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Fall On The Water: Cruises, Parades, Races

IT'S THE SEASON, SO — Cruising Tips From Cap'n Ed

By Ed Huntsman

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Proper preplanning prevents poor per-formance. Whether you are planning a day trip to the lake, an extended cruise or something in between, planning will make all the difference and that's what these tips are all about.



There are a myriad of details before any boating or cruising trip, regardless of its length or location. Beyond just the basics of who we are taking, what clothes, supplies and equipment will be needed, what activities we will be involved in, etc., etc., etc. All of these issues and more will affect the success and enjoyment of the event or activity, and cruising is certainly no excep-

But, no matter where you go, whom you go with or how long you plan to stay, always pack the sunscreen, swim suits, snorkeling gear, camera, and easy-to-wear, comfortable clothes.

And don't forget to let the Post Office know the dates to stop and start your mail

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BEAUTIFUL SEASON, BEAUTIFUL BOATS

Southwestern Waters Light-Up For Holidays

Some of the most spectacular boating events in the Southwest have to be the area's lighted-boat parades. Whether in Arizona or California, the holiday season sparkles on lakes and in bays to celebrate the beauty of the holidays. Hopefully, you can visit one or more (or all?) of these events in the next two months. And, if you know of other lighted-boat parades in your area please contact editor@azbw.com



Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

In Arizona:

Nov. 27 in Parker: 12th Annual Holiday Lighted Boat Parade; Blue Water Marina; free; 6 p.m.; (928) 669-2174 or http://parkerareatourism.com www.bluewaterfun.com

Dec. 3 and 4 in Lake Havasu City: London Bridge Yacht Club's 28th Annual Christmas

Boat Parade of Lights; 50 beautifully decorated boats pass under the historic London Bridge; this year's theme is "Toys on Parade"; free; (928) 680-4652 or www.lhcboatparadeoflights.com.

Dec. 11 at Tempe Town Lake: APS Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade; Tempe Beach Park & Town Lake; Santa arrives at



Tempe, Ariz.

6 pm, decorated and lighted boats of all sizes and makes parade at 7 pm, free, www.downtowntempe.com

In California: **Dana Point**

Dec. 10 and 11 + Dec. 17 and 18 in <u>Dana Point Harbor:</u> 36th Annual Boat Parade of Lights; theme: "Jingle Bell Rock"; awards and cash prizes; (949) 923-2255 or www.danapoint harbor.com

San Diego

Dec. 12 and 19 in San Diego Bay: This December the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights will celebrate over 30 years in a



Dana Point, Calif.

splendid San Diego holiday tradition; our parade is viewed by over 80,000 people every year and growing; the committee from the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights

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HOT STUFF! -Nitro Chicken driven by Doug Verstuyft, is one of the Top Fuel Hydros capable of sear-ing the liquid quarter mile in less than 5 seconds, at speeds of 250-plus miles per hour. Verstuyft and other drivers will again thrill the crowd at the Nov. 4-7 Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing Series Finals. The exciting International Hot Boat Association World Championships will again be held at Firebird Raceway.Thursday is Test and Tune; Friday and Saturday are the qualifying runs, and later Saturday and all day Sunday are the eliminations. You've seen them on TV; now come see them in person! Editor Carol L. Allen is shown chating with the *Nitro Chicken* crew before one heat. *Nitro Chicken* is a Rock The Boat sponsor.



Pocket Cruisers Returning To Lake Havasu!

CRUISERS COMING - The Havasu Pocket Cruisers are thrilled to announce that preparations are in full swing for the 2011 Havasu Pocket Cruisers Convention, to be held Feb.14 through 21, 2011 at the London Bridge Resort and Convention Center in Lake Havasu City, Ariz. The 2011 event promises to be the biggest and best yet with over 100 pocket cruiser sailboats/crews from across the country participating. All information, updates, a list of boats already registered, and the participant's message board can be found at www.sailhavasu.com



'BASH' BENEFITS — LakeRacer LLC is putting the final touches on their annual "Monster Bash" poker run, which benefits the Lake Havasu City food bank. Set for Nov. 5 and 6, the event is held at the Nautical Inn Resort in Lake Havasu, Ariz. Events include the new Friday Shootout, the favorite Friday lunch and run to Havasu Springs, and the poker run on Saturday. For more information, visit http://www.lakeracerllc.com.



