Highway 87.

Homolovi State Park Is Temporarily Closed

Homolovi State Park is closed temporarily until May 28 for road construction and improvement work by Arizona State Parks.

This roadwork was paid for by a \$199,879 contract funded with Arizona Department of Transportation Roadside Development funds for Arizona State Parks to repair the main roads through the park. The contract was awarded to SJ Anderson with subcontractor Regional Paving saw cutting and removing existing road cracks up to 3 feet wide and putting in a new sub-base and paving.

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View From Bunkhouse Trail At Red Rock State Park



Page Springs Hatchery Trail Map



Black Hawk At Bubbling Ponds



Page Springs Hatchery Trail



Page Springs Fish Hatchery

Page Springs Fish Hatchery is a wonderful destination for a day trip — that's right, the Fish Hatchery is a destination! For starters, it's free. Kids will love it because there is a trail that meanders along the creek, plus there is a picnic area where you can have some lunch and something cool to drink while the kids look at all the fish in the tanks.

Speaking of kids, be sure to bring some quarters so the kids can feed the big trout in the show pond. It's even fun for grown-ups — get a quarter's worth of fish chow from the machine and have fun watching the enormous trout come up to grab it. They are definitely not shy.

See How Trout Are Raised

There is ample parking at the Hatchery, and a small exhibit building where you can learn about the area and the hatchery and see replicas of Arizona's state-record fish. Then you're free to wander around in a self-guided tour that allows you access to some of the fish tanks, where you can see how the trout are raised.

The PSH Trail is a gentle loop that winds around the old pond locations and follows the creek for a good little bit. It's a beautiful trail that keeps to the shade for the most part, and it's a famous spot for bird watchers. Bring your camera and your binoculars.

Nice Trail At Bubbling Springs

Less than half a mile down the road is Bubbling Ponds Hatchery, and there is a very nice trail there, too. In fact, you can walk from one area to the other — in total, the trails only come to about a mile and half, and all of it is nice and smooth. It's more of a walk than a hike, actually, but still really cool because of the way the trees and shrubs bend over to form a tunnel over parts of the trail.

This is another really good birding area, but neither place is crowded most of the time. When we were there in spring we only saw one other group — a family with small kids who were having a blast playing on the trails and looking at the ducks and fish.

The Hatchery is open 8 a.m.–4 p.m. every day except Christmas and Thanksgiving. There is no camping, but you can find plenty down the road at Dead Horse Ranch State Park (more about that next month!).

To get to the Hatchery, you take Page Springs Road off highway 89A or the Cornville Road. If you're not going to picnic at the hatchery, you've got to try the Manzanita Restaurant in Cornville. They've got the most delicious German food, and they are even vegan-friendly! They are on the list of the 101 greatest places to eat in Arizona, and it's easy to see why. Check them out on themanzanitarrestaurant.com.

Colorful Beauty At Red Rock State Park

North of the Hatchery is Red Rock State Park, which also offers many nice hiking trails. There is a visitor center with a gift shop and a theater where you can see a beautiful film about Arizona.

The turn-off to the park is north of Page Springs Road off 89A. At 10 a.m. each day, there is a guided hike that takes about an hour and a half to two hours, and at 2 p.m. there is an activity with a ranger or a guest speaker that may be inside or outside, and lasts about 45 minutes.

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There's a great trail that loops around from the visitor center down to the creek then back again. It's wide and smooth and you'll get to see gorgeous red-rock formations, water, and a couple of cool bridges. Red Rock State Park is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., with the last entry at 4:30 p.m.

Get There Early

The Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily. No pets are allowed in the park. Entry fees are \$5 for 14+, \$3 for 7-13, and children 6 and under are free.

Get there early if you want to hike some of the trails that lead to higher views. There are five miles of interconnecting trails and you can download and print a map at <http://azstateparks.com/Parks/RERO/index.html>.



MORE AHEAD — This bridge joins the Bunkhouse Trail with one of the other trails at Red Rock State Park.

TIPS

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Life Jacket habit!

Know the Navigation Rules (Nautical Rules of the Road)

Knowing the nautical rules of the road is important for all boaters. Knowing what to do when meeting, crossing or overtaking another boat can prevent costly damage to your boat, personal injury or even loss of life. Whenever you believe there is a threat of collision you should slow down, stop or steer away from the situation in question. Maintaining a proper lookout and a safe speed are all a part of the navigation rules and should be an important part of boat operation.

Stay Sober While Boating

It's dangerous to operate a boat when drinking. Operating a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal in all states and is a violation of Federal law. An

operator with a blood alcohol content about .08 (equivalent to consuming five beers in one hour for the average 180-lb. male) — is ten times more likely to die in a boating accident than an operator with zero blood-alcohol level.

