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Happy Thanksgiving And Merry Christmas To All! Lights Launch The Season

IN ARIZONA Canyon Lake

The Yacht Club would like to remind everyone the annual Parade of Lights, also known as the Holiday Boat Parade, is not even a month away Saturday, Dec. 10. The time to plan entries into the parade is now.

For those who are saying, "This sounds like a lot of fun, but I do not have the slightest idea of how to get started," Dennis Pitts says he will be happy to provide a copy of the notes he reviewed at last week's Boat Float Building Workshop. To receive a copy of the notes, e-mail him at dpitts.cl@gmail.com.

The notes will provide information about materials that can be used to build a boat float, along with other useful information about preparing a boat for the parade.

For those who need additional motivation to get started on their float, Dennis reminds boat owners there are cash prizes to the winning floats in the parade. They are as follows:

Sweepstakes — \$100 cash, plus plaque and perpetual trophy on display in the POA building

Judge's Award — \$75 cash, plus plaque
Commodore's Award — \$25 cash, plus



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plaque

Private Pontoon — \$100, \$50 and \$25 cash respectively, plus plaques, for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

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To be eligible for an award, the owner of the boat or pontoon must be registered prior to the start of the parade. The owner must fill out an entry form and receive a judging number for the judging prior to the start of the parade. The parade starts at 5:30 p.m. from the Eastport launch ramp.

Anyone may join in at the last minute but will not be eligible for an award. Entries must be registered and have a judging number to receive a prize. Judging numbers may be picked up the afternoon of the parade at the Eastport launch ramp, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Late-comers may fill out an entry at the last minute (4:30 p.m. on the day of the parade) at the Eastport launch ramp.

Start planning now and be a part of an exciting evening!

Lake Havasu

The 29th annual Boat Parade of Lights is presented by the London Bridge Yacht Club, Lake Havasu City, Ariz. on Dec. 2 and 3. The 2011 parade theme is "Christmas in Paradise." This lighted-boat parade is one of the top 10 events of the year in Havasu.

See **LIGHTS** on page 17



Darla Bardelli

TOP HOTS — The world's fastest boats and most daring drivers take to the waters of Firebird Lake for the final event in the Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing season. Speeds will approach nearly 250 mph as Top Fuel Hydros, Top Alcohol Hydros, Pro Modified, Pro Gas Flats and more battle it out during this critical end-of-season showdown.

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See **DRAG RACING** on page 17

Plans Progress For 2012 Cruiser Convention

Pocket cruisers will gather Feb. 13 through 20, 2012 at Havasu.

By Sean Mulligan
Organizer

If you haven't checked us out for a while, we'd love to have you take a look at what we've got going on at the Havasu Pocket Cruiser Convention 2012. Many new seminars and activities are being added daily.

We are thrilled to announce that small-boat adventurer Howard Rice is flying in all the way from Micronesia to present and also spend the week interacting with our group. Rice is the driving force behind the Small Craft Skills Academy and recently presented his "Cape Horn Solo" to standing room only at the Port Townsend Wooden Boat show.

We also just announced that Karen Larsen and Jerry Powlas of *Good Old Boat Magazine* will also be presenting a seminar on trailer sailing Lake Superior. Jerry Montgomery will give a basic racing primer prior to our fun races.

Dave Bacon will present a Sail Trim around the Race Course seminar, Dennis O'Hanlon will show his incredible trip in his Spindrift 22 up the Inside Passage, and Richard Woods, multi-hull designer, will give you the 10 reasons that he says multi-hull sailors have more fun!

Dr. Bruce Heath will do a seminar on the research he's been involved in to determine if we are overfishing our oceans, Pete McCardle, "The Outboard Doctor," will show you how to maintain and trouble shoot that outboard, and Mark Wilson will host a seminar put on by our own attendees showcasing six of their "favorite" trailer-sailor cruising locations.



Keith Bennett

AHEAD AT HAVASU — The 2012 Pocket Cruiser Convention is growing rapidly and includes some excellent seminars, according to organizer Sean Mulligan. Boats will gather Feb. 13 through 20, 2012 at Lake Havasu.

But, wait; there's more! John Owens of J O Woodworks will be constructing a John Welsford designed "Sherpa" dinghy right here at the show, and Mike and Jackie Monies will be here with the famous SCAMP from the Everglades Challenge.

Add to all that, the friendships, the evening social events, the sailing, fun racing, and more — and this year is shaping up to be the best ever! Hope you'll stop by the Web site and check it out. Then make plans on attending.

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Boating

First Inductees Into Sailing Hall Of Fame

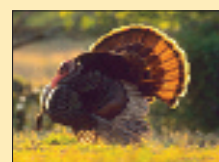
The Oct. 23 inaugural induction ceremony was held in San Diego. See story Page 5



Western Wildlife

What About Tom?

At Thanksgiving, we highlight seven little-known facts about wild turkeys. See story Page 11



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Cruiser CX 22 — 22-foot Pontoon

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Cruiser pontoon series. The Cruiser CX has an aft lounge and sunpad, and a Sea-Worthy stereo system, allowing for

Tahoe — 20-foot Pontoon (Please, no dogs onboard.)

all kinds of on-water fun. This all-around performer still nets plenty of family fun. The Cruiser pontoon models turn unbelievable ideas into unbelievable memories.

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stainless steel cup holders, Waterproof Clarion CD Stereo Integrated trash receptacle, Garmin in-dash color GPS with fishfinder, GPS speedometer and water temp. Clarion CD Stereo with four high-power speakers MP3 input, jack hydraulic steering deluxe helmstand featuring an automotive-style, vinyl -wrapped, wood-grain dash, drop-in cooler, gauge package, lighted toggle switches, and quick release windshield, polished aluminum tilt steering wheel, plush reclining drivers chair with slide and swivel adjustment, wine rack with four glasses and carafe, plush embroidered furnishings made with Aval-

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Blue Avalon 10 Passenger — 20-foot Pontoon

Captain's deluxe polished contoured stand, level 3 helm package, carbon fiber dash with platinum panels, lighted stainless toggle switches, windshield, smoked glass side door, removable stand access panel and glove box, full gauge panel featuring black sterling tachometer, voltmeter and fuel gauge, MP3 player, storage bin with smoked glass lid, surface storage tray for cell phone and other personal items, carbon fiber tilt steering wheel with brilliant aluminum non-directional spokes, electronics: Jensen high power stereo MSR3007 with MP3 plug, two Jensen high power speakers with platinum speaker covers, 12-volt power point. Furnishings are created using exclusive Matrix 50 marine upholstery; upholstered



aluminum seat frames with flow-through ventilation, pleated plush radius designer furnishings, champagne perf accent vinyl, plush deluxe lounge arms, portable cup holders

Green Avalon 12 Passenger — 22-foot Pontoon

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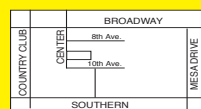
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Discharge of Oil and Other Hazardous Substances

It is illegal to discharge oil or hazardous substances.

- You must dispose of oil waste in an approved oil waste container.
- Use bilge absorbents (bilge pillows) in the bilge area to absorb any oil or fuel, preventing it from being pumped back into the water. Secure the bilge pillow to avoid interference with the bilge pump and blower system.

If your vessel discharges oil or hazardous substances into the water:

- Call the U.S. Coast Guard at **1-800-424-8802**
- Also report the discharge to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality at **1-800-234-5677**.



- If boating on federally controlled waters and your vessel is 26 feet or longer, you must display a 5 x 8-inch placard near the bilge pump switch that states the Federal Water Pollution Control Act's law.

Statewide Boating Education Classes

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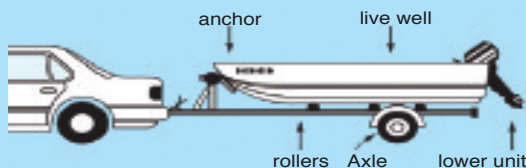
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	November 19 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076
Arizona Game and Fish Department	November 26 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Road Tempe	\$5 per family	(623) 236-7219

December 2011

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	December 6 & 8 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Regional Office 5000 W. Carefree Highway Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	December 17 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1840 E. Broadway Road Tempe	\$30	(602) 490-8076

ATTENTION BOATERS...Don't Pick Up Hitchhikers!