CRUISIN' TO CABO — The Baia Ha-Ha is a two-week cruisers rally from San Diego calif., to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, which takes place every fall. Dates for the 2010 event are Oct. 24 to Nov. 6. More than 2,000 boats have completed previous Ha-Ha rallies. The event is in its 17th year. Many of the questions you may have about the event can be answered by visiting www.baja-haha.com.

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1954 Chris-Craft Coming To Arizona

TEMPE, Ariz — Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times is bringing another vintage Chris-Craft to Arizona for refurbishing as part of the Rock The Boat (501C3) project to benefit Superstition Search & Rescue.

CFB Marine Group is heading up a San Diego team to help save this 1954 36-foot Chris-Craft Commander. The boat has been donated by Marina Cortez. It will be hauled out at Driscoll's on Shelter Island and hauled to Arizona by Ed Hale of Hale's

Marine Service

The boat will find a new home in Arizona at Bartlett Lake Marina.

This will make the fourth vintage Chris-Craft to join the Rock The Boat (501C3) fleet. As these boats are completed, they will be auctioned with proceeds going to Superstition Search & Rescue.

For more information, contact Jim Allen: jim@azbw.com or (480) 947-6219 or (619) 523-3091.

FROM BIG BAY TO BARTLETT — Thanks to several Rock The Boat Sponsors — Bruce Biddick and John Campbell of CFB Marine Group, Bubba Severance of Sea Tow San Diego, Marina Cortez, Ed Hale of Hale's Marine, and Bartlett Lake Marina this 1954 ChrisCraft Commander will soon makes its way from San Diego's Big Bay to Arizona's Bartlett Lake. Stay tuned for more details of this project to benefit Superstition Search



RESCUERS TO THE REFUSE — In October, members of Superstition Search & Rescue had a special mission: to remove litter, garbage, refuse (even a picnic table) from the Grand Canyon. Needless to say, their ropes, gear, and expertise came in handy, allowing SSAR access to otherwise difficult, dangerous (yes, impossible) areas of the

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Discharge of Oil and Other Hazardous Substances

It is illegal to discharge oil or other hazardous

- 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 zardous 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.

Discharge of Waste

- State Law prohibits humans and vessels from discharging any sewage into the waters or onto the shorelines of Arizona. Use portable toilets provided on the shore or the floating portable toilets. Consult a lake map for the locations of portable toilets.
- If you have a vessel with installed toilet facilities, it must have an operable marine sanitation device (MSD) on board. All installed devices must be U.S. Coast Guard certified. Vessels 65 feet in length or less must use Type I, II, or III MSD. Vessels over 65 feet must install a Type II or III MSD.



A Type III MSD is the simplest and most common, consisting of a holding tank or portable toilet. Waste is to be discharged into a pump-out facility.

Discharge of Trash

It is illegal to dump garbage, plastics, debris, or filthy or smelly objects or substances into any Arizona waters or shorelines. Many forms of litter can kill birds, fish, and marine mammals.

- You must store trash in a container while on board and place it in a proper receptacle after returning to shore.
- If boating on federally controlled waters and your vessel is 26 feet or longer, you must display a Garbage Disposal Placard that is at least 4 x 9 inches and notifies passengers and crew about discharge restrictions.

Statewide Boating Education Classes

October 2010							
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration			
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 23 8 a.m 5 p.m.	Boating Safety Training Center 8484 Riverside Drive Parker	\$0	(928) 669-6141			
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 23 8 a.m 5 p.m.	Patagonia Lake State Park Sonoita Creek Visitors Center 400 Patagonia Lake Road, Patagonia	\$0	(520) 287-2791			
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 26 & 28 6 p.m 10 p.m. (Must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Mesa Office 7200 E. University Drive Mesa	\$5 per person	(623) 236-7235			

November 2010							
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration			
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Nov. 13 9 a.m 5 p.m.	Marine Max NE corner of McClintock and Broadway Tempe	\$8 per family	(623) 236-7235			
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Nov. 20 8 a.m 5 p.m.	Water Safety Center at Contact Point 1801 Highway 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 680-0359			

BOATING AND FISHING OPPORTUNITIES IN ARIZONA

Did you know that boating and fishing locations and facilities in Arizona are abundant considering most non-residents think Arizona is just Desert? Check out the Arizona Game and Fish Department's interactive maps for boating and fishing that include images, amenities information and driving directions. Visit www.azgfd.gov/watercraft.