Be Aware Of Carbon Monoxide

All boat engines produce Carbon Monoxide (CO)—an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas that can kill you in a matter of minutes. Boaters are killed every year because of improper cabin ventilation, poorly maintained equipment, and careless behavior. You do not have to be inside the boat to be at risk. Boaters have died from exposure on the swim platforms of their boats and in other areas where CO exhaust may accumulate or be emitted. Be aware of the early symptoms (irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness, and dizziness). Use CO detectors on your boat and stay off the swim platform when the engine (or generators) are running.

Take A Safe Boating Course

Seventy percent of recreational boating accidents are caused by operator factors — such as failure to pay attention, carelessness, recklessness, inexperience, excessive speed, and failure to watch for hazards. Boating safety courses are available, inexpensive or free, and quick—a great way for you to learn safety and the rules of the road. See page 3 of this issue: *the Arizona Game & Fish Department has listed classes there.*

Get Your Boat Checked

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Power Squadrons® offer a free Vessel Safety Check (VSC). Contact www.vesselsafetycheck.org for information.

For more information on boating safety, please visit the National Safe Boating Council at www.safeboatingcouncil.org. The National Safe Boating Council wishes you safe and enjoyable boating and reminds you to "Boat Responsibly and Wear It!"

SAFETY

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the 2014 NSBW Proclamation, and to download PSAs and graphics.

Items such as activity sheets and information for kids, information on life jackets, and the recently-released United States Coast Guard Statistics can be found under "Educational Resources." For FAQ and links to our campaign partners, check out "Wear It Campaign." To let people in your area know about events you are holding or to view other events in your area, go to "Events." Also, check out our **Message Board** where you can exchange ideas and information with other campaign planners.

This year, we're encouraging you to become a part of the national campaign more than ever. We're asking boaters from across the country to share their own "Wear It!" efforts by submitting personal

PSAs and boating safety message videos. We'll even broadcast them on the campaign website as well as the campaign YouTube, MySpace, and Facebook sites!

We hope that we have provided you with all of the resources necessary to supplement your own efforts in your area. Remember this is YOUR campaign. If there is anything you feel would make this campaign more useful to you, please let us know by filling out a campaign evaluation.

With your support, we can continue to reduce the number of recreational boating fatalities and help to save lives. If you have any questions about the campaign or its materials, please contact the National Safe Boating Council at (703) 361-4294 or via e-mail at atmoslechan@safeboating-council.org.

Have a fun and safe boating season and remember to **WEAR IT!!**

HOMOLOVI

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'Kids To Parks Day'

On May 17, "Kids to Parks Day," the scheduled 9:30 a.m. petroglyph tour will still operate even though the park is closed during this time. A Park Ranger will lead this tour of Homolovi's petroglyph sites on the park's western border.

This tour will require participants to have their own vehicle. Participants should be prepared for weather and bring plenty of water as the tour will last approximately three hours.

The regular day-use fee of \$7 per vehicle will be charged. Reservations can be made in advance by contacting the park at (928) 289-4106 or contact Kenn Evans by email at [kke2\(at\)azstateparks.gov](mailto:kke2(at)azstateparks.gov).

Join the tour by meeting at Captain Tony's Pizza Restaurant located at 2217 N. Park Drive in Winslow, Ariz., at 9:30 a.m. Then the group will travel by personal vehicles to the Homolovi IV West Petroglyph site. The walking distance will be less than two miles in very soft sand with some boulder scrambling.

Camping Starts Again May 29

Reservations for camping May 29 or later can still be made during this closure 24-hours-a-day at AZStateParks.com or by calling the Reservation Call Center at (520) 586-2283 from 8 am to 5 pm MST 7 days a week.

Homolovi State Park's campground is convenient to I-40 and accommodates large rigs, as well as tent camping. The Park Entrance Fee is \$7 per vehicle with up to four adults. Tent camp sites to full hookup camping sites are available at a fee of \$15 to \$25 depending on the type of camping site needed.

For more information about Homolovi State Park, call (928) 289-4106 or during the closure call (602) 542-4174 or visit AZStateParks.com/parks/HORU. Homolovi State Park is located five miles northeast of the city of Winslow in northeastern Arizona.

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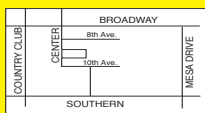
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- Sunflower Flat Wildlife Area
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- Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area
- Upper Verde River Wildlife Area
- Wenima Wildlife Area
- White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area

Outdoor recreationists should also be aware that fire restrictions went into effect on April 18 on certain other lands, including the Coconino, Kaibab, Prescott and Tonto national forests. Check the Web sites of the forest you will be visiting for more information.