What can you do? Inspect your boat



Inspecting — Thoroughly inspect your boat's hull, outdrive, trim plates, trolling plates, prop guards, transducers, and trailer. If you see any "hitchhikers," remove them. Remove aquatic plants and plant fragments clinging to the trailer frame, axles, wheel, hitch, motor's lower unit, and interior boat spaces. Spray down your boat and trailer

before leaving any lake or stream or at home before setting out for a new boating

Draining — Drain all bilge water, live wells, and bait buckets before leaving any waterway. Leftover bait should not be released or transported.

Stop the spread of aquatic pests!

Giant salvinia, quagga mussels, crayfish, and mud snails most often spread between waterways by hitchhiking a ride on vessels and trailers. When transplanted into new waters, these organisms proliferate, displacing native species and damaging the water resource and your vessel



Be a Safe Boater, Go Online.

Boat Safe, Boat Smart, Boat Sober and take a boating safety class online at your convenience. Visit www.azgfd.gov/boat-ed

Fire Extinguishers

- All vessels are required to have at least one Type-B-I fire extinguisher(s) on board if one or more of the following conditions exist:
 - Inboard engine
 - Closed compartments where portable fuel tanks may be stored
 - Double bottoms not sealed to the hull or which are not filled completely with flotation material
 - Closed living spaces
 - Closed storage compartments in which flammable or combustible materials may be stored
 - Permanently installed fuel tanks (any tank where the removal of the tank is hampered by the installation of tie-down straps or clamps)
- Approved types of fire extinguishers are identified by the following marking on the

label — Marine Type USCG-Approved — followed by the type and size symbols and the approval number.

- Extinguishers should be placed in an accessible area — not near the engine or in

a compartment, but where they can be reached immediately. Be sure you know how to operate them, and inspect extinguishers regularly to ensure they are in working condition and fully charged.

Use this chart to determine the size and quality required for your vessel

Fire Extinguisher Requirements

Classification type & size	Foam minimum gallons	Carbon Dioxide minimum pounds	Dry Chemical minimum pounds
B-I	1-1/4	4	2
B-II	2-1/2	15	10

Length of Vessel	Without Fixed System	With Fixed System
Less than 26 ft.	one B-I	one B-I
26 ft. to less than 40 ft.	two B-I or one B-II	one B-I
40 ft. to less than 65 ft.	three B-I or one B-II and one B-I	two B-I or one B-II

*refers to permanently installed fire extinguisher system



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NATIONAL SAILING HALL OF FAME

First Honorees Inducted In San Diego

Editor's note: It was our honor to be invited to attend the first-ever induction ceremony of the National Sailing Hall of Fame at the San Diego Yacht Club in October. However, Jim and Carol Allen, publisher and editor of Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times, could not attend and were represented at the stellar event by John and Star Campbell. John has submitted this story, the first in a series of three that will run in the next issues.

Commemorating America's Sailing Legacy And — Dedicated To Encouraging Sailing's Future 'Hall Of Famers'

By John Campbell
AZBW/WOT *Springer*

The Visionary: Gary Jobson
His Concept: Create a National Sailing



THE FIRST — Initial inductees or their representatives are shown by row, left to right, starting with Hobie Alter seated: Olin Stephens IV, grandson of posthumous inductee Olin Stephens; Ted Turner, Buddy Melges, Betsy Alison, Dennis Conner, Gary Jobson, and then Ted Hood; Leanne Dyson (great niece of Charlie Barr), Michael Slocum (great grandson of Joshua Slocum), Halsey Herreshoff (grandson of Capt. Nat Herreshoff), Gladys Szapary (cousin of Harold S. Vanderbilt), Jack Mosbacher (grandson of Bus Mosbacher) and Paul Cayard.

Hall Of Fame (NSHOF)

His Slogan: "What you learn is more important than how you finish."

Jobson, as a director of NSHOF and is one of the 15 directors of the founding Yacht Club consortium, who donated a minimum of \$10,000 each.

From a stellar college sailing career, followed by an America's Cup win in 1977, Jobson has gone on to become the voice of sailing in the USA, president of US Sailing and the pre-eminent global ambassador for the sport.

The National Sailing Center & Hall of Fame is located adjacent to the US Naval Academy, 69 Prince Street, Annapolis, Md. It is a non-profit educational institution dedicated to preserving the history of the sport of sailing and its impact on our culture, honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of sailing, teaching math, science and American history through sailing, inspiring and encouraging sailing development and providing an international landmark for sailing enthusiasts.

"Sailing has been the only major sport without a Hall of Fame. During the course of games and their general commentary, football, baseball, basketball and tennis sports, always refer to current or future Hall of Famers.

"The sport of sailing will now have its



LOWELL NORTH — Missing from the group photo was Lowell North, but here is a solo shot of him as he was being formally inducted. On the right is NSHOF President Dick Franyo who made the presentation.

own Hall of Famers as an inspiration for those already involved and especially for young people beginning to sail," said Richard Franyo, president of the NSHOF.

The Oct. 23, 2011 inaugural induction ceremony was dedicated to famed journalist, Walter Cronkite, who was an early supporter, and an avid sailor.

The San Diego Yacht Club was selected as the location for the inaugural induction of the first class of inductees. A new venue will be selected each year for the Sailing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Next year, the location will be the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans, La..



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2011 Shows Increase In Arizona Boating Fatalities

Officials urge life jacket use, boater education to help enhance safety.

PHOENIX — Arizona has experienced 10 boating-related fatalities so far in 2011, the most since 2006, when 14 boaters died.

Four of the 10 fatalities resulted from injuries sustained in accidents, while six were drowning victims. Of the six, three were not wearing life jackets.

The spike in fatalities this year has officials strongly reminding boaters to exercise safe-boating practices, including wearing life jackets, making sure their watercraft equipment is in good working order, and taking a boating safety class.

Most recently, a 57-year-old Arizona man died at Roosevelt Lake on Sept. 30 as the result of a fall overboard. He and his 32-year-old son, along with the boat operator, launched in calm water in the early evening. Winds soon increased and the 16-foot boat, which was headed into the wind, reversed course and soon became swamped by 4-foot waves.



'SAFE, SMART, SOBER' — We say this. We know this. But, too many accidents still happen, and we boaters need to take notice and be prepared for anything on the water. Our gear and our up-to-date knowledge of safe boating are vital to saving lives and property. Sadly, 2011 was not a good year as there was an increase in boating-related fatalities. Visit www.azgfd.gov/boating to see a list of boating-safety classes and/or check page 3 of this issue of *Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times*.

The man and his son were both thrown from the boat and tried to swim for shore, according to the Gila County Sheriff's Office. While the son made it to shore, there was no sign of the father. GCSO divers recovered the father's body the following af-

ternoon.

"No life jackets were worn by the three occupants of the vessel," said Gila County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Brian Havey. "Had the jackets been worn, the chance of survival

See **FATALITIES** on page 6

Score A 'Touchdown' — When Choosing A Life Jacket

There's no doubt that life jackets save lives. An average of nine people a day in the United States die as a result of drowning — deaths that could have been prevented. But, a life jacket that does not fit properly can put a person at risk of drowning. Proper fit is imperative for safety on the water.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has a few tips to follow when choosing a life jacket.

- Choose only a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved life jacket, and the correct size for the weight of the person. The USCG stamp of approval, size, whether it is for a child or an adult, and appropriate weight of the wearer should be listed inside the jacket. A person's chest size and stomach size may come into play when selecting the right life jacket.

- Use the "touchdown" test to see if your life jacket fits properly. Lift your arms above your head as if calling a touchdown. The chest portion of the jacket should not

touch your chin when you look left, right or over your shoulder. If the jacket passes this test, it most likely fits. If possible, try it out in shallow water. The life jacket should not ride up on your body. However, ride-up may happen if your stomach is larger than your chest.

- Weigh a child and measure for chest size under the arms before shopping for a child's life jacket. A properly fitting jacket should be snug but not tight.

- Check for proper fit of a life jacket on a child. Wearing the jacket, the child should stand normally with arms at his or her sides. Grab the jacket at the shoulders and firmly lift up. The jacket does not fit if it moves more than three inches up and down the child's body during the test.

- Ensure a life jacket for an infant or child has a crotch strap to help keep the life jacket on, an oversized float collar to help keep the head out of the water and a grab loop for easier water rescue. All straps

should be intact and fastened at all times.

What is the safest life jacket? In terms of risk of drowning, the safest life jacket is the one you're willing to wear! There are many good choices to keep safe on the water. Some of the choices are a better for certain situations than others, and, therefore, the choices are explained in the "Think Safe" life jacket pamphlet that is sold with every US Coast Guard approved life jacket. By reading the pamphlet, you can understand how to safely have fun on the water.

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Life Jackets

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

All life jackets must be in good and serviceable condition and must be readily accessible.

In addition to the above requirements, vessels 16 feet in length or longer, except a canoe or kayak, must have on Type IV USCG approved throwable flotation device on board and readily accessible.

All children 12 years of age and younger must wear a USCG approved Type I, II, III life jacket while underway on any vessel. The life jacket must be fastened according to the manufacturer's recommended use and must fit the child properly.

Each person on a personal watercraft such as a jet ski must wear a USCG approved Type I, II, III life jacket and all closures must be fastened and secured according to the manufacturer's design or recommended use and must be adjusted for a snug fit.

Each person being towed behind a vessel on water skis or a similar device must wear a life jacket or buoyant belt. Note however, that buoyant belts are not approved by the USCG.



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Lake Havasu Moves Forward With Plans To Restore Boater Access To Upper Colorado River

The Lake Havasu Marine Association has initiated an ambitious plan to ensure that Havasu's claim of offering the best boating in the Southwest with more than 60 continuous miles of lake and river waterways remains intact.

Pending final approvals, a dredging project to create a half-mile long navigable channel at the northern tip of the lake where boaters enter the river and Topock Gorge is scheduled to begin this December. Boater access from the lake into the river has been a safety issue for years, commented Jim Salscheider, Lake Havasu Marine Association (LHMA), executive director.

Over time, silt and sediment have been deposited creating extremely shallow water throughout the area causing many boaters to run aground and in some instances resulting in serious accidents. It's time to take action and alleviate that problem.

Widespread Support

The dredging project has gained widespread support from numerous local agencies and the City of Lake Havasu.

The City fully supports the LHMA's efforts to address this issue and is certain that the proposed dredging efforts would



provide safe passage for boaters, said Lake Havasu City Manager Charlie Cassens.

Mohave County Sheriff, Tom Sheahan echoed those sentiments saying, I am in full support of this proposal. There can be no doubt that creating this channel along with reducing speeds in this area will result in a significant enhancement to public safety. The enhancements made possible by completion of this project are an urgent necessity.

Also onboard is the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff-Coroner, Rod Hoops remarked, IWe offer our support for this dredging project. It obviously will ultimately assist in making a safer environment.

Many Months

The necessary environmental approval process to undertake this project has been in the works for many months. Bureau of Land Management acting field manager, Robert Henderson said, The BLM recognizes the navigational safety issue for the boating public and is in support of these efforts to organize a project that will potentially reduce the issue of vessels running aground. These efforts are to be commended.

Strong support has also been expressed by the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe according to Shirley Smith, vice chairman. The Chemehuevi Indian Tribe is in support of the maintenance dredging proposed at the Catfish Bay inlet. We have been consulted and concur with the issuance of a Right of Authorization from the Bureau of Reclamation for the dredging project. The Chemehuevi Tribe advocates that the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers approves the Section 404 maintenance dredging permit.

Privately Funded

The dredging project is a privately funded venture and the money necessary to complete the approval process has been

raised.

We anticipate that the entire project will require \$50,000 in funding, said Salscheider. With the generous help of our local boating industry and motivated community, we have raised half that and we are confident that we can reach our goal and begin this project on schedule in early December.

It is anticipated that the new deep-water channel will take approximately two-three weeks to complete and will be clearly marked with permanent no wake buoys.

Donations Accepted

The LHMA has created a PayPal account to accept donations for the dredging project. Please go to and click on 'DONATE HERE'. That will take you to PayPal, enter your credit or debit card number and complete the transaction.

For donations of \$1,000 or more, a letter documenting a tax deduction for IRS purposes will be provided. Please contact the LHMA Executive Director, to obtain that letter. There will be a dredging project fund raising dinner on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at Shugrues restaurant, please attend.

For additional information and support, please log on to www.lhmarineassn.com.

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would have been significantly greater."

With these unfortunate and tragic cir-

cumstances, the Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds boaters to always think safety first.

"Always wear your life jacket when you are on the water," said Kevin Bergersen,

Arizona boating-law administrator. "There is no substitute for proper safety precautions, particularly at night and in rough weather."

Boating Safety Education Administrator Ed Huntsman advised people to take a boating education course.

"Educated boaters are safer boaters," said Huntsman. "Boating accident statistics indicate that more than 70 percent of all operators involved in boat accidents have not attended any formal boating safety education classes."

Boating safety classes provide the fundamental information and training that boaters need to remain safe on the water. Even experienced boaters are encouraged

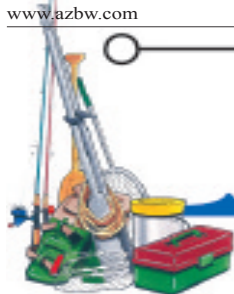
to take these courses as a refresher.

To sign up for a boating safety class, call the Arizona Game and Fish Department at (623) 236-7219 or go to www.azgfd.gov/education and click on the "boating education" link.

Officials also advise boaters to make sure their safety equipment is on board and in good operating condition, and to not drink and operate a boat.

"Remember, Boat Safe, Boat Smart and Boat Sober," said Bergersen.

For more information, visit www.azgfd.gov/boating and see a list of boating-safety classes on page 3 of this issue of *Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times*.



LIGHT LINES

FISHING IN ARIZONA AND BEYOND



Catfish Season Winds Down; Trout Stockings Have Begun

From AZGFD

The fall catfish stocking season wrapped up Nov. 5 with another 15,000 pounds of fish delivered to the 20 Urban Fishing Program waters in the Phoenix and Tucson areas.

Starting now, fish stocking trucks are changing from delivering channel catfish to rainbow trout. Lake temperatures are within five degrees of the 66-degree target for trout.

The winter trout-stocking season is scheduled to have begun on Thursday, Nov. 17.

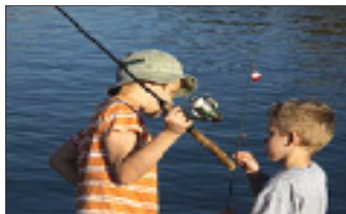
Trout ranging from 10- to 14-inches will be stocked at two-week intervals throughout the winter. More than 100,000 trout from Colorado have been ordered for delivery to Urban waters during the four-month stocking season.

With the colder temperatures at Payson's Green Valley Lakes, trout stockings already started on Oct. 20 and will continue every other week for the next eight months at this forest location.

2011 Urban Fishing Licenses Half Price

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 2011 Class U, Urban Fishing, license is 50-percent off for the last two months of the year.

Stop by a Game and Fish office or any of our sporting goods or retail license deal-



ers and ask for your 2011 discount Urban fishing license for \$9.25. The Urban license is valid for all fish species including trout. Fishing is excellent this time of year at all Urban Program lakes for trout, bluegill and catfish.

Lakes Receive Bluegill, Bass Stockings

Urban waters were stocked with 5-8 inch bluegill sunfish on Oct. 26. Bluegills are stocked twice a year (fall and spring) to provide fishing fun for kids and families. Some of the bluegills are expected to last until the spring when they will reproduce in the lakes and provide more fish for the future.

Sunfish will bite all day long for anglers using small pieces of worms or mealworms on small hooks fished under a thin bobber and 2- to 4-pound leaders. Daily bag limits for bluegill/sunfish are 10 fish per person at Urban Lakes and five fish per day at Urban Ponds.

The annual stocking of largemouth bass



also took place on Oct. 26 as more than 7,000 fish were delivered. Bass were from 6- to 8-inches in length — below the 13-inch minimum legal size.

Younger bass are stocked to help rebuild the resident bass populations in our lakes. They are not stocked for anglers to catch and keep like catfish, bluegill or trout. Regulations require that anglers carefully release these juvenile bass unharmed back into the water so they can grow to catchable size (13 inches) in the future.

Please help conserve our bass populations by practicing proper release techniques and reminding others to do the same.

Urban Fishing Report

This November promises to provide excellent fishing at Urban Program lakes.

The lakes were loaded with catfish all fall with one last stocking the week of Oct. 31 – Nov. 5. Bluegill sunfish were stocked Oct. 26 at all lakes.

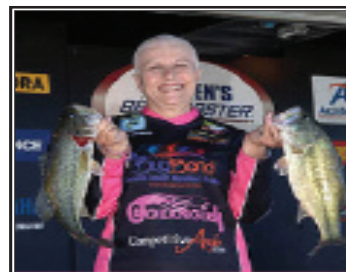
The first trout delivery for the winter

season begins Nov. 17. Finally, 6- to 8-inch largemouth bass under the 13-inch legal length were recently stocked to bolster bass populations.

Top baits for catfish are hot dogs, shrimp, and stink baits with fish biting throughout the day.

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

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All of us at Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times send our best wishes to Darla Bardelli as she recovers from surgery early in November to correct injuries she sustained in an automobile accident in California in May. We are hoping for total success and a complete and speedy recovery.

No Longer Considered A Novelty, WaveSpin Is Reel

Award-winning company is now eight models strong with a pair priced below \$50.

When WaveSpin was first introduced five years ago, the "radical" tangle-free wave design was considered a gimmick to some. Yet those who tried the affordably priced reels found WaveSpin to indeed be a well thought-out reel, winning numerous awards and impressive accolades from mainstream fishing media and serious angling technicians alike.

"Bass Professor"

Doug Hannon re-invented the reel with a unique wave spool design, the antithesis of the spinning reel's smooth face fabrication used for over six decades. Since then, WaveSpin's popularity has spread across the United States with thousands upon thousands of "tangle-free" anglers making longer, effortless casts and having more lure time in the water.

WaveSpin debuted four reels at the 2011 ICAST fishing tackle trade show with several advancing to the final rounds of more magazine competitions. Some test reels are matched with CastAway's

(www.castawayrods.com) new series of Microwave rods — another Hannon patent — eliminating the distance-robbing slap of the line so apparent in old style spinning rods. The result is faster, farther and more accurate casts that can't be matched by any other spinning rod.

The young reel company now has a growing family of guaranteed tangle-free models in a variety of affordable price ranges starting at \$45.95 MSRP. All are backed by tough multi-disc drags with more tension and smoother operation than any other reel on today's market.

New WaveSpin 2012 Models

WAVESPIN'S NEW

DH3000Z — WaveSpin's popularity has spread across the United States with thousands upon thousands of "tangle-free" anglers making longer, effortless casts and having more lure time in the water.

WaveSpin introduced two super-strong lightweight versions of the original DH models: the new DH3000z (9.5 oz) and DH4000z (11 oz); both great for a wide variety of fish species.

All WaveSpin Reels, including the ZTR series, utilize the same high-quality spool and drag system as WaveSpin's more expensive models. The DHxL and ZTR models as well as the new DH 3000z and DH 4000z also have double shielded stain-

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[TIGHT LINES]

TROUT CATCHING TIPS 101

We Know You Can Fish, But Can You Catch?

From AZGFD

Everybody can fish, but not everybody can catch fish. Why is it that some anglers seem to always have luck and others just drown worms?

Often, the difference is in the equipment, the bait, and the way the bait is rigged and presented. For trout, the best equipment is a light-to-medium-light action rod from 5½ to 6½ feet in length coupled with a bait-casting (push button) reel or spinning reel.

Next is the line. Successful trout anglers will use 2, 4 or 6-pound test line, never heavier. The lighter the line, the more invisible it is to the sight-dependent trout. Many anglers are now using 2- to 4-pound fluorocarbon lines to avoid any chance of arousing suspicion in an interested fish.

Colors That Work

The bait that is responsible for more urban trout caught than any other is the



scented dough bait, such as Power Bait. Available in many color options, a small ball of Power Bait formed carefully to barely cover a #10 baitholder hook or #14 treble hook is very effective. Top colors that work in urban waters include chartreuse, orange, rainbow, and white.

Also important when fishing with Power Bait is to use minimal weight — either a small split shot or a sliding egg sinker positioned 16-24 inches above the hook. Power Bait floats. This property means that the bite-size, colorful, scented morsel is suspended off the bottom di-

rectly in the path of trout that love cruising near the lake bottom.

A smooth cast to deeper water will get your bait out to where the trout are. Once the weight has settled on the bottom, hold the rod still in your hand or set it on the ground or in a rod holder. Slowly reel in the slack line until you can feel the sinker resistance. Now keep the rod very still and wait and watch carefully for a bite.

Three Ways They Hit

Trout will hit Power Bait in one of three ways: a hard strike (rare), a soft pick-up away from you (line pulls slightly or with just a tic), or a soft pick-up towards you (line suddenly goes limp). Most often it is best to set the hook immediately at the first indication of a strike. Sweep the rod up quickly and begin to reel. However, there are times when the trout like to pick at the bait for awhile before fully taking it into their mouths. On these occasions, the angler will need to be patient and wait for a second bite, or pause for 2-3 seconds before setting the hook.

TROUT CATCHING TIPS 102

It's About The Worms

From AZGFD

In the Trout Catching 101, we offered tips to catch more trout using scented dough baits, such as Power Bait. For all trout fishing, remember to use a light to medium-light action rod combo with lighter line from 2-6 pounds.

In part 2 (102), we'll talk about how to use worms to catch more trout.

The earthworm continues to be one of the best all-around fishing baits. Trout love 'em fished near the bottom or suspended below a bobber.

If your favorite bait store offers dillies, buy them instead of nightcrawlers — they are a perfect size for trout. Inspect the worms in the store to make sure they are fresh and lively. Keep your worms in a cooler and out of the sun and they will last up to a week.

A size-8 bait holder hook is perfect for hooking the worm through the "collar" and covering the shaft of the hook with the barb end sticking out. Use minimal weight positioned 12-18 inches above the hook.

Either a size 4 or 7 split shot or a 1/8 – 1/4 ounce egg sinker above a swivel works best. This rig can be fished on the lake bottom or suspended below a bobber.

Make Your Worm Appealing

When bottom fishing, it is important to let your bait settle to the bottom, then slowly reel in the slack line. Try not to drag the bait along the bottom or you are likely to get snagged. Keep the rod very still and wait for a bite.

If you don't get bit after 10-20 minutes, pick up your rod and reel in quickly to keep your rig from snagging. Replace your worm if it is not lively or is torn up.

A nifty trick to make your worm even more appealing is to use a worm blower. Blowers are simply small plastic bottles with a needle tip used to inject air into the tail half of the worm. The "pumped up" worm will float up off the bottom, keeping your bait out of rocks and weeds and up in the active feeding zone of trout.

Best Bobbers

The best bobbers for trout fishing are smaller ¾-1¼ inch round bobbers, small 4-5 inch pencil bobbers, or slip bobbers. Round bobbers work best on windy days, but it is hard to beat a pencil bobber. They are thin, stick out of the water making them more visible, and offer less resistance to biting trout.

Bobbers allow you to fish your worm 2-5 feet deep.

To fish deeper, learn how to rig and use a slip bobber with a bobber stop. These are my favorites. They take a bit of practice to set up right, but they allow you to easily cast out while letting your bait slip through

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[TIGHT LINES]

Public Input Continues On Future Glen Canyon Dam Operations

From AZGFD

Throughout the first part of November, anglers and other members of the public have been attending several open houses concerning the proposed long-term plans for the operation of Glen Canyon Dam.

"This [offered an] opportunity to learn more and to share your views about the future operations of the dam and their potential impacts to recreational fishing and other wildlife resources," says AZGFD Public Information Officer Rory Aikens.

The meetings to date have been held in Phoenix, Flagstaff, Page, Salt Lake City, Utah; Las Vegas, Nev.; and Lakewood, Colo. Also, a Web-based meeting was held just at press time.

The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and the National Park Service (NPS) have conducted the series of open houses to highlight a proposed long-term plan that will determine the timing and volume of water flows from Glen Canyon Dam, along with future experiments to identify improvements in operations.

Those flows affect hydroelectricity production, beach recreation, fishing, native fish and other river-related plants and animals, as well as archeological sites in Grand Canyon National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

The public can continue to submit comments until Friday, Dec. 30, 2011 by the following methods:

- Website: <http://ltempeis.anl.gov>. (the preferred method)
- Mail: Glen Canyon LTEMP EIS Scoping, Argonne National Laboratory, EVS/240, 9700 S. Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439.

The Bureau of Reclamation and the National Park Service will accept comments that are received or postmarked by Friday, Dec. 30, 2011.

The long-term plans are designed to address routine operations as well as "experimental" flows that provide additional scientific information about how to protect



DAM PLAN — The public is urged to give input to a plan designed to ensure that regulated flows on the Colorado River meet the goals of supplying hydroelectricity and water for communities, agriculture and industry at the same time they protect the ecological and recreational resources of the Grand Canyon and Glen Canyon.

endangered fish and lessen the effects of dam operations on downstream ecology and other resources — including the Lees Ferry Fishery.

The plan is designed to ensure that regulated flows on the Colorado River meet the goals of supplying hydroelectricity and water for communities, agriculture and industry at the same time they protect the ecological and recreational resources of the Grand Canyon and Glen Canyon.

Work on the new plan, known as the Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP), is the first comprehensive review of Glen Canyon Dam operations in 15 years.

The purpose of this long-term plan is to use current and newly developed science to improve and protect resources of Glen

Canyon National Recreation Area, Grand Canyon National Park, and Lake Mead National Recreation Area while also complying with the Law of the River, the 1992 Grand Canyon Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, and other applicable laws.

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light tackle with small hooks and bobbers will keep you and the kids busy catching bluegill.

At Green Valley Lakes (Payson) rainbow trout up to 16 inches long are biting well on Power Bait, worms and small spinners and lures.

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the bobber to depths from 2-20 feet. Once rigged up, kids can use them easily.

The more you fish, the more you realize fishing is a continuous learning process. Yet, the beauty of fishing is that you can make it as simple or sophisticated as you desire.

Good luck!

WAVESPIN

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less steel bearings throughout. These five WaveSpin Reels sport a new bold rich look with the feel and performance WaveSpin Reels are now famous for plus a new graphite composite for even more added strength.

The lightweight bodies on all eight models (8 to 12.5 oz) hold a variety of line capacities and each drag operates on a lifetime waterproof lubricant Hannon engineered and perfected.

WaveSpin's Guaranteed Tangle-Free Reels Also Guarantee More Fish

Hannon said, "Time wasted in clearing loops and tangles can cost you up to 300 casts a day. More casts mean more fish, that's the WaveSpin advantage; more fish guaranteed."

WaveSpin's **Russ Riley** added, "In the unlikely event that an angler has any problems with any form of tangling, [he or she] can make a quick call to our warranty department. [There will be] a live person on the line to help them diagnose the problem, and, after two contacts, if they're not happy we'll refund the purchase price."

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Arizonan Vies For National Recognition

Eddy Corona, one of Arizona's leading hunter conservationists, is in the running for the "Mentor of the Year" award from the North American Hunting Club for his dedication to introducing youngsters to the great outdoors.

Corona of Ahwatukee, is an Arizona native, longtime sportsman, and co-founder of Outdoor Experience 4 All (OE4A), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing an enjoyable outdoor adventure to children with life-threatening illnesses.

Corona and OE4A are key players in the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Hunting and Angling Heritage Workgroup (HAHWG), a consortium of sportsmen's organizations, community leaders, and outdoor industry representatives that works to pass down the skills and traditions of hunting and fishing to the next generation.

40 Events In 2011-2012

Through the coordination of the HAHWG and the dedicated efforts of groups like OE4A, mentored hands-on outdoor skills events have grown from only a handful a year to more than 40 events for the 2011-12 season.

Events hosted by experienced mentors, like Corona and OE4A, introduce first-timers, youngsters and their families to an array of outdoor experiences, including firearm safety, hunting, fishing, cooking wild game, wildlife conservation, wildlife biology/ecology, and camping skills.

Not only does OE4A conduct its own events for kids, Corona and his crew participate in other organizations' events by providing equipment, camp help and mentors to give the participants that one-on-one support that is so important at mentored events.

Surveys have shown that mentoring is

critical for continuing the hunting and angling heritage to those who may not have a family member or connection to these American pastimes.

Voting Open Through Nov. 27

"The efforts of the Hunting and Angling Heritage Workgroup are carried out in partnership with dozens of dedicated individuals and organizations, and we are certainly proud of the men and women of these outdoor organizations who work to pass on the outdoor heritage.

"The HAHWG is proud to see Eddy representing Arizona at the national level for recognition of the hard work every mentor does for the next generation," said Chief of Wildlife Recreation Craig McMullen.

The North American Hunting Club Mentor of the Year will be determined by online voting. Voting will remain open to



Eddy Corona

the public at www.nahmentor.com through Nov. 27. Other nominations from across the United States for the annual

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Arizona Deer, Elk Hunters Can Help

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is requesting deer and elk hunters' continued vigilance in monitoring for chronic wasting disease (CWD) by allowing biological samples of the animals' lymph nodes to be collected for testing.

CWD has not yet been found in Arizona through regular annual testing since 1998. However, it is present in the neighboring states of Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. CWD is fatal to deer and elk; however, there is no evidence that it poses a risk to humans.

Participation Essential

"As in past years, the participation of hunters, meat processors, and taxidermists is essential for the department's CWD sur-

veillance program," said Clint Luedtke, wildlife disease biologist. "Collection of samples from elk and deer hunters in Game Management Unit 12B (which borders Utah), as well as Units 1 and 27 (which border New Mexico), is crucial in assuring CWD is not in these potential corridors near neighboring states that have detected the disease."

For Kaibab and Arizona Strip hunters, the Jacob Lake check station will be open for collecting samples on Nov. 17-28 for the late season hunt. The check station will be operational from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., with the following exception that the station will close early at noon on Nov. 28.

As of press time, other stations have



Mike Wallace

closed.

Arizona Hunters Hunting Out-Of-State

To help prevent CWD from entering the state, Game and Fish asks that all deer and elk hunters hunting outside of Arizona take the necessary precautions before bringing any harvested animals back into the state. Furthermore, hunters should contact the wildlife agency in the state they are hunting, as several states have restrictions on carcass transportation.

Here are some important things out-of-state deer and elk hunters need to know before coming back to Arizona with their deer or elk harvest:

- Do not cut into the spinal cord or remove the head.
- Do not quarter (or other method) the carcass with any of the spinal column or head attached.
- Do not bring the brain, intact skull, or spinal cord back into Arizona.
- Successful out-of-state deer and elk hunters need to bone out the meat and package it (either commercially or privately).
- It is okay to bring back animal hides, as well as skull plates that have been cleaned of all tissue and washed in bleach.
- Heads from a taxidermist, sawed-off antlers, and ivory teeth are also okay to bring into Arizona.

Other Ways To Participate

All hunters are encouraged to assist the monitoring effort by bringing in the head of their recently harvested deer or elk to any Game and Fish Department office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Place the head in a heavy plastic garbage bag for delivery, and keep it cool and out of the sun.

If the weather is warm, it is best to either bring in the head within a day of harvest or keep it on ice in a cooler before delivery.

When submitting heads for sampling, please provide accurate, up-to-date hunter information (name, street address, city, state, zip code and phone number) as well as hunt information (hunt number, permit number, game management unit harvested in, county, state, and hunting license), as this informa-

tion is crucial should a positive CWD sample occur. If this information is not provided, the department will be unable to test the sample.

Test results are now available online at www.azgfd.gov/cwd, by clicking the "Chronic Wasting Disease Test Results" link on the right side of the page.

CWD Basics

Here are some guidelines for hunters when out in the field:

- Don't harvest any animal that appears to be sick or behaves oddly. Call the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 1-800-352-0700 if you see an animal that is very thin, has a rough coat, drooping ears and is unafraid of humans.
 - When field-dressing game, wear rubber gloves and minimize the use of a bone saw to cut through the brain or spinal cord (backbone). Bone out the meat. Minimize contact with and do not consume brain or spinal cord tissues, eyes, spleen, or lymph nodes.
 - Always wash hands thoroughly after dressing and processing game meat.
- The non-hunting public can also help prevent the potential spread of CWD. If you come across any deer fawn or elk calf in the wild, it should be left alone. Don't assume it has been abandoned by the parent; in all likelihood, it hasn't.

Being a "good Samaritan" and bringing these wild animals into captivity poses a risk to the state's wildlife resources.

What Is CWD?

CWD is a neurodegenerative wildlife disease that is fatal to cervids, which include deer, elk and moose. Clinical symptoms include loss of body weight or emaciation, excessive salivation, increased drinking and urination, stumbling, trembling, and behavioral changes such as listlessness, lowering of the head, and repetitive walking in set patterns.

No evidence has been found to indicate that CWD affects humans, according to both the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization.

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Seven Things You May Not Know About Wild Turkeys

The wild turkey has captivated (and baffled) hunters for decades, turning those who chase them into downright fanatics. From counting their feathers to debating whether the turkey could be the national bird, here are seven things you probably didn't know about North America's largest and most pursued game bird. Or, maybe you did?

The National Bird?

The wild turkey is a fascinating creature, so much so that Benjamin Franklin was of the opinion that it should be named the United States' national bird instead of the bald eagle.

Making a Comeback

There are so many wild turkeys today that many young folks do not realize that it was less than a hundred years ago — back in the early 1930s — that the wild turkey was near extinction in America.

Lack of quality habitat was the key culprit in the past, but with the passing of the Pittman-Robertson Act in 1937, an excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition,



wildlife restoration programs have the money to restore wild turkey population and wild turkey habitat.

Coupled with the invention of the rocket net, with which wildlife agencies and the National Wild Turkey Federation can more readily trap and transfer turkey populations to areas of suitable habitat, turkey numbers today have skyrocketed, from only about 30,000 turkeys in the early 1900s to nearly 7 million today.

Birds of a Feather

Between 5,000 to 6,000 feathers cover

the body of an adult turkey in patterns called feather tracts. A turkey's feathers provide a variety of survival functions — they keep it warm and dry, allow it to fly, and show off for the opposite sex.

The head and upper part of the neck are featherless. Most of the feathers exhibit a metallic glittering, called iridescence, with varying colors of red, green, copper, bronze and gold.

Spurred On

Only males have spurs. Both sexes have powerful legs covered with scales and are born with a small button spur on the back of the leg. Soon after birth, a male's spur starts growing pointed and curved and can grow to about 2 inches. Most hens' spurs do not grow any longer than they are at birth.

Long Beards

Only gobblers have beards for the most part: A gobbler's beard is really tufts of filaments, or modified feathers, growing out from the chest. Jakes have beards of 3 to 4 inches in length, while a 2-year-old gob-

bler has a 7- to 9-inch beard.

Older gobblers have beards of 10-plus inches. A mature gobbler will have a beard that is about 9 inches, though they can grow much longer. Only an estimated 10 to 20 percent of hens have beards.

Motherhood

Hen turkeys lay a "clutch" of 10 to 12 eggs over a 10 to 14-day period, usually laying one egg per day. Eggs are incubated for about 28 days, and are occasionally turned and re-arranged until they are ready to hatch. A newly hatched flock must be ready to leave the nest within 12 to 24 hours to feed.

The Species List

According to the National Wild Turkey Federation, of the five wild turkey subspecies in North America, the Eastern is the most common, with an estimated 5.1 to 5.3 million turkeys. Next most common is the Rio Grande (1.25 million); Merriam's (350,000); Osceola (100,000) and Gould's (fewer than 5,000).



BRINE MINE — Most have their own turkey (wild or domestic) technique at Thanksgiving, but according to one successful cook, a great turkey starts with a great brine. You can brine for a few hours or overnight, but the basic brine ratio is 1 gallon of water to 1 cup of table salt. You'll need a container bigger than the meat so you can keep it submerged in the liquid, which means you'll need something to weigh it down as well — a heavy plate will do the trick. Or to make it even simpler, use a large plastic brining bag, available at most grocery stores. As long as you have the crucial ingredients — salt, sugar and water — you can play around with the rest of the flavors. You can add lemon rind, tarragon, parsley and onion to taste in this basic recipe.



DAM

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The long-term planning process is designed to determine the need for future modifications to Glen Canyon Dam operations, and whether to establish an Endangered Species Act Recovery Implementation Program for endangered fish species below Glen Canyon Dam.

Changes to dam operations and other actions taken by the Department of the Interior (DOI) will be evaluated as "alternatives" in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will document and evaluate impacts of the alternatives.

The public meetings have been part of the "public scoping" phase of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. It has given interested individuals and groups the opportunity to comment on a proposed action, recommend alternatives, and to identify and prioritize the issues to be considered in the EIS analyses.

Scoping is the earliest, but not the last, opportunity for people to provide input on the Glen Canyon Dam LTEMP EIS.

RECOGNITION

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mentoring award are Phil McAmis, Mark Charbonneau, John E. Clites and Harry Fox, Sr.

To learn more about the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Hunting and Angling Heritage Workgroup mentoring program and upcoming events, visit www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills.

HUNTERS

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The department also has had rules in place since 2002 restricting the movement of captive deer and elk into or within the state, and subjecting those animals to marking and reporting requirements.

For more information about chronic wasting disease, visit www.azgfd.gov/cwd or www.cwd-info.org.

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Wilderness Stewards Wanted On Tonto National Forest



SUPER STEWARDS — Wilderness-steward volunteers are needed particularly in the Superstition Wilderness in areas such as First Water and Peralta trails. They serve as the "eyes and ears" of the district.

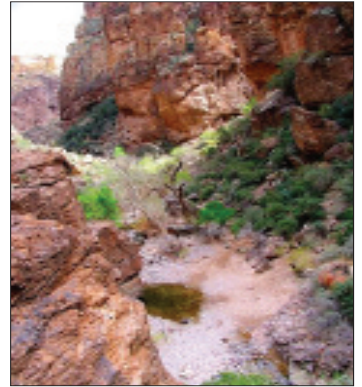
Openings for wilderness steward volunteers in the Superstition and Four Peaks wildernesses on the Tonto National Forest were announced today by forest officials.

"The district is operating at reduced staffing levels, so wilderness stewards provide an invaluable service to the district by serving as hosts at trailheads and providing hiker assistance," said district ranger Art Wirtz.

"With more than 250 miles of trails, and portions of three wilderness areas to manage, our wilderness stewards provide a critical service to the hiking community.

"We provide in-depth training to our volunteers about the forest and their responsibilities. It's also a great way to keep

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Tonto National Forest

Arizona Selected As State To Host 2013 Trails Symposium

Do you ever wonder who the people are who promote, plan, and build the vast trail systems in cities and rural areas that make communities more desirable because of those amenities?

Arizona will be hosting hundreds of trails leaders during the American Trails International Trails Symposium (ITS) scheduled for April 14 to 17, 2013 at the Yavapai Nation's Radisson Fort McDowell in Fountain Hills, Ariz.

Bob Searls, chairman of the American Trails Board says, "Trails and greenways have gone mainstream from Scottsdale to Toledo, from Paris to Shenzhen. In the remaking of urban America, they are a new circulatory system nourishing heart and mind, entrepreneur and shopkeeper. Trails and greenways are a wise community investment and a must have to thrive and compete."

Arizona has been at the forefront of this movement with leading-edge projects



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like the Arizona Trail, the Grand Canyon Greenway and the Tucson trail network. The American Trails International Sym-



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posium will be the world's leading place to share vital and valuable knowledge, re-energize and support trails systems.

"We're thrilled to be able to announce this great venue for our 2013 Symposium," said Pam Gluck, executive director of American Trails.

"The Arizona State Trails System has more than 5,000 miles of mapped and well-used trails that are used by hundreds of thousands of people each year. The Sonoran Desert near Fountain Hills is the perfect environment to teach the best practices for backcountry, rural, and urban trails development and how to build trails for communities to enhance lifestyles and keep residents healthy and fit."

According to Gluck, "Arizona attracts outdoor enthusiasts from around the world who come to experience canyoneering, paddling, mountain biking,

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Community Equestrian Arena at Fort Tuthill County Park Open

Coconino County Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce that a Community Equestrian Arena at Fort Tuthill County Park is open to the public for recreational, drop-in use.

Director Judy Weiss notes, "This is made possible by valuable support from the community led by nonprofit organizations Coconino Horsemen's Alliance and Friends of Coconino County Parks who raised funds and mobilized volunteers to build the arena."

Located at the racetrack infield, the Community Arena is 170-feet wide and 245-feet long and is available for use on a "first-come, first-served basis: from dawn

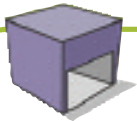


to dusk April 1 through Oct. 31, resuming in 2012.

For arena rules and more information visit www.coconino.az.gov/parks

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Wildlife Education Brings Peace To Returning Veteran

U.S. Coast Guard veteran finds purpose in educating Arizonans about native wildlife.

When veterans of the United States military return from serving our country, they often long to continue their roles as leaders and give back to their community. The Arizona Game and Fish Department is fortunate to have found just that kind of individual to help educate citizens about Arizona's native wildlife.

After completing her tour in Iraq with the U.S. Coast Guard, Melissa Steinman returned to the workplace and found it challenging to adapt to civilian life and her previous profession as a science teacher.

With the help of The Mission Continues, an organization that offers fellowships and organizes volunteer-led service projects for veterans nationwide, Steinman found Game and Fish's Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center and began a six-month fellowship that allowed her to "feed her soul" and continue her desire to serve.

"The Mission Continues helps me contribute directly to my community while also allowing me to further my professional goals for the future," said Steinman. "Leadership played a big role in my military career, and it is something that's still needed in our civilian communities because it empowers people to be active and to use their personal strengths."

Steinman instantly felt connected to the Wildlife Center's mission of wildlife edu-



Melissa Steinman

cation and caring for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.

"When I have bad days, I have to remember the wildlife, especially the birds, that are always challenging their disability, and I have to do the same thing myself," Steinman said.

"I constantly wonder what else can I do with the time I have here in my fellowship to impact my community. The Wildlife Center animals are a constant reminder that I must do the best with what I've got and always try to improve."

Throughout her time at the Wildlife Center, Steinman has created outreach programs for disabled veterans, under-served student populations (including low-income students, children with cancer or terminal illness, and the Child Crisis Center), and Southwest Key Programs, which serves unaccompanied minors who are victims of human trafficking.

In addition to presenting wildlife-outreach programs, Steinman also assists with

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Wildlife Photo Contest Winners Announced

A bat swoops low over a pond, tongue extended for a drink, its reflection perfectly mirrored in the dark, still water. This stunning image and 12 more are among the winners of this year's wildlife photo contest, sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The grand prize winner, Bruce Taubert of Glendale, Ariz., took the top honor with his unforgettable image of a Townsend's big-eared bat. Another Taubert photo, showing a coyote in a snowstorm, won one of 12 first-place prizes.

"To have the Arizona Game and Fish Department select my photos is not just a pat on the back for me, but an opportunity to share my passion for wildlife photography with other people," Taubert says. "I don't need a contest as an incentive to go out and shoot, but it's exciting to know people will see my work."

The other winning photographers are the following:

- Lou Romain of Scottsdale, American avocet

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POCKET CRUISER CONVENTION: Feb. 13-20, 2012 — Lake Havasu; www.sailhavasu.com

NAPA AUTO PARTS WORLD FINALS BOAT RACES: Nov. 18-20 — Firebird Lake, Chandler, Ariz.

65TH ANNIVERSARY SCSC THANKSGIVING REGATTA: Nov. 25-26 — Parker; 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>

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CAMPING ON NORTH RIM OF GRAND CANYON: Until Nov. 27 — (602) 506-1114

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WINNERS

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- Debbie Goldenstein of Flagstaff, porcupine
- Ann Beisser of Scottsdale, Harris's hawk
- Gordon Karre of Mesa, verdin
- Corey Anderson of Tucson, madrean alligator lizard
- Stephanie Rainey of Lakeside, spotted owl
- Ed Bonkowski of Mesa, immature bald eagle
- Rhonda Spencer of Tucson, Couch's spadefoot
- Roger Marble of Gilbert, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep
- Jeremy Houston of Kanab, Utah, mule deer

STEWARDS

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physically fit and enjoy the beauty of the desert while serving others."

The Wilderness Stewards wear Forest Service volunteer uniforms and serve as the "eyes and ears" of the district on many of the trails in the Superstition Wilderness, particularly First Water and Peralta trails.

Wilderness steward volunteers can sign up for the program online at www.mrd-volunteers/wildernessstewards.org, or call Mesa Ranger District at (480) 610-3300.

Volunteers who are interested in other opportunities can find information on the Mesa Ranger District Volunteer Program at www.mrdvolunteers.org, or call Mesa Ranger District at (480) 610-3300.

The weather is perfect for gardening; come and dig in the dirt at the Escalante Community Garden! It is open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. during the week and early mornings every other Saturday. Volunteers welcome! Contact Dave Tally at (480) 350-5896.

BRIAN SKERRY, PHOTOGRAPHER: Nov. 30 — Mesa Arts Center, (1 East Main St, 85201), award-winning underwater photographer in a visually spectacular presentation tied to his landmark National Geographic book, share the adventures documenting the wonder and resilience of the underwater world, 7:30 pm, (480) 644-6500 or www.MesaArtsCenter.com

SNOW IN THE DESERT?: Nov. 23 — It's possible in Tempe! Visitors will delight in the magical snow that will appear at the Tempe Marketplace District Stage on Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. An ice-skating performance will entertain as it begins to snow, and at 7:00 p.m. the 60-foot holiday tree lighting will complete the holiday festivities. Nightly snow falls will continue throughout the holidays from Nov. 25 to Dec. 24 at 7 and 8 p.m.

17TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: Starts Nov. 25 — Lake Havasu City; www.londonbridgeresort.com

FISHING

DAM TO DAM BLUEWATER BIG BASS CLASSIC: Nov. 19 — Parker; BlueWater Resort & Casino, anglers view for \$1,000 1st prize, limited to the first 35 two-man teams to enter, begins at 7 am, weight-in is a 3 pm, 928-669-7035 or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com>

COMMENTS ON GLEN CANYON DAM: By Dec. 30 — See page 9 of this issue for details re: submitting your comments.

BILL LUKE BASS DAYS: March 16-18, 2012 — Lake Pleasant; Don McDowell: don@shakerattleadroll.com

HUNTING

VOTE FOR 'MENTOR OF THE YEAR' AWARD: By Nov. 27 — Arizona's Eddy Corona would appreciate your vote;

- Tom Whetten of Tucson, scaled quail

The 13 winning works of art celebrating the diversity of Arizona's wildlife are featured in a full-size 2012 calendar, published in the November-December 2011 issue of *Arizona Wildlife Views* magazine.

In addition to prize-winning wildlife photography, the special issue includes an interview with staff photographer George Andrejko, who has been a professional wildlife photographer for the past 22 years. Andrejko shares his tips for becoming a better wildlife photographer.

The Arizona Game and Fish 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

see details on page 10 of this issue.

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REAL PIRATES EXHIBITION: Through Jan. 15, 2012 — Arizona Science Center; AZSCIENCE.ORG

INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPO: Feb. 23-26, 2012 — Glendale, Ariz.; for information re: ISE Sweepstakes and a chance to win four tickets to the ISE of your choice, contact Scott Kelly, CEO Black Dog Promotions, (480) 206-3435

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seven issues for \$7. Subscriptions are available at 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.

More than 250 entries were received for this year's contest. To share the most outstanding entries and celebrate the talent of Arizona's wildlife photographers, the department has selected honorable mention images as well. These are posted in an online slide show on the photo contest's Web page, www.azgfd.gov/photocontest.

To view a video with wildlife photography tips from contest winner Bruce Taubert, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5gKsBkUh8.

and Visitors Bureau, and the Mesa Convention & Visitors Bureau, as well as many businesses from around the world.

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10TH ANNUAL ANTHEM HOLIDAY CLASSIC TRIATHLON & CLASSIC KIDS' TRIATHLON: Dec. 10 — Anthem; Community Center, (85086), USAT sanctioned, adults swim 400m; kids swim 200 m; 9 a.m., (623) 330-0913 or <http://www.4peaksracing.com/event.php?id=112> <http://www.trifind.com/>

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VETERAN

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the day-to-day husbandry tasks and medical care for sick, injured and orphaned animals. Whether it's watching a hawk learn to hunt or helping an owl learn to fly again, Steinman feels connected to the animals when they are fighting through their recovery.

The outreach projects that Steinman has created for Arizona Game and Fish have received national attention. She is often sought after to mentor new, returning veterans and represents The Mission Continues at many special events.

Recently, she was invited to speak at the 2nd Annual Veteran's Day Gala for The Mission Continues in Missouri, where award-winning journalist Tom Brokaw was the Guest of Honor.

With the recent Veteran's Day holiday, Arizona Game and Fish is privileged to recognize Steinman not only as a veteran, but also as an advocate and leader for wildlife education.

About American Trails

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By Skip Daryl Horseman

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During the off-ice portion of the class, we will go over the history of the game, how to play, and what to look for on the ice.

We will then take to the ice at 7:20 p.m. for two hours of on-ice curling instruction. The Curling Club has all of the

gear you need to curl, just dress warmly, in layers, and bring dry, clean running shoes (the flatter the better) to wear out on the ice.

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is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Someone from the Club will contact you to confirm your spot once we have received your form. To get your form, please visit our site and click on LTC Registration.

Questions? the skip@coyotescurling.

LIGHTS

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Further, Lake Havasu City's Boat Parade of Lights has been selected as one of the top 100 events in North America five times by the American Bus Association (ABA).

The London Bridge Yacht Club began hosting the Boat Parade of Lights in 2006 and is proud to continue a tradition that has grown in Lake Havasu City of over the past 26 years. Our parade of lights has been included in the top 100 events three times since we became hosts for the parade.



The following text is from ABA's magazine:

*Annual Boat Parade of Lights
Lake Havasu City, Arizona
DEC. 2-3*

In the desert oasis of Lake Havasu City, thousands of spectators watch a waterfront procession presenting light displays, animated scenes and festive music. Vessels glide through the Bridgewater Channel, past the English Village and under the illuminated, historic London Bridge for judging. Each boat is decorated by teams of boaters from across the Southwest. Over the years, the Parade has evolved into one of the largest and most uniquely situated events of its kind. A radio broadcast narration describes each vessel's detailed decorating theme and tells about team participants. Motorcoach groups enjoy free bus parking and a special holiday package, including a festive dinner, live entertainment and reserved VIP seating for the Boat Parade.

For more about the American Bus Association and their annual list of the Top 100 Events in North America, visit the ABA website.

Parker

The Parker Chamber of Commerce's Annual Lighted Boat Parade will be on Saturday, November 26 at the BlueWater Resort & Casino Marina, and this year the BlueWater has doubled the stakes by offering \$500 to the first-place boats in both the large and small boat categories, along with a trophy.

Judging will be based on boat size, Christmas decoration and best use of lights. The small-boat category is vessels 24 feet

and smaller while the large-boat category is 25 feet and larger. There is no fee to enter the Lighted Boat Parade.

Santa Claus will also be on hand at the River's Edge Cantina to visit with area children and the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce will provide free photographs with

Santa. To sign up call the Parker Chamber at (928) 669-2174.

Tempe

The Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade and associated activities take place on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011 starting at 6 p.m. with the arrival of Santa and the boat parade starting at 7 p.m. The boat parade is a rain-or-shine event.

About 50 lighted and decorated watercraft will parade in front of the shores of Tempe Town Lake for the Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade. The METRO Light Rail LED installation on the Tempe Town Lake Bridge will provide a special display. About one hour prior to the start of the boat parade, Santa Claus will make his appearance at Tempe Beach Park.



IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Dana Point Harbor

Dana Point Harbor Boat Parade of Lights is set for Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011 starting at 6 p.m. with the arrival of Santa and the boat parade starting at 7:30 p.m. by the Water's Edge.

This is the 37th annual parade, and the theme for 2011 is "Santa Salutes the 70s."

Boaters from all around Orange County decorate their boats and vie for the awards of Judges Choice, Best Theme, Best Use of Lights, Best Animation, Most Colorful, Most Original, Best Sailboat, Best Powerboat and the Perpetual Trophy for the Yacht Club with the Most Entries, along with many other awards and cash prizes!

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You can view the parade free from anywhere in the Harbor, or make reservations at one of our restaurants to view it from a cozy and warm spot.

To get in the mood pre-parade, there are Boat Rides with Santa on Saturday, Dec 3

out the seminars in detail in the "Seminars" section. Look at an interactive map of where everyone is from. Click on the "Everything you ever wanted to know about Lake Havasu" button for information on the town and community. Look at the current Wind/weather in Havasu. Find out about wonderful group rates at waterfront resorts. This site is updated daily: www.sailhavasu.com.

For more information and/or to sign up

and Sunday, Dec 4, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Dana Wharf Sportfishing Docks. There is much more in the way of holiday celebrations here. For more information on the activities planned, visit www.danapointharbor.com or call (949) 923-2255 or (949) 496-2979.

Mission Bay

More than 60,000 people are expected at San Diego's Mission Bay Park on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. for the annual Mission Bay Christmas Parade of Lights followed with a fantastic fireworks display at 9 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 area. A highly anticipated event in the San Diego community, more than 100 vessels take to the water for the parade.

The best viewing is from Riviera Shores, Crown Point, Santa Clara Point, the east side of Vacation Island and west side of Fiesta Island.

Newport Beach

As Newport Beach's Christmas Card to the world, the boat parade will set the harbor ablaze for five consecutive nights, beginning Wednesday, Dec. 14 and ending Sunday, Dec. 18. The parade starts off Bay Island at 6:30 p.m. and finishes at the same site at approximately 9 p.m. each evening.

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 10 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.

Ring of Lights: Serving as the backdrop for the hundreds of lighted boats in the parade is the annual "Ring of Lights" contest, hosted by the Commodore Club of the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Beautifully decorated bayside homes

and businesses surrounding the harbor go "all out" with their own holiday spirit, featuring everything from roof-top animated scenes to dancing Christmas trees. With its own judged categories and prizes awarded, the "Ring of Lights" has become as celebrated as the boat parade itself.

Fireworks: On the final night of the parade, a special fireworks display will close out the parade. Beginning at approximately 9 p.m., the fireworks will be visible from all around the harbor, being launched from the Balboa Pier.

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. For a complete listing of member restaurants and boat charters please see the Viewing Page.

San Diego

The Port of San Diego presents the 40th Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights

2011 on two consecutive Sundays: Dec. 11 and Dec. 18 from 5:30-9 p.m. This year's theme is "Back to the Future."

Welcome to the annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights. We hope you enjoy participating in what has become a traditional Christmas present to San Diego from the boating community. Our Web site is full of information about this year's parade. We hope you enjoy the site and will be on hand to enjoy the parade this December.

Three of the most prestigious awards are the President's Award (continuing from 1994), Best Yacht Club Award, and Best in Parade: Star of India Cup.



From left, President's Award from 1994, Best of Yacht Club Award, Best in Parade - Star of India Cup



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trailer sailormen signed up already! Where will it go this year? Can we top 150? Don't know, but one thing is for sure — we want you to join us!

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DRAG RACING

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IN MEMORY — Teresa Ybarra McIntosh, co-publisher of *Boating World Magazine*, *Sea Magazine*, *The Log Newspaper* and *Editor & Publisher Magazine*, and co-producer of the Newport Boat Show and the Lido Yacht Expo, died Oct. 11 at her home in Newport Beach, Calif., after a short, but tough, battle with cancer. She was 69. We at *Western Outdoor Times/Arizona Boating & Watersports* send our sympathy to her husband Duncan McIntosh and to her family, friends, and staff.



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