Falling Overboard

- ◆ To prevent persons from falling overboard:
- Don't sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or any other area not designated for seating.
- Don't sit on pedestal seats when underway at greater than idle speed.
- . Don't stand up on or lean out from the boat
- · Don't move about the boat when underway

If someone on your boat falls overboard:

- Reduce speed and toss the victim a throwable PFD
- · Have other passengers watch the victim.
- · Turn your boat around and slowly pull alongside the victim, approaching the victim from downwind or into the current, whichever is stronger.
- Turn off the engine. Pull victim on board over the stern, keeping the weight in the boat balanced.

Hypothermia

- If you are boating in cold water:
- Dress in several layers of clothing under your PFD or wear a wetsuit or drysuit.
- · Learn to recognize the symptoms of hypothermia. Symptoms begin with shivering and blush lips and nails, and progress to a coma and, ultimately, death.

To reduce the effects of hypothermia:

- · Put on a PFD if not wearing one. It helps you to float without excessive movement and insulates your body.
- Get as much of your body out of the water as possible
- · Don't take your clothes off unless necessary clothes can help you float and provide insulation.
- · Don't thrash or move about. Excess motion consumes energy and increases loss of body heat.
- · Draw your knees to your chest and your arms to your sides, protecting the major areas of heat loss
- If others are in the water with you, huddle together with your arms around their shoulders.-









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Yes, Hypothermia Is Possible In Arizona

Don't let the temperature outside fool you.

From AZGFD

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

warm and sunny day.

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

Entering extremely cold water causes an immediate gasp reflex that can fill the lungs with water. After falling overboard

or entering the water, it is important to — Wear a life jacket, which will help keep your head above water or bring your body to the surface:

- · Stay calm and move slowly;
- · Don't try to take off clothing in the water (a common misconception is that

heavy clothing or waders weigh down your body when, in fact, they can trap air and help keep your body afloat).

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

Cold-Water Immersion/ Hypothermia

Cold-water immersion kills in several ways - the colder the water, the greater the chance of death. However, the initial reaction to cold-water immersion can occur in water as warm as 77° Fahrenheit. By understanding how your body reacts to cold water, you can prepare for and be bet-ter able to respond appropriately, thus increasing your chance of survival.

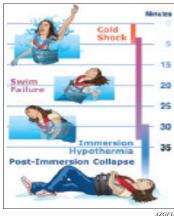
There are four stages of cold-water immersion

Stage 1: Initial "cold shock" occurs in the first 3-5 minutes of immersion in cold water. Sudden immersion into cold water can cause immediate, involuntary gasping hyperventilation, panic, and vertigo — all of which can result in water inhalation and drowning. Immersion in cold water also can cause sudden changes in blood pressure, heart rate, and heart rhythm, which also can result in death.

Stage 2: Short-term "swim failure" occurs 3-30 minutes following immersion in cold water. The muscles and nerves in the arms and legs cool quickly. Manual dexterity, hand -grip strength, and speed of movement all can drop by 60-80 percent. Even normally strong persons can lose the strength necessary to pull themselves out of the water or even to keep their heads above water. Death occurs by drowning.

Stage 3: Long-term immersion hypothermia sets in after 30 minutes, at a rate depending on water temperature, clothing, body type, and your behavior in the water. Cold water robs the body of heat 25 times faster than cold air. Hypothermia occurs when your body loses heat faster than it produces it, cooling the organs in the core of your body. Hypothermia even-tually leads to loss of consciousness and death, with or without drowning.

Stage 4: Post-immersion collapse occurs during or after rescue. Once rescued, after you have been immersed in cold water, you are still in danger from collapse of arterial blood pressure leading to cardiac arrest. Also, inhaled water can damage your lungs, and heart problems can develop as cold blood from your arms and legs is released into the core of your body.



Best Chances Of Surviving

Your chance of surviving cold water immersion depends on having sufficient flotation to keep your head above water, controlling your breathing, having timely rescue by yourself or others, and retaining body heat.