GRANT

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deserving organizations are able to help further the program's goal of connecting everyone to the outdoors.

NHF Day encourages clubs, associations and agencies to submit detailed applications for their specific needs. A committee will review each application and award grants to help fund deserving

events. All events must be National Hunting and Fishing Day focused and hosted in September 2014.

Some examples of how these grants can be used include —

- Equipment rental for event
- Marketing of event
- Purchase of outdoor equipment

"We are very excited to partner with Yamaha on the NHF Day Live It! Grant," said Misty Mitchell, director of Conser-

For More Information

For more information about fire restrictions, please visit the fire restrictions website at <http://firerestrictions.us/az>. Additional information about the Arizona State Forestry Division and the Notice of Fire Restrictions may be found at www.azsf.gov.

For a list of Game and Fish wildlife areas, directions, and the wildlife you might see at those areas, visit www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/WildlifeViewingAreas.shtml.

vation Programs Wonders of Wildlife. "Yamaha has continually stepped up to the plate to promote conservation and the recognition of sportsmen and women across the board. Any organization that is putting on an event that is connecting individuals to the outdoors is encouraged to apply. We look forward to seeing all the applications."

Open enrollment is scheduled to close June 2. Live It! grant recipients will be notified June 23.

For questions regarding the NHF Day Live It! Grant, groups can call Wonders of Wildlife 417-225-1118, e-mail nhfday@wondersofwildlife.org or write to Wonders of Wildlife 500 W Sunshine Springfield Mo 65807.

For more information about NHF Day, visit <http://www.nhfday.org> or <http://www.nhfday.org/Page/Grant-Opportunities.aspx> for the application and guidelines.

TROUT

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Hoover Dam.

A Huge Win

"This is a huge win for anglers in Arizona and Mohave County," said Chris Cantrell, fisheries chief for Game and Fish. "This will have a positive impact on all Arizona anglers, particularly from Willow Beach south to the Bullhead City area."

On Nov. 21, 2013, the hatchery, operated by the USFWS, conducted an emergency stocking of 11,000 rainbow trout when the low water level made it impossible to draw water. The hatchery, however, lost 20,000 fish due to a lack of water movement through the system. Since then, the hatchery has been unable to rear or stock sport fish.

Working Toward Long-Term Solution

Despite the hatchery's pipeline and infrastructure damages, this solution will allow for short-term angling opportunities. Meanwhile, Game and Fish, USFWS and Mohave County will continue to work toward a long-term solution to supply trout to Arizona waters for recreational fishing opportunities.

Added Stewart Jacks, USFWS fisheries and aquatic conservation assistant regional director: "These are challenging times, but this is a great example of people working together to come up with a solution."

That includes those working at the hatchery. They are 'boots on the ground' every day — no matter what's thrown at them, they come back looking for a solution with professionalism and dedication."

AZGFD Remains Opposed

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission remains opposed to a reprioritization of National Fish Hatcheries by USFWS and will continue to work towards ensuring that the USFWS fulfills its commitment to support sportfishing in Arizona and across the nation.



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and crappie to survive in larger numbers. They have arrived at just the right time.

Oh, Lake Powell! It is always a chal-

I'm Here For You

Just remember, when you need me, I will be there for you. But only if I'm worn, or very easy to get to, like under your seat. While I'm a little hurt that you may not choose to wear me all of the time, try putting me on a little more frequently. Just try it. I won't tell anyone you're doing the right thing.

I'm your life jacket. Remember that I'm here to save to your life, but only if you'll let me.

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At press time, lake elevation was 3,578 and water temperature: 59-69F.

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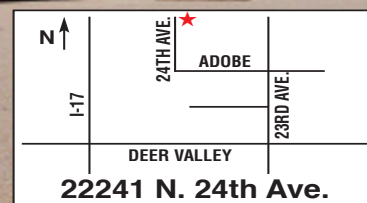
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RTB Chris-Craft Moves To Century Marine

By Jim Allen

We are proud to announce that the new home for Rock The Boat's 1954 35' Chris-Craft is Century Marine. Century Marine is located at 3302 East Main Street in Mesa, Ariz., and you can find them on the Web at

www.centurymarine.com. Welcome aboard to Century Marine as a new sponsor for Rock The Boat.

Ed Hale of Hale's Marine Service handled moving the boat to her new location. Hale's Marine Service is located at 22241 North 24th Avenue in Phoenix, Ariz., and

you can find them on the Web at www.halesmarineservices.com. Hale's Marine Service has assisted us in every way possible from the very beginning of the Rock The Boat project.

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