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## Herald The Holidays! Launch The Lights!

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## Waters Of The West Light Up For Christmas

Wherever you may be in the Western outdoors, there is probably a holiday lighted-boat parade coming to a waterway near you.

The following are a few samples of what's in store for the season's spirit, reflected on the waters of the West. If there are other similar events in the western states that you would like included in *Western Outdoor Times*, please e-mail Jim@azbw.com.

### ARIZONA

**Saturday, Nov. 24 in Parker:** 14th Annual Holiday Lighted Boat Parade; Blue Water Marina, free, 6 p.m., (928) 669-2174 or <http://parkerareatourism.com> or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com>

**Saturday, Dec. 1 in Lake Havasu City:** London Bridge Yacht Club's 30th Annual Christmas Boat Parade of Lights - 50 beautifully decorated boats pass under the his-



Lake Havasu, Ariz.

toric London Bridge; this year's theme is A Winter Wonderland, 6:30 p.m., free, (928) 680-4652 or <http://www.lhcboatparade-oflights.com>. The event is coordinated by LBYC and the Lake Havasu Parrot Head Club. This annual Boat Parade of Lights was selected as one of Lake Havasu's Top Ten events for 2011.

**Saturday, Dec. 8 in Tempe:** APS Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade - Tempe Beach Park & Town Lake, pre-parade entertainment begins at 5 p.m.; Santa arrives at 6 p.m.; decorated and lighted boats of all sizes and makes parade at 7 p.m., free,

<http://www.downtowntempe.com>. Light up the night and be dazzled at the Valley's most unique holiday event - the Tempe Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade. Featuring as many as 61 festively lighted boats of all sizes and a top-notch firework show, this is one holiday parade you don't want to miss. Special guest Santa Claus will also make an appearance to hear children's gift requests in Tempe Beach Park. So, bring a camera for some free pictures with Santa to capture those precious holiday memories.

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## Arizona Yacht Club Readies For Birthday Regatta & Leukemia Cup

The 53rd Arizona Yacht Club Birthday Regatta and their 14th Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta is just two months away: Jan. 18-19-20, 2013! Help fight blood cancers! Race one, two, or three days. Cruise! Party!

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2) **Moving indoors:** The dusty tent is gone and the Saturday night event will move indoors to the Lake Pleasant Waterfront Grille. Enjoy inside and outside waterfront seating for cocktails, dinner, and dancing with music from our talented AYC musicians.

3) **Shuttles** will be running from the Spinnaker Point RV/Camping and boat prep areas to the Waterfront Grille throughout the day and evening.

4) **Marina Slip Rentals** are available for \$28/night. Stay the night next to the Waterfront Bar & Grille. Plus all registrations made before December first will be entered



into a lottery for one of **five free slip rentals**.

5) **RV/Camping sites** have been reserved to make sure you have a spot for your tent or camper. Make a reservation before January first to claim one of the reserved spots.

For more information, call Emory Heisler at (602) 679-0462. For more details on the Leukemia Cup fund raising, contact Liz Kaplan at Leukemia Lymphoma Society (LLS): (602) 567-7605.

Do it now! Help AYC in the fight to cure blood cancers and join them for another great Martin Luther King Jr. weekend of desert winter sailing!

### ON THE HORIZON

## 24th Annual SCYA Women's Sailing Convention Set

The Southern California Yachting Association, will hold its 24th Annual Women's Sailing Convention on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, Corona del Mar. Primary sponsor is BoatU.S. This event is open to all women interested in sailing from novice / beginner to expert. The conference is regularly attended by many Arizona women as well as Californians and others from across the United States.

### Multi-Workshop Format

The event maintains its multi-workshop format: Attendees select a combination

workshops in areas that best fits their interest and ability, such as: Welcome Aboard (for beginners), Diesels, Going Up the Mast, Introduction to Racing, Tactics, Docking, Overboard Procedures, Suddenly

Singlehanded Interactive, Weather, Sail Trim, Basic Navigation, Maintenance Mania, DIY Canvas Projects, How to Heave a Line, Nighttime Sailing & Navigation, Hassel-Free Heads, Spinnaker Rigg-

ing, Offshore Cruising, and Introduction to Sailing. The Melanie Patterson Memorial Race (BCYC) will be held in conjunction with the WSC Race workshop, in Harbor 20's. All 30 of the workshops are presented by top women sailors from all over Southern California, many of whom are USCG Licensed Captains.

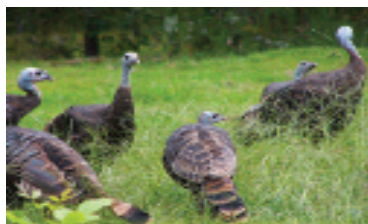
### Pettibone Featured Speaker

To top off the event in the evening, veteran of two America's Cups and two Volvo Ocean Races, world-class sailor Katie Pettibone will be the featured speaker after dinner. In addition she spent 14 days in June on the Arabian peninsula, where the Omani government was promoting the Sail Arabia race to begin training local crews (including women) to participate in world sailing events. Katie was among an international crew on Farr 30's sailing

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Tempe, Ariz.



### ON THE COVER

## Whether Wild Or 'Butterball,' Turkeys Symbolize Gratitude

Turkeys have been a symbol of thanksgiving and abundance long before the Pilgrim's "first meal" in 1621 with the Northern Native Americans.

Many Native Americans view the turkey as both a symbol of abundance and fertility. Indeed, the turkey was the

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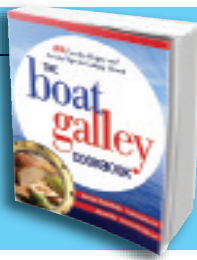
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### Boating

## Good Stuff From The Galley

New, thorough, and creative cookbook takes its place in the boat "kitchen."  
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### Tackle & Target

## Make An Angler Smile!

Bill Roecker's *At The Rail: Long Range Fishing* is an excellent gift idea.  
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Dan and Jon Turner at Sun Valley Fiber-Glas are still hosting our original 1952, 43' Chris-Craft as well as one of the 21' Chris-Craft Scorpions.

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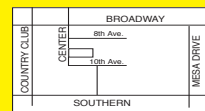
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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	December 15 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076



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## Pre-Departure Checklist

You can help assure a good time while operating your vessel by performing this pre-departure check.

- ✓ Check the weather forecast for the area and timeframe during which you will be boating. High winds create hazardous conditions for boaters.
- ✓ Make sure that the steering and throttle controls operate properly and all lights are working properly.
- ✓ Check for any fuel leaks from the tank, fuel lines, and carburetor.
- ✓ Check the engine compartment for oil leaks.
- ✓ Check hose connections for leaks or cracks, and make sure hose clamps are tight, weather forecast for the area and timeframe during which you will be boating.
- ✓ Drain all water from the engine compartment, and be sure the bilge plug is replaced and secure.
- ✓ Check to be sure you have a fully charged engine battery and fire extinguishers.
- ✓ If so required, make sure the ignition safety switch and wrist lanyard are in good order.
- ✓ Make sure you have the required number of life jackets (personal flotation devices or PFDs), and check that they are in good condition.
- ✓ Leave a float plan with a reliable friend or relative.

1. Those on PWCs **must wear** a Type I, II, or III life jacket (PFD) at all times.
2. Those 12 years of age and younger **must wear** a Type I, II, or III PFD while underway on any vessel. See page 36 of the Arizona Boaters Guide for more information.
3. Required when boating on federally controlled waters.

\* One boats longer than 26 feet, additional equipment is required. Refer to pages 38, 40, 44, 46, and 53 of the Arizona Boaters Guide

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## Cold Weather Boating Requires Extra Caution, Preparation

While the majority of boaters in colder parts of the country have winterized their boats or put them into storage until spring, many still rely on their vessels for hunting, fishing or necessary transportation in cold weather, substantially increasing their risk of a deadly accident. Extra caution and preparation should be taken before heading out on the water in winter.

And, although Arizona winters are mild in some parts of the state, they can be very cold in other parts.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary says the importance of wearing a life jacket becomes even more critical when the danger for hypothermia is added to other concerns. Sudden immersion in cold water can have severe physiological consequences, such as cardiac arrest, fast loss of body heat (the body loses heat 25 times faster in cold water than in cold air) and involuntary inhalation of water (gasp) that results in drowning.

Most Coast Guard-approved life jackets when worn are designed to keep the user's head above water while awaiting rescue.

In addition to wearing a life jacket,



wearing the right clothing also can contribute to a more enjoyable and safer cold weather boating experience. Consider layering clothing, including a wet suit or dry suit, to help ward off the effects of hypothermia.

Following are some additional tips for safe winter boating:

- Assess the risks — envision what can go wrong and be fully equipped and prepared.
- Leave a float plan with a responsible individual who knows your intentions, lo-

cation, and who to call if you fail to return as scheduled.

- Carry a VHF radio or EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon), signal flares and other means to draw attention to your location.

- Be aware of and prepared for the shock of sudden immersion and incapacitating effects of cold water — dress to get wet and carry a change of clothing in a waterproof container.

- Maintain situational awareness on the water — be aware of activity around your

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**BRR!** — Even in the Southwest there are waterways that can become very cold, and hypothermia is not unheard of in any boating situation. Extra caution and preparation should be taken before heading out on the water in winter.

vessel and potential for fast-changing weather conditions.

- Boat safe and sober — save the alcohol for when you've safely returned.

- Be sure your vessel is in good operating condition and has the necessary safety equipment on board before you leave the dock.

- Refresh your seamanship skills — take a boating safety course offered by your local Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla, Sail & Power Squadron, Arizona Game and Fish, Lake Pleasant Sailing Club, etc.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, created by an Act of Congress in 1939, is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard across all mission areas. For more information on the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a flotilla near you, visit [cgaux.org](http://cgaux.org)

## Don't Let The 'Mild' Fool You

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

Entering extremely cold water causes an immediate gasp reflex that can fill the lungs with water. After falling overboard or entering the water, it is important to be wearing your life jacket (PFD). A life jacket keeps your head above water and your body on the surface.

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

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



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## REMEMBERING STEVE WARD 'Mr. Lake Powell' Will Be Missed By Many

Written By A Friend

Lake Powell, and the Page, Ariz., community, has lost one of its greatest advocates: Steve Ward died on Monday, Oct. 8. Steve had just started working for the City of Page, for the fitting job title of Tourism Director, when he passed away.



Steve Ward

Steve's journey at Lake Powell started when his family moved to Page in 1959, when he was a kid. He was even part of the very first Boy Scout Troop in Page. His love for Lake Powell and the Page community

was ever growing, and he showed it by letting the world know we are here.

### Steve And Stan

Some of the long time Lake Powell community may be familiar with the original Lake Powell Map by Stan Jones. Steve was lucky enough to have Stan as his personal mentor. In 1999, Steve took over the publishing of the map. Stan Jones passed away in 2007 and Steve became honored as the new "Mr. Lake Powell." Steve spent much time on Lake Powell and was an avid photographer.

I met Steve in 1993 when he worked for Aramark, one of Lake Powell concessionaires. He was one of the very first people I met when I moved to Page.

It was obvious to me that he had a passion for the area and Lake Powell. His face would light up when we would talk about being on the lake. He knew all of the great spots and had stories about the different locations.

### Helped With Movies

We all wanted Steve's job. Who wouldn't want to get paid to play on the water? As the Director of Public Relations, for Aramark - Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas, he was the key person who took film/commercial crews out to find the perfect location sets. He helped with such movies as *Ravenhawk*, *Maverick*, *Evolution* and *Planet of the Apes*.

Many people may have met Steve during one of the many boat shows he attended during his time at Aramark. Steve was part of a crew that traveled to multiple states for boat show events. Steve was the perfect "salesman" for getting the general public interested in the House-boating culture. He loved to talk about how wonderful Lake Powell is.

### Proud Of Page

Steve was proud of Page, Ariz., and believed that it, and Lake Powell, could become a year-round tourism attraction. He was involved with so many different aspects of the community.

Steve was the President of The Friends of Lake Powell, a non-profit group dedicated to the protection of Lake Powell. He had also served as President of the Chamber of Commerce. Steve was a past board member for John Wesley Powell Museum and the Page/Lake Powell Community Foundation.

Steve had followed his father's earlier footsteps and was a board member at the Page Hospital. Steve was also part of the Tourism Advisory Board and he was also was the Page area's Film Commissioner.

He was also on Staff Parish and Trustees for Page Community United Methodist Church.

Through the years, Steve met so many people. He will be missed by many — not only for his community involvement — but also because he was just a genuine person

## THE BOAT GALLEY COOKBOOK

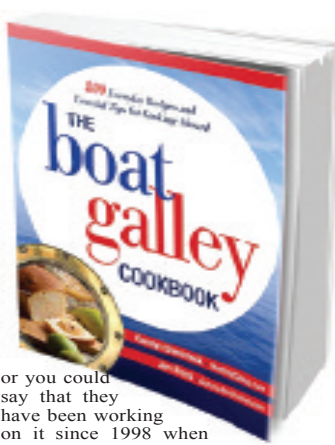
# Answers To What's Cookin' In The Boat 'Kitchen'

When good friends Carolyn Shearlock and Jan Irons began cruising with their husbands, they discovered that boat cooking is different from cooking ashore. The space is smaller, there's no grocery store 5 minutes away, you have fewer prepared foods and electric appliances, and food storage is much different.

And they discovered that there really wasn't a comprehensive cookbook designed for cruisers. They made do with the cookbooks they had, adapting recipes to the realities of cooking aboard a boat. When they couldn't get foods such as sour cream, English muffins, spaghetti sauce or yogurt, they learned to make our own. Other times, they experimented with substituting ingredients — maybe the result wasn't identical, but it was still tasty.

As Carolyn and Jan traded their recipes, tips and substitutions with each other and other cruisers, they realized that they weren't the only ones who wanted a comprehensive galley reference. So they set out to write it, turning their folders of notes into *The Boat Galley Cookbook*, researching and experimenting whenever they found gaps in their knowledge.

You could say that it took them four years from 2008 to 2012 to write the book,



or you could say that they have been working on it since 1998 when they went on their first bareboat charter prior to owning their own boats. But, the good news is that it's now available (retailers noted at bottom).

At 451 pages, *The Boat Galley Cookbook* is the one comprehensive galley guide needed on every boat, whether for a

weekend sail or a cruise around the world:

- 800+ recipes made from readily obtainable ingredients with hand utensils, including numerous choices to suit every taste: not just one cake but 15, 19 ways to prepare fish, 9 regional barbeque sauces, and so on.

- Step-by-step directions to give even "non-cooks" the confidence they can turn out tasty meals without prepared foods.

- Practical tips from substitutions, provisioning and food storage to troubleshooting oven hot spots and more.

- Detailed instructions on unfamiliar things like making yogurt and bread, grilling virtually every food imaginable, preparing and cooking freshly-caught fish and seafood, cutting up and boning meat, cooking in a Thermos and baking on the stove top, as well as lots of tips on how to do things more easily in a tiny, moving kitchen.

- All this in an easy-to-navigate format including side tabs on the Contents to help you find your way and extensive cross-reference lists at the end of each chapter.

*The Boat Galley Cookbook* is available in over 90 countries worldwide in print form — electronic editions (*Kindle*, *Nook*, *iTunes* and more) will be available shortly.



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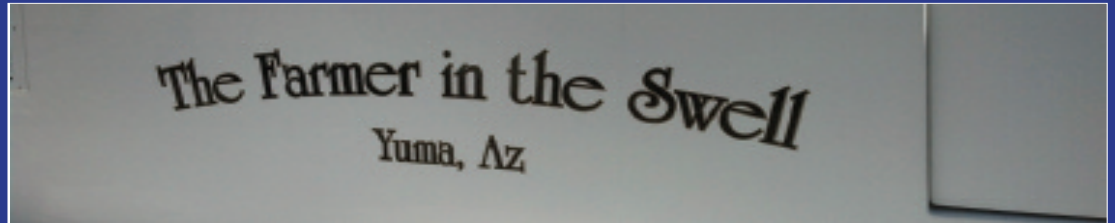


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## LAKE POWELL FISHING REPORT

### Watch For Unexpected Angling Opportunities Each Day

By Wayne Gustaveson

<http://www.wayneswords.com>

*This is the last 2012 fishing report from Wayne Gustaveson, and we thank him for all the excellent information he has provided us for the past 12 months.*

It has been an interesting year with more highs than lows. Bass and walleye fishing in the spring was awesome, followed by a great run of surface fishing for juvenile stripers in summer. Now, going into winter it's a mixed bag with unexpected fishing opportunities occurring each day.

For example, on Saturday we took a side trip into Cathedral in the Desert at the back of Clear Creek Canyon on the Escalante. The lake level now is at the base of the second waterfall with the main cathedral well under water.

We viewed the falls and then retraced our steps. While passing over the first falls (10 feet deep) marking the cathedral, we noticed a school of fish sunning themselves near the surface of the 50-foot-deep chamber. A Kastmaster spoon tossed to the basking fish proved them to be largemouth bass.

A slab spoon simultaneously dropped to the bottom of the chamber resulted in a 5-pound striper. The next two drops to the 50-foot bottom produced two walleye. Then the fish quit. That is a good summary of fishing this week. There are fish to catch in a wide variety of places but it takes a subtle key to understand when fish are vulnerable.

Shad in the main lake are scattered in small groups of 100 fish, hiding here and there trying to avoid predators. When bass



Gustaveson

**BIG SMALL** — This young angler from Colorado proudly displays the big smallmouth he caught in Lake Powell's Good Hope Bay. Fishing for bass, walleye, crappie and stripers will continue to delight anglers through the month of November.

or stripers find a small school of forage fish, the area lights up with a short feeding frenzy and then quiets to a peaceful calm state.

Shad are found in the backs of most canyons and coves while the open water is without forage fish. Crayfish are carrying the predatory burden in the open clear water. Fish slowly on the bottom near rocks to take advantage of this clear water crayfish key.

Shad at the inflow areas have been untouched while protected by the colored

water and warm temperatures. That is now changing. Expect fishing to improve dramatically for bass, stripers, walleye and crappie near Hite and in the upper San Juan during November.

Some boils are yet to occur in shad dense areas but more fish will be caught trolling shad imitating lures and spooning along the bottom.

The best key to finding fish lake-wide is to graph from the shallows out to the first drop. Striped bass are most often

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It won't set your hook for you, but Bill Roecker's 2013 Sportfishing Calendar, with sharp, professional photos does just about everything else. For long range, off-shore and all saltwater fishermen, this is the prettiest, most interesting and accurate information you can hang on your wall!

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oddest events, the most gratifying results and heartbreaking losses of the original extreme sport. It's printed on high-quality slick paper and is available in hard and soft covers.

*At The Rail* shows fishing for giant yellowfin tuna, and wahoo, dorado, yellowtail and other species. It covers the area from San Diego to Clipperton Atoll and Panama, with much about the Revillagigedo archipelago, Baja's southern banks, northern Baja's offshore islands, and the open waters south of San Diego, where most of the summer fishing for albacore, bluefin tuna and yellowtail takes place.

Winter long ranging goes to the southern climes, targeting giant yellowfin tuna and wahoo. The book is loaded with sharp photos of the scenic spots and action shots of anglers contending with the huge fish often encountered on long-range trips. History of the sport and profiles of best-known skippers, manufacturers and anglers are included.

*At The Rail* is a landmark saltwater book for expert anglers and the general audience, with high-quality color photos and art, species information, fishing locations and tackle, war stories from fishermen, stories of the most significant catches, details of record fish and Roecker's personal long range adventures over the past 30 years. This book is a must-have for all ocean anglers.

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### URBAN FISHING REPORT

## November Welcomes Trout To Urban Lakes

November promises to provide excellent fishing at Urban Fishing Program lakes. The Phoenix and Tucson urban lakes have been loaded with catfish all fall with one last stocking in early November.

Additionally, 15,000 bluegill were stocked. And, good news: The first trout delivery for the winter season began on Nov. 15 (see below for more information on the trout and bluegill stockings).

Top baits for catfish are hot dogs, shrimp, and stink baits with fish biting throughout the day. Anglers are enjoying a good catfish bite up to 10 days after stockings, with plenty of cats in the 2-pound range. Bluegill are biting well on a variety of baits (mealworms, worms, corn) and are ready to take small nymphs and poppers in the late mornings and afternoon. Using light tackle with small hooks and bobbers will keep you and the kids busy catching bluegill.

From the end of October through the first of November, Green Valley Lakes (Payson) were stocked with rainbow trout. Trout up to 15 inches are biting well on Powerbait, worms and small spinners and jigs.



### Trout Stockings Have Begun

The fall catfish stocking season wrapped up the week of Oct. 29 – Nov. 3 with another 13,000 pounds of fish delivered to the 20 Urban Fishing Program waters in the Phoenix and Tucson areas. Now fish stocking trucks switch from delivering catfish to trout. Lake temperatures are cooling down towards the 66-degree target for trout, a cold-water species.

The winter trout-stocking season began Thursday, Nov. 15. Rainbow trout ranging from 10-14 inches will be stocked at two-week intervals throughout the winter. More than 100,000 trout from Colorado have been ordered for delivery to urban

waters during the four-month stocking season that lasts from November to March.

Green Valley Lakes, located in Payson's high mountain country, have already been stocked with trout since mid October. Green Valley's every-other-week trout stockings extend from October to May.

### 2012 Urban Fishing Licenses Half Off

If you recently found out about the great fishing in the urban lakes and the start of the trout-stocking season, we have a deal for you. The 2012 Class U (Urban Fishing) license is 50 percent off during the last two months of 2012. Stop by a Game and Fish office or any of our sporting goods or retail license dealers and ask for your 2012 discounted Urban Fishing License for \$9.25 (same price for non-residents). The Urban License is valid for all fish species, including trout, catfish, bluegill and bass, and is valid through the end of 2012.

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## Largemouth Bass Virus Detected In Lake Pleasant Fish disease poses no risk for people, pets or water supply.

Arizona Game and Fish Department officials have confirmed the presence of largemouth bass virus in Lake Pleasant.

Lab tests on largemouth bass tissue samples collected during a routine survey in October by Arizona Game and Fish and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel showed presence of the disease in some samples.

While the virus can affect largemouth bass, it doesn't pose a risk to people and pets, and the water is safe for drinking water supply and recreation.

"Largemouth bass virus is not known to infect any warm-blooded animals, and any fish that are caught by anglers are safe to eat," said Marc Dahlberg, Game and Fish water quality program manager. "However, we always recommend that people thoroughly cook any fish they intend to eat, and never use fish found dead or dying for food."

Game and Fish has not documented any fish kills at Lake Pleasant associated with largemouth bass virus to date. At this time, fishing is still very productive and there have been no recreational impacts. Lake Pleasant is the top fishing recreation site in Arizona, producing more than 520,000 angler use days.

Dahlberg explained that although the virus can cause mortality in largemouth bass, not all bass become infected, and not every fish becomes sick. For instance, only five lakes in Texas suffered fish kills even though the virus was found in 23 of the state's reservoirs.

The virus has been found in 18 states dating back to 1991. In Arizona, Saguaro Lake, Bartlett Lake, Roosevelt Lake, and now Lake Pleasant have tested positive for the disease. There have been no impacts attributable to largemouth bass virus at Saguaro, Bartlett or Roosevelt to date.

Although other fish species can carry the virus, it only affects largemouth bass. It is not precisely known what triggers the activation of the virus into a disease outbreak, but it has been associated with stress events, such as high water temperatures. The virus appears to diminish over time.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department emphasizes that there are precautions the public can take to help stop the spread of the virus, as well as other aquatic invasive species, such as quagga mussels. One preventive measure that is vital is that people absolutely avoid transporting live fish or water from one body of water to another.

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### Reward Offered In Elk Poaching Case Near Payson

PAYSON, Ariz. — The Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Arizona Elk Society are seeking the public's help in finding the person(s) responsible for the illegal shooting of four elk in the Payson area in Game Management Unit 22.

Game and Fish officers investigating the case said that two young bull elk and one cow elk, all illegally shot and left to waste, were found in close proximity to each other in the Chaparral Pines community and were most likely poached between the evening of Oct. 24 and Oct. 25.

A fourth elk, also illegally shot, was

found Oct. 31 in the same general area. Investigators believe it was poached on Oct. 27 or 28.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Operation Game Thief Program is offering up to a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the case. An additional reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered by the Arizona Elk Society for information leading to a conviction in the case.

The wasteful poaching of this many elk is a travesty to those of us that work hard to improve the health and habitat of elk in

Arizona," said Steve Clark, president of the Arizona Elk Society.

Anyone with information regarding this case can call the Operation Game Thief Hotline toll free at (800) 352-0700 or use the online form at [www.azgfd.gov/thief](http://www.azgfd.gov/thief), and please reference OGT #12-002661. All calls will remain confidential upon request.

"Poaching of wildlife is stealing from you," said Game and Fish Wildlife Manager Jarrod McFarlin. "Protect your wildlife by reporting poaching incidents."

To learn more about Operation Game Thief, visit [www.azgfd.gov/thief](http://www.azgfd.gov/thief).

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found on the top of a ledge that drops down to deeper water.

Graph a school of fish, mark the spot with a floating marker and then fish the area with your choice of techniques. The best option is to chum with cut up anchovies to keep the fish in the area and then fish with spoons, bait or deep-trolled lures to catch schooling fish.

Large numbers of stripers are being caught when a school is found but many anglers are missing the subtle keys and going fishless. Pay close attention to the graph and when a school is located, react quickly to get the school excited. Bait fishing is much more effective now that it was in the summer.

There is still one major event to look forward to in November. As the water cools into the 50s, shad will be forced into deeper water to find stable temperatures. At that point, stripers will follow. Both species will become more stationary.

Then fishing will peak as finding one school will result in many more fish being caught from each school encountered.

Thanks for reading my ramblings and for helping to improve fishing for all species at Lake Powell by harvesting striped bass.

Remember to **Clean Drain and Dry** your boat to stop the spread of invasive species.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,620 and water temperature was 66-70F.

### Input Requested Re: Licensing For Hunters, Anglers

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has hosted a series of public meetings statewide to discuss proposed legislation to allow the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to establish hunting and fishing license structure directly through a streamlined, customer-focused process.

At press time there remains one meeting: Monday, Nov. 19, 6-8 p.m.: Phoenix, Arizona Game and Fish Department head-

quarters, 5000 W. Carefree Highway (also webcast at [www.azgfd.gov/webcast](http://www.azgfd.gov/webcast)).

The proposal being considered would provide the commission more flexibility to change the license structure and license products to be responsive to customer needs and changing conditions.

"Potential benefits include establishment of a simpler, easier-to-understand license structure, better license products

offering more value, and a more streamlined process allowing direct customer input opportunities," said Assistant Director Ty Gray. "The public meetings will explain the proposal and offer the opportunity for questions and feedback."

People who can't attend the meeting can still submit comment via e-mail to [LicenseSimplification@azgfd.gov](mailto:LicenseSimplification@azgfd.gov).

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#### Bluegills Stocked

A truckload of 15,000 bluegills were delivered to all Urban Fishing Program

waters by early November. Catchable-size bluegills are delivered twice each year to Urban waters, in the fall and spring.

Bluegills are fun to catch for anglers of all ages and will bite all day long. The best baits are mealworms or small pieces of

night crawlers. Use lighter tackle, smaller hooks in the size 10-12 range, and small bobbers for the best bites. Daily bag limits for bluegill and other sunfish are 10 fish per person at Urban Lakes and five fish per day at Urban Ponds.

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disease or even introducing an unwanted organism, such as quagga mussels, that could substantially affect a fishery or lake ecosystem," said Dahlberg. "Don't transport live fish caught from a lake — period. It's the wrong thing to do and it's unlawful."

It's also important to clean, drain and dry your boat before leaving any lake at any time, and to disinfect your boat or wait at least five days before launching your boat on another water. In fact, at several lakes, including Lake Pleasant, it's now the law that you do so. This is extremely important as the bass virus can live for up to seven days in standing water.

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# Western Wildlife



## Wildlife Photo Contest Winners Announced

A snowy egret with enormous white wings outspread, balances precariously on a tiny yellow branch. The image, captured by Bryan Keil of Scottsdale, Ariz., is the grand prize winner in this year's wildlife photo contest.

The contest, sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, attracted more than 400 entries from across Arizona and beyond. Winning images have been published in a full-size 2013 wildlife calendar in the November–December issue of *Arizona Wildlife Views* magazine. The other 12 winning photographers are the following:

**Dan Conway**, Prescott, Ariz.: pronghorn antelope



**Elaine Malott**, Tucson, Ariz.: Northern shovellers

**Brian Small**, Los Angeles, Calif.: Cassin's kingbird

**Julie Curtis**, Golden Valley, Ariz.: coachwhip

**Charles W. Melton**, Hereford, Ariz.: broad-billed hummingbird

**Bryan Keil**, Scottsdale, Ariz.: pied-billed grebe

**David Shane Farmer**, Mesa, Ariz.: bobcat

**Rhonda Spencer**, Tucson, Ariz.: greater roadrunner

**Rob Monsipapa**, Mesa, Ariz.: coyote

**Kathleen Reeder**, Peoria, Ariz.: pyrrhuloxia

**John West**, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.: California condors

**Bruce D. Taubert**, Glendale, Ariz.: mule deer

Due to the talent of Arizona's wildlife photographers, and the high number of outstanding entries received, Game and Fish chose 38 honorable mention images,

as well. These photographs are also featured in *Arizona Wildlife Views*. The names of photographers receiving honorable mention are posted on the photo contest's webpage, [www.azgfd.gov/photocontest](http://www.azgfd.gov/photocontest).

The department welcomes new subscribers to Arizona's award-winning magazine about wildlife and outdoor recreation. It usually costs just \$8.50 for six issues (one year), but right now subscriptions are on sale at seven issues for \$7. Subscriptions are available at [www.azgfd.gov/magazine](http://www.azgfd.gov/magazine) or by calling (800) 777-0015.

For those who simply want to purchase the calendar issue, it will be sold at all Game and Fish Department offices for \$3 beginning in mid-November.

## Federal Government Targets Sportsmen's Dollars To Reduce Deficit

### Conservation of wildlife resources and the public's outdoor recreation heritage is at risk.

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission is making the public aware of a looming threat to crucial conservation funding by the federal government's proposed sequestration of conservation trust funds, an action that could reduce Arizona's wildlife conservation funding by several million dollars.

"The Greatest Story Never Told" is the mantra extolled by the nation's wildlife conservation community in the 75th anniversary of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) programs being celebrated this year. Far-sighted, forward-looking sportsmen worked with Congress in 1937 to pass the Pittman-Robertson Act, whereby excise taxes on certain hunting equipment are collected by the Internal Revenue Service in a trust fund and apportioned by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to state fish and wildlife agencies for wildlife conservation.

#### Funds Are Backbone

The program was so successful that subsequent amendments and additional

acts (Dingell-Johnson Act of 1950 and Wallop-Breaux Act of 1984) were enacted to expand the excise tax to include fishing equipment, archery gear and motorboat fuel. These funds are the backbone of state wildlife funding, along with the dedication of license revenues.

Since 1939, states have integrated these funds into the core financing for wildlife conservation. Success of the program has been monumental, achieving restoration of elk, bighorn sheep and other wildlife populations, constructing and operating shooting ranges and boat ramps, providing hunter education to hundreds of thousands of youngsters, developing a modern fish hatchery program, conserving of our wildlife heritage, while contributing more than \$2 billion dollars annually to the economy (more than either golf or professional sports) in Arizona.

Each state and territory made binding commitments through assent legislation that these trust funds (and license fees) would be used only for wildlife conservation or outdoor recreation benefit. The federal government only administers these funds in trust, passing them through to the state wildlife agencies.

#### Sets The Stage

Under previous administrations, the WSFR funds and boating safety funds were exempt from sequestration in the Graham-Rudman-Hollings Act [Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985]. The Act specifically provided that "payments to trust funds from excise taxes or other receipts properly creditable to such trust funds" are "exempt from reduction."

Ironically, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has now ruled that a portion of these funds must be sequestered (or withheld) under provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011. While this action only sequesters funds from being apportioned to state wildlife agencies, and does not, in and of itself, divert the funds, it does set the stage for a future congressional "sweep" of these funds from the trust accounts into the federal treasury.

The fact that this diversion could occur is the ultimate irony and a breach of trust — federal agencies charged with the fiduciary protection of these trust funds could become the architects of the only successful diversion in the fund's history.

Under OMB's decision, excise taxes would still be collected from manufacturers of hunting and fishing equipment. Excise taxes would still be paid by hunters, anglers, archers, boaters and shooters. Interest would still accrue in the various accounts.

#### A Critical Concern

However, the proposed action denies the full apportionment of funds to states for fish and wildlife conservation and boating safety beginning Jan. 2, 2013. Sequestration is a critical concern to all sportsmen and conservationists. Every state could see severe reductions in administration, boating safety, and WSFR, directly affecting programs, permanent agency jobs, agency resources, and agencies' ability to provide public access for hunting, fishing, boating and shooting.

"Conservation of wildlife, public safety and our outdoor recreation heritage are at risk," said Larry Voyles, director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "In Arizona, the impact could be as much as several million dollars annually, with cuts to wildlife restoration, sport fish restoration, boating safety, and other important programs."

State wildlife agencies are working diligently with the federal administration to remove state Trust Funds from sequestration, currently to no avail. "This is an important issue that has received little publicity to date," said Director Voyles. "All who cherish their wildlife heritage and are concerned with the future of wildlife management must be made aware of these issues. No alternative federal or private funding is available to fill this gap."

*Editor's Note: E.M. Brookes of Queen Creek, Ariz., received the following reply to his note that WSFR funds are needed in Arizona to continue conservation efforts.*

*Mr. Brookes,*

*Thank you for your concern about the potential impacts of the sequestration process on the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Fund — and on wildlife conservation across the nation. The Fish and Wildlife Service shares those concerns, but Congress has ultimate authority to determine what impact sequestration will have on these funds in the event an agreement cannot be reached in time.*

*Congress has not included the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Fund among the list of programs it exempted from sequestration. In fact, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration funds were affected by previous sequestrations in 1985 and 1989, although in both instances Congress restored lost funding once budget agreements were reached. We recognize the unique history of WSFR and the essential role it plays in state management hunting opportunities and for fish and wildlife, and with the Department of the Interior have unsuccessfully requested discretion to protect WSFR from sequestration.*

*Our hope is that an agreement can be*

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Sedona was placed on the Top 15 Most Beautiful Roads in the World by *CarsRoute*. Sedona Red Rock Scenic Road winds through the stunning Red Rock Country, often called a "museum without walls." The road provides a splendid view of the stunning red rocks, which seem alive like a timeless spirit that captivates and inspires residents and visitors alike. [carsroute.com](http://carsroute.com)

#### Great Outdoor Destinations

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Leave your fears behind and feel the cool morning temperatures while embarking on a hot air balloon tour high above sweeping rusty red spires. Explore well-preserved ancient dwellings of the Sinagua Indians to learn about their culture and history.

Tour and taste the several local vineyards, which offer bold earthy reds to luscious fruity whites — a variety to please every palate. Grab your cowboy boots while you explore the red rock outback atop a trusty steed.

Let your inner artistic ability flourish by picking out a stunning panoramic red rock scene for you to take home and enjoy for years to come.

Experience the heart-pounding thrill of a Jeep tour in the outback wonderland.

Yes, memories are made in Sedona!

## Coconino County Offers Outdoor Programs

*Residents encouraged to experience outdoors through multiple activities.*

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Mountain biking on Coconino County's many trails, trying your skills behind a bow and arrow and learning the art of food canning are a handful of new programs being offered by the County Parks and Recreation Department this fall.

The new programs, offered in Parks and Recreation's *Fall/Winter Outdoor Recreation Catalog*, are aimed at highlighting the County's numerous outdoor activities and encouraging residents to experience our County parks, said County Board of Supervisors Chairman Carl Taylor.

"Coconino County is known nationally for our outdoor activities and we are pleased to be able to offer these programs

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## Maricopa County Parks Unveil Fall Challenge

Back by popular demand, Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Department rolled out the 2012 Fall Challenge at the start of November.

"Last year's 100-Miles of Hiking challenge was centered around Arizona's Centennial celebration and we had close to 200 people complete the challenge," stated R.J. Cardin, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department director.

"To mix things up this year, we're rolling out a new program which will not only test their physical skills but also

their knowledge of the County's regional park system. The fall bingo challenge contains a mixture of physical activities, trivia questions, puzzles, interpretive programs and the opportunity to truly experience the beauty of the Sonoran desert while qualifying for a complimentary, limited edition tee-shirt and grand prize," added Cardin.

Participating in the program is simple; bingo boards may be obtained by visiting a County park or downloaded at [www.maricopa.gov/parks](http://www.maricopa.gov/parks). Once partici-

pants have completed all of the tasks on the board, the board may be returned to a County park to be eligible for one of three grand prize drawings.

Participants who complete all three boards will be eligible for all three grand prize drawings of an annual mountain park pass (\$75 value) and \$25 Nature Center retail voucher (total value not to exceed \$100).

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### State's 2013 Archaeology/Heritage Awareness Month

#### 'Life on the Edge: Feast or Famine in Arizona's Past'

For the entire month of March 2013, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)/Arizona State Parks (ASP) is coordinating activities throughout the state for the 30th annual celebration of Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month (AAHAM). These events will focus on current efforts to preserve our past by protecting our fragile and non-renewable cultural resources.

AAHAM combines education with entertainment to reach both adults and children in an effort to teach responsible stewardship of our cultural resources. Museums, historical societies, tribes, agen-



Horseshoe Ranch

cies, parks, and archaeology organizations will be hosting events across the state; events are also planned in Arizona State Parks as part of their interpretive programs.

#### By Proclamation

Proclaimed by the Governor each year, this celebration will feature prehistoric and historic site tours, exhibits, hikes, open houses, lectures, demonstrations and other activities throughout Arizona. A free statewide listing of these events and activities will be available in January, 2013 by contacting the ASP offices at (602) 542-4174, or by visiting the ASP website at [www.azstateparks.com](http://www.azstateparks.com).

The featured event for the month is the ARIZONA ARCHAEOLOGY EXPO (Expo). This year's Expo will offer many educational attractions for archaeology and history buffs, and will be located at the historic Horseshoe Ranch on the Agua Fria National Monument, north of Phoenix, on Saturday, March 16, 2013, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Expo is open to the public and is

free. The Arizona Game & Fish Department and the Bureau of Land Management are co-hosting the event.

#### Hands-On, Educational Events

The Expo will provide a special opportunity for visitors to learn more about why it is important to preserve archaeological sites and historic places, what archaeologists, historians, and tribal members do in their jobs, and about the prehistory and history of Arizona. The Expo will feature archaeology-related hands-on activities, craft demonstrations, and other fun and educational events.

In addition, Boy Scout and Girl Scout merit badge requirements can be fulfilled at the Expo! Special displays and booths by archaeological and historical organizations, museums, Native American tribes, state and federal agencies, and others will allow you to participate as an archaeologist might in their research today, or make crafts and tools that teach how prehistoric Native Americans and other early inhabitants survived in the Southwest. Cultural and historical demonstrators, talks by archaeologists, and interactive activities will help make the past come alive! In addition, tours of local archaeological sites (rock art and pueblos) will be offered.

#### Free Prize Raffles

Free prize raffles will occur throughout the day. The Expo will give visitors new insights into Arizona's many prehistoric,

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## OUTDOOR RECREATIONISTS

### New Web-Mapping Tool Shows Access And More

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has launched an exciting new Web-based mapping tool, "Recreational Access Arizona," that provides hunters, anglers, and other outdoor recreationists with important information about access to and through private lands.

The free tool, which utilizes GIS mapping technology, is available at [www.azaccessmap.com](http://www.azaccessmap.com).

Recreational Access Arizona was developed as part of the Game and Fish Department's efforts to secure, maintain and enhance public recreational access to private lands, or to federal or state-owned

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backpacks and water bottles and plan on joining in. The program runs through Feb.

28, 2013.

To recognize those who complete the bingo challenge, celebrations have been scheduled at seven of the County's regional parks. In addition, everyone who

completes the program will receive a limited edition tee-shirt at the celebration.

For a list of County parks and additional information, visit [www.maricopa.gov/parks](http://www.maricopa.gov/parks).

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to our residents and visitors," Taylor said. "This is a great low-cost option for our communities to get outside and enjoy our County and its many parks."

Many of the programs offered run from September, with biking, hiking and archery, and end in February, with snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and a clinic on animal tracking.

One goal in determining which programs to offer was to ensure they were affordable to encourage individuals and families to get outdoors, said County Parks and Recreation Director Judy Weiss. Another goal was aimed at showing the public what the County has to offer outdoor enthusiasts.

"We encourage all of our residents and visitors to come experience Coconino County the best way possible — outdoors," Weiss said. "We're surrounded by forests, deserts and incredible scenery, which lends itself to ample hiking, biking

and sightseeing."

County Parks and Recreation has also partnered with the Family and Community Teaming for Students (FACTS) after-school program to offer outdoor recreation and nature education classes to children during their after-care hours. Programs will be available for grades three to five and on a certain days of the week. "Events involving FACTS students will include monthly field trips so our children can get a true glimpse of our great outdoors," Weiss said.

Those interested in participating must register at least three days before the program's start date. To view the Fall/Winter recreation catalog or to register for a program online, visit [www.coconino.az.gov/parks](http://www.coconino.az.gov/parks). Registration can also be done in person from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the County Parks & Recreation offices at 2446 Ft. Tuthill Loop in Flagstaff and by mail, after printing and filling out a registration form online. For more information, visit the Web site or call (928) 679-8000.

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### CALIFORNIA

**Saturday, Dec. 8 at Mission Bay, San Diego**—Christmas Boat Parade of Lights 28: The best viewing is from Riviera Shores, Crown Point, Santa Clara Point, the east side of Vacation Island and west side of Fiesta Island. More than 60,000 people are expected at San Diego's Mission Bay Park for the annual Mission Bay Christmas Parade of Lights at 7 p.m. followed with a fantastic firework display at 9:00 p.m. This free, distinctly California celebration features boats decorated for the holiday season that will sail around Mission Bay starting from the Quivira Basin



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Newport Beach, Calif.

area. A highly anticipated event in the San Diego community, more than 100 vessels take to the water for the parade. Phone: (858) 488-0501

**Sunday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 16 in San Diego**—Welcome to the 41st San Diego Bay Parade of Lights! The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights is a time-honored holiday tradition brought to San Diego by the boating community. The event goes from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., both Sundays. Join us this December for our annual Parade on San Diego Bay, with more than 80 boats lavishly decorated according to a new theme each year. Whether a participant or spectator, the Parade of Lights is a festive and delightful experience for all! The 2012 theme is "Our 41st Anniversary, USS Santa Claus."

(Thank you to USS Midway for helping choose our theme this year.) Decorate your boat and join in the parade! Each participant will qualify for a chance to win a Grand Prize package worth over \$4,000, plus many other fantastic prizes. This year's grand prize is a cruise on Star Clippers! Boats are judged on originality and the creative use of decorations depicting the parade theme. Boats are judged in four categories with scores ranging from 1 to 5 for each category.

**Wednesday, Dec. 19 through Sunday, Dec. 23 in Newport Beach**—The Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce proudly hosts the 104th Year of this spectacular holiday tradition. Join over a million viewers as you watch beautifully decorated yachts, boats, kayaks and canoes sail along the harbor in the 104th Annual Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade. Hosted by the Commodore Club of the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce, we invite you to celebrate this year as we feature the theme "Surf, Sand and Santa!" As Newport Beach's Christmas card to the world, the boat parade will set the harbor ablaze for five consecutive nights from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., starting and finishing off Bay Island. Beautiful multi-million dollar yachts, kayaks, canoes and other small boats will light up the harbor as a dazzling array of holiday lights and music fill the air at the Christmas Boat Parade. Many of the boats will be richly decorated with animated Christmas scenes accompanied by music and costumed carolers. Some boat owners in the past have spent over \$50,000 to decorate their vessels for the event. The Christmas floats will wind their way some 14 miles around the harbor to give viewers in restaurants, yacht clubs, on public beaches, and in private homes an incredible sight that has delighted millions of people for a century. The Christmas Boat Parade, which has been hailed as "one of the top ten holiday happenings in the nation" by the *New York Times*, is truly a magical holiday tradition for all ages. The parade continues to be a premier event during the holiday season in Southern California that brings joy and happiness to all that view it. On the final night, a special fireworks display will close out the parade. For more information about these events, or to request information about viewing areas, restaurants and boat charter companies, please call the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce at (949) 729-4400.

### IDAHO

**Friday, Nov. 23 through Tuesday, Jan. 1 on Coeur d'Alene Lake**—A million lights. A priceless memory. A family tradition. More than 1.5 million lights sparkle across Lake Coeur d'Alene as the Holiday Light Show, the largest on-the-

water resort holiday light show in America, comes to life each evening during the holiday season. Plan now to experience The Resort's "Journey to the North Pole". Ride aboard one of the Lake Coeur d'Alene Cruise Boats and get ready for a magical trip across the water to visit Santa Claus at the North Pole workshop, where every child is guaranteed to make Santa's "nice list"! Highlighting the 2012 Holiday Light Show is The World's Tallest Living Animated Christmas Tree on display at the North Pole! Laden with over 30,000 sparkling LED lights and rising to nearly twice the height of New York City's famous Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree. The Coeur d'Alene's giant Christmas Tree towers over the North Pole display at Santa's Workshop. Bring the family. Bring the camera. Bring the smiles. We'll have brilliant lights and a festive holiday atmosphere awaiting you as we all share in the Christmas spirit where priceless memories are made. It's a family tradition. "Journey to the North Pole" Holiday Light Show Cruises departures are scheduled several times each evening. This 40-minute cruise offers spectacular views of the holiday light displays. The most memorable point in the journey lies across the lake, as Santa awaits your arrival at the North Pole Toy Workshop! Nightly cruise departure times: 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. with additional departure times on select dates based on demand. And, on November 23, watch the Lighting Ceremony and Fireworks Show from one of the Lake Coeur d'Alene Cruise Boats with an unobstructed view of the spectacular over-the-lake show. Boarding begins 15 minutes prior to departure. Or, from November 28 through December 16, enjoy the "Journey to the North Pole" Dinner Cruise: a delicious holiday dinner on the lake while taking in over 250 dazzling light displays in this delightful 90-minute lake cruise every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm from November 28 - December 26. Boarding begins at 6:00 pm. Space is limited. More information: The Holiday Light Show Center, (208) 664-7268 or (800) 688-5253.

### OREGON

**Saturday, Nov. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 1 in Newport's Yaquina Bay**—A Coast Guard cutter will ferry Santa across Yaquina Bay, arriving at the Embarcadero, around 1:15 p.m. A Newport Fire Department truck, will transport Santa to the Newport Recreation Center! Santa will meet with children young and old! Be sure to visit with Santa and tell him what you would like for Christmas! At Newport Recreation Center: 1:15-5 p.m. Contact (541) 265-8801. And, on the first dusk of December is the Annual Yaquina Bay Lighted Boat Parade. Come down to the bayfront and enjoy the start of the holiday season with the Lighted Boat Parade. Local boats decorated with festive lights parade along the historic bayfront. Free to anyone along the bayfront. The many decorated boats will make a large loop around the bay, from the Coast Guard Station to the Embarcadero Resort and back, showing off a variety of colorful designs. Watchers traditionally line the docks and fill the restaurants and shops on the historic Newport Bayfront to watch the glowing display. The number of lights and designs have varied greatly. Boats in the parade have run with as few as one perfectly positioned strand of lights, a small battery powered Christmas tree on a kayak, to thousands of lights on the larger vessels. Newport is home to the largest fishing fleet in Oregon and the boat parade

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**PRESCOTT: 2013 BOOT DROP:** Dec. 31 — The Palace Restaurant & Saloon, (120 S. Montezuma St., 86303), a 6-foot illuminated cowboy boot will be lowered down a 40-foot flagpole to ring in the New Year, once at 10 pm for early birds and once at midnight for traditionalists, a DJ will spin tunes, food vendors, 8 pm — 1 am, 928-776-0234

**SHOW LOW: DEUCE OF CLUBS DROP:** Dec. 31 — Festival Marketplace, (1034 E. Deuce of Clubs), entertainment, music and food and countdown to midnight, drop of a giant electrified Deuce of Clubs from a crane, giant fireworks show follows, 928-532-4140

ner is available, \$12.50-25, 5:30 pm, pre-register, 480-481-8188 or 480-481-8188 or <http://www.dbg.org>

**TEMPE: FANTASY OF LIGHTS OPENING NIGHT PARADE:** Nov. 24 — Mill Avenue District, (at 3rd and Mill Avenue), this year's theme — Starry Night, parade then Santa, thousands of sparkling lights and lighted displays, free, 6 pm, 480-894-8158 or <http://www.downtowntempe.com>

**LAKE HAVASU CITY: 18TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:** Nov. 23-Jan. 15 — English Village and London Bridge, more than 650,000 lights on display, free, 6-10 pm, 928-855-0888 or 800-2HAVASU or [www.golake-havasu.com](http://www.golake-havasu.com)

**PHOENIX: 20TH ANNUAL ZOOLIGHTS:** Nov. 22-Jan. 6 — Phoenix Zoo, more than 3.5 million lights in 600 lighted sculptures unique to the Phoenix Zoo, live animals are not on exhibit, \$7-12, 6-10 pm, 602-273-1341 or <http://www.phoenixzoo.org>

**ARIZONA CENTENNIAL EVENTS:** Throughout 2012 — Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Arizona! For Centennial events and information be sure to visit <http://www.az100years.org/>.

## HUNTING

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

## SHOWS AND EXPOS

**ARIZONA GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT EXPO:** March 23-24, 2013 — A celebration of outdoor recreation and hands-on fun for the whole family; typically draws about 35,000 people and 150 exhibitors/vendors; for more information, call (623) 236-7222; Ben Avery Shooting Facility, 4044 W. Black Canyon Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85086; [www.azgfd.gov/expo](http://www.azgfd.gov/expo)

**LAKE HAVASU: ANNUAL LAKE HAVASU BOAT SHOW:** April 19-21, 2013 — Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4; [www.lakehavasubootshow.com](http://www.lakehavasubootshow.com)

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### Swimming:

**ANTHEM: 11TH ANNUAL ANTHEM HOLIDAY CLASSIC TRIATHLON & CLASSIC KIDS' TRIATHLON:** Dec. 8 — Community Center, (85086), USAT sanctioned, adults swim 400m, bike 14 mile, run 3.1 mile, kids swim 200 m, bike 4.5 miles, run 5 miles kids triathlon, 9 am, 623-330-0913 or <http://www.4peaksracing.com/event.php?id=112> <http://www.trifind.com/>

**TEMPE: FORD IRONMAN ARIZONA:** Nov. 18 — Tempe Beach Park, features a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike and a complete marathon 26.2 miles in succession, 888-280-9097 or <http://www.ironmanarizona.com>

**TEMPE: 10TH ANNUAL SOMA HALF IRONMAN ARIZONA:** Nov. 21 — Tempe Town Lake, swim 1.2 miles, bike 56 miles, run 13.1 miles, awards, medals, aid stations, relays, 6:30 am, 480-226-4729 or <http://redrockco.com/>

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## BEYOND ARIZONA

**SCYA WOMEN'S SAILING CONVENTION:** Feb. 2, 2013 — Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, Corona del Mar, Calif.

## BOATING

**TEMPE: APS FANTASY OF LIGHTS BOAT PARADE:** Dec. 8 — Tempe Beach Park & Town Lake, Santa arrives at 6 pm, decorated and lighted boats of all sizes and makes parade at 7 pm, free, <http://www.downtowntempe.com>

**LAKE HAVASU CITY: LONDON BRIDGE YACHT CLUB'S 30TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS:** Dec. 1 — 50 beautifully decorated boats pass under the historic London Bridge, this year's theme is A Winter Wonderland, free, 928-680-4652 or <http://www.lhcbatparadeoflights.com>

**PARKER: 66TH ANNIVERSARY SCSC THANKSGIVING REGATTA:** Nov. 24-25 — Blue Water Resort, powerboat/speedboat racing on the Parker Strip/Colorado River, endurance, speed & circle racing, boats include Stock Outboards, Pro-Stock, Grand National (GN's), Cracker Box, Tunnel Lights and K-boats, 7 am - 7 pm, 310-318-4012 or <http://www.scsracing.com> or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com>

**PARKER: 14TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE:** Nov. 24 — Blue Water Marina, free, 6 pm, 928 669-2174 or <http://parkerareatourism.com> or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com>

**ARIZONA YACHT CLUB BIRTHDAY REGATTA/LEUKEMIA CUP:** Jan. 18-20 — Lake Pleasant; (602) 679-0462. Information on the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society is available by calling (602) 567-7605.

## CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

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Along with the expansion of areas covered, we are also expanding our geographic reach. Although *Arizona Boating & Watersports*

([www.azbw.com](http://www.azbw.com)) will remain virtually the same, our new site *Western Outdoor Times* ([www.westernoutdoortimes.com](http://www.westernoutdoortimes.com)) will cover the same topics but will also include all of the states in the Western United States.

There are many things that affect all of us in the outdoors world. It is the goal of *Western Outdoor Times* and *Arizona Boating & Watersports* to bring these happenings to the public in an effort to let them not only enjoy the resources and events, but also to have some say in how their outdoor activities are managed.

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## MAPPING

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lands that are "land-locked" by private lands. It provides a wealth of other information as well.

Want to see the boundaries of the Game Management Unit you're in or where water catchments are located? Are you interested in what wildlife species are in a particular area? All the information is available with the click of a mouse anywhere on the map. The more places you click, the more information you can find.

To help get you started, just click on the "How to Use the Map" link in the upper right-hand corner of the page after you've logged on.

Even more exciting is that you can create your own map using this tool with a

topographic map, aerial images, or street maps as the background. Just export the map you make and print it out on your home printer, or take it in to a printing service to print a large map.

Development and maintenance of this tool were made possible through a grant that Game and Fish received from the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program, which is a federal program authorized in the 2012 Farm Bill.

The department plans to add information that is useful to hunters and other outdoor recreationists over time, so users are encouraged to use the "Send Comments" link in the upper right-hand portion of the web page to e-mail comments for consideration.

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reached. But in the event that Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration funds are subject to sequestration, we will work closely with the hunting and fishing community to see that any lost funds are restored as quickly as possible by Congress once the sequestration issue is resolved.

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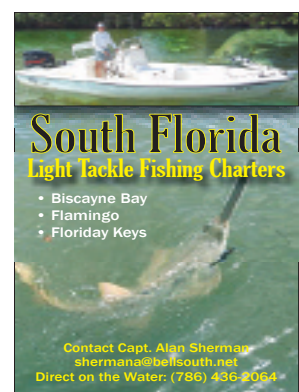


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## TURKEYS

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guest of honor (sacrificial, that is) in various fertility and gratitude ceremonies.

The Creek tribes still practice the turkey dance during their annual fire festivals. The feathers of turkeys are also used in ritual.

The turkey was thought to be sacred to ancient Mexican cultures. The Aztecs, Mayans and Toltecs viewed the turkey as a "jeweled bird" and also referred to it as the "Great Xolotl." Male turkeys were honored for their beauty and essence of cocky pride.

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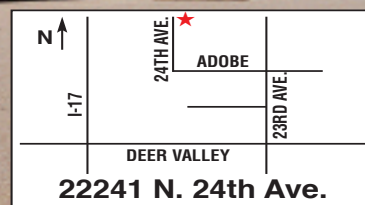
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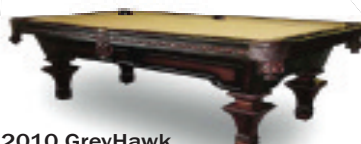




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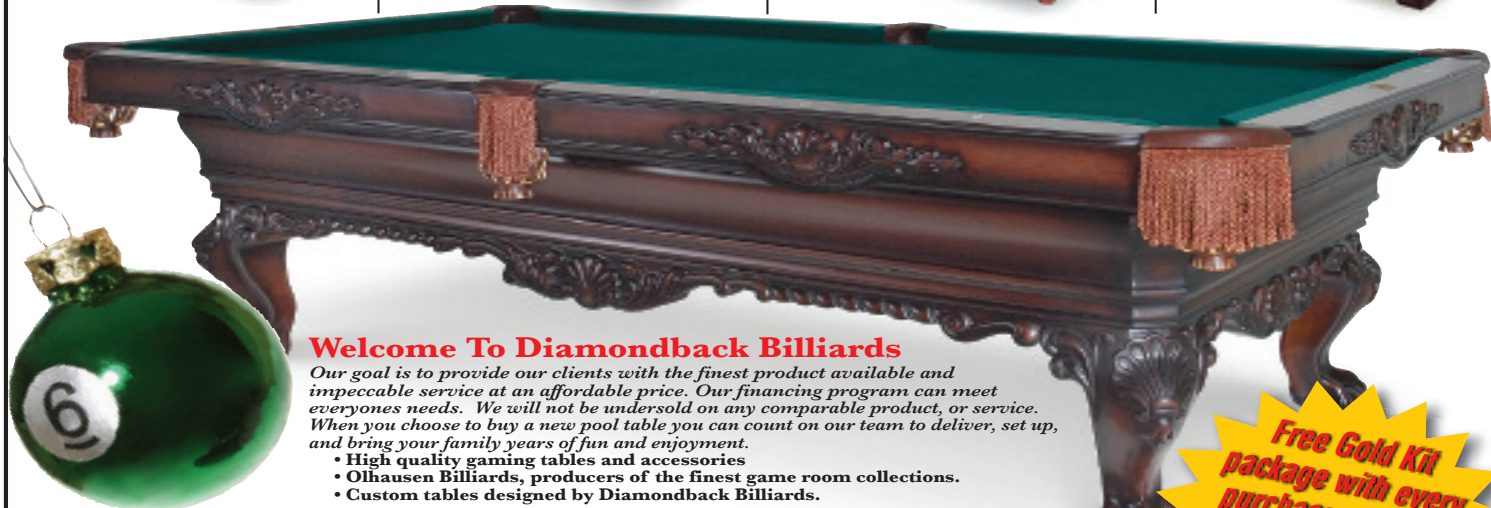
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