Prepare for boating in cold-water conditions by always wearing a secured life jacket. Also, wear layered clothing for insulation. Equip your boat with a means for re-entry (ladder, sling, etc.) to use if you should fall into the water.

Don't ever think that boating activities won't expose you to the risk of hypothermia. Wear rain gear when it rains. A wind-

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On The Rise: Weather-Related Accidents In Arizona

Weather can change very rapidly and create unexpected situations for boat operators, and weather-related accidents in Arizona are on the rise. Even meteorologists have trouble predicting rapid weather changes. You should always monitor weather developments.

One way is to tune a VHF radio to the frequencies listed at http://www.boat-ed.com/az/handbook/weather.htm.

Then seek a protected area before the weather becomes a threat.

What To Do If Caught In Severe

Weather Prepare the boat to handle severe weather.

Slow down, but keep enough power to maintain headway and steering.

Close all hatches, windows, and doors to reduce the chance of swamping.

Stow any unnecessary gear.

Turn on your boat's navigation lights. If there is fog, <u>sound your fog horn</u>. Keep bilges free of water. Be prepared

to remove water by bailing.

If there is lightning, disconnect all electrical equipment. Stay as clear of metal objects as possible.

Prepare your passengers for severe weather. Have everyone put on a USCG-approved life jacket (PFD). If passengers are

already wearing their PFDs, make sure they are secured properly. Have your passengers sit on

the vessel floor close to the centerline for their safety and to make the boat more sta-

Decide whether to go to shore or ride out the storm.

If possible, head for the nearest shore that is safe to approach. If already caught in a storm, it may be best to ride it out in open water rather than try to approach the shore in heavy wind and waves.

Head the bow into the waves at a 45degree angle. PWCs should head directly into the waves.

If the engine stops, drop a "sea anchor" on a line off the bow to keep the bow headed into the wind and reduce drifting while you ride out the storm. In an emergency, a bucket will work as a sea anchor.

If the sea anchor is not sufficient, anchor using your conventional anchor to prevent your boat from drifting into dangerous areas.

COOL WEATHER/COOL IDEA Aqua Lodges Are Cabins On The Water

Now that Arizona has entered its "perfect" season of the year, what a wonderful time to go camping on the water. Yes, on the water in one of the Aqua Lodges at Bartlett Lake Marina

Either The Green or The Blue: Both are floating cabins with all the amenities, yet the sense of privacy that one wants when taking a vacation — either at holiday times, on a weekend, or during the week.

We at Arizona Boating & Water-sports/Western Outdoor Times speak from experience: "There is no better vacation spot in Arizona, on the water or otherwise. The Aqua Lodges are perfect for relax-

To the little piers, you can tie your boat before fishing, water skiing, wakeboarding, or just touring the beautiful lake.

You can also just sit on the lodge deck and read, watch movies inside the cabin, or go for a hike/walk on one of the many paths around Bartlett. The scenery is spec-

Aqua Lodges: Green And Blue -40-Foot Cabins On The Water

Bartlett Lake Marina offers the Aqua Lodges. These are self-contained floating cabins, prefect for those who want to spend the night but do not want to sleep in the

There is nothing else like this in Arizona. Park your boat right off the patio. Check out the Bartlett Lake Marina Web site for more information. Prices are \$190.00 per night Monday through Thursday and \$280.00 per night Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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Christmas Tree-Cutting Tags Now On Sale

Last year's highly successful partnerstores to sell Arizona national forest Christmas tree-cutting tags is being repeated, with over-the-counter tag sales at selected Big 5 Sporting Goods stores.

The ongoing partnership with Big 5 Sporting Goods stores makes it convenient for forest users to purchase their Christmas tree tags at a number of locations throughout Arizona. In addition to select Big 5 locations, two new locations in the high country have been added: Western Drug in Springerville, and Creekside Steak-house outside of Payson.

Tags are \$15 and the tree-cutting period is Nov. 20 through Dec. 24.



NOT DEER TAGS BUT - Christmas treecutting tags are available now. Last year's highly successful partnership with Arizona Big 5 Sporting Goods stores to sell Arizona national forest Christmas tree-cutting tags is being repeated, with over-the-counter tag sales at selected Big 5 Sporting Goods

A total of 6,375 tree-cutting tags are being made available by five Arizona national forests.

Four of the forests will also be selling limited number of tags over the counter. Please contact these forests directly for further information about their sales dates and office locations:

Tonto National Forest program managers are contributing 300 tree-cutting permits for pinyon or juniper species to the vendor sales program, but will not be selling tags at their administrative of-

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Forest	Available Tree Type	Number of Tags	Tel. Number
Apache-Sitgreaves	All Species Trees	4600	928-333-4301
Coconino	Fir Trees	250	928-527-3600
Kaibab	Pinon or Juniper	1000	928-635-5600
Prescott	All Species Trees	225	928-443-8000



'RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH' Voters Consider Proposition 109 Nov. 2

One of the propositions facing Arizona voters on the Nov. 2, 2010 election ballot is Proposition 109, which, if passed, would amend the state's constitution to make hunting and fishing a constitutional right in Arizona.

The Arizona Game and Fish Depart-

ment and its employees are precluded by law from advocating for or against state ballot propositions while on state time or using state resources. The Game and Fish Commission, as the policy-setting board overseeing the department, is not under the same legal restriction and may take a position or advocate on one side or the

Due to public interest regarding Proposition 109, the department is suggesting the following site with a link to information about the proposition contained in the 2010 "Ballot Propositions and Judicial Performance Review Publicity Pamphlet" posted on the Arizona Secretary of State's Web site.

This information includes the text of the proposed amendment, analysis by the Arizona Legislative Council, and arguments "for" and "against" the proposition that have been submitted by different individuals and organizations, including an

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Winterization Mistakes Could Cost You Your Boat

Auxiliary Public Affairs

Often, boat owners who visit their boats in early spring find their boats nearly under water. They might or might not get a call from the marina to get down there right away to take care of their boat.

Don't let this happen to you. Don't make these mistakes that might cost you big bucks or your boat.

Please, Don't



Use your biminis or dodger as a boat

cover for winter.

Biminis and dodgers are for sun and spray not for winterization. Winter is very hard on biminis and dodgers, causing premature replacement and possibly letting water or snow into your boat or cockpit.

Store a boat in the water without a cover; this might result in its being underwater.

Cockpits have drains that might clog up with debris, causing the cockpit to fill with water, sinking the boat. Heavy snow could push a boat with low freeboard underwater.

Forget to close sea cocks stored in the water.

Too many things can happen to that seacock or the attached hose, causing the boat to take on water.

Store a boat and forget fail to winterize, even in warmer climes.

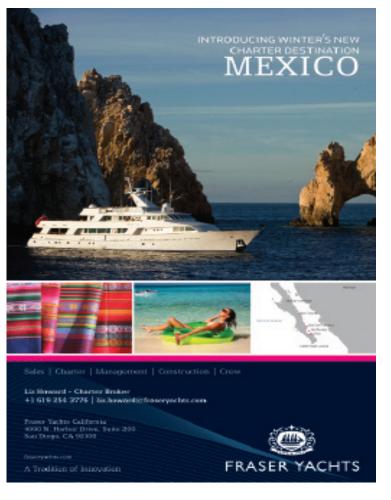
Storing ashore can freeze an engine block with an unexpected cold spell. Storing in the water may keep the engine block a little warmer.

And, A Couple More Winter Reminders

Petcocks in the engine block may be clogged when you tried to drain the engine for winter. You might not realize that no water came out of the clogged petcocks. Be sure to visually check if water drains from each petcock. If you

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America's Boaters Speak Up Loudly

Don't give us more ethanol without testing it first.

In the battle to add up to 50 percent more ethanol to the nation's gas supply without first providing scientific evidence it won't harm boat engines or cause serious safety issues, America's recreational boaters have spoken.

Of the over 22,000 Americans who have e-mailed President Obama in a 13day period urging him to stop the EPA from approving the increase, BoatUS reports that nearly three-fourths of those e-mails are from BoatUS members and other recreational boaters.

"On the very first day there were over 11,000 emails sent to the President that generated through http://www.FollowTheScience.org Web site attributed to BoatUS members and their friends," said BoatUS Vice President of Government Affairs Margaret Podlich. "This shows our boat-owning membership is very worried about this issue and wants to see independent testing completed first. We hope their grassroots activism has an impact on this decision.

A wide-ranging coalition of groups behind FollowtheScience.org created the email campaign in anticipation of the EPA's decision — at press time, expected in just a few days - that is likely to announce the authorization of increased ethanol in the nation's fuel supply.

Why Are Boaters Speaking Out So Strongly?

Large numbers of boaters have been impacted by 10 percent ethanol in their gasoline, which was rolled out nationwide a few years ago. A solvent, ethanol can degrade fuel systems and harm boat engines.

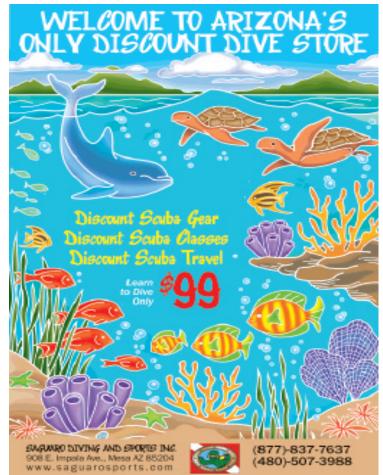
BoatUS members have reported engine breakdowns, some leading to expensive repairs and potential safety issues. "Boaters have already been left holding the bag once when ethanol was introduced at 10 percent (E10)," said Podlich. "With no recourse, our members were forced to use a fuel that affected the reliability of their engines.

Working on behalf of over 500,000 members, BoatUS had previously asked the EPA to see the science first. However, to date, no independent testing of marine engines with the use of "mid-level" ethanol blends (up to 15 percent) has been completed. Most boat engine warranties are void when using ethanol beyond the 10 percent-blend level.

BoatUS continues to urge recreational boaters or anyone with gas-powered equipment or vehicles to go to www.BoatUS.com/gov and let President Obama know your concerns about ethanol and ask him to require the EPA to complete testing and get the science first.

BoatUS FollowTheScience.org, a coalition of 46 motor sports, environmental, food and citizen advocate groups asking for "science first" before the EPA allows a new fuel on the market BoatUS is also a member of AllSAFE, the Alliance for a Safe Alternative Fuels Environment.









PERFECT WEATHER - Pieter Jones San Diego, Calif., gaffs a striper spooned off the bottom in Lake Powell's Halls Creek Bay. Striper fishing has reached a peak in the perfect late-summer weather at the big lake.

LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT Fishing Gets Better By The Day

By Wayne Gustaveson

Summer continues (at press time) with a bit of spring runoff thrown in for good measure. Lake Powell rose a foot with recent rainstorms, helping the water level. Water temperature is a pleasant 72 F with the return of warmer-than-usual days. With all that good news, there might as well be more. Fishing gets better by the

Striped bass are ready, willing and eager to bite frozen cut bait in the main lake. Shad are scarce from Good Hope Bay downstream, leaving a huge population of striped bass without much to eat. Stripers react to low forage by going deeper to conserve energy until food arrives. The magic depth right now is 50 to 70 feet.

Striper Schools Simple To Find

Finding striper schools is as simple as driving to the back of almost every canyon while watching the bottom depth. Schools of fish seen between 50 and 70 feet are usually stripers. Mark the school, toss chum all around the boat, and drop a baited hook to the bottom. Catch the first fish and watch the rest of the school rise off the bottom as the hooked fish is reeled

A large school may come to the top and search under the boat at about 10-15 feet trying to be first to find fresh chum when it hits the water. Or, the school may go right back to the bottom. Either way,

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The Trout Are Stocked At Green Valley Lakes

Payson residents and visitors have welcomed back the trout to beautiful Green Valley Park . Over 800 Colorado-grown rainbow trout were delivered in late October to kick off the trout-stocking season, featuring 11-14 inch rainbow trout delivered every two weeks

Fall is a wonderful time to visit the rim country, see the colors, and relax and fish along the grassy shorelines of this popular urban fishery just a mile west of Highway

87 on Main Street.

The fish-stocking program at Green Valley is different from all other Urban Fishing Program waters. Rainbow trout are the only species stocked by Game and Fish during an eight-month season that starts in mid-October and continues through early May.

No other fish species are stocked at

Green Valley; however, good populations of bass, crappie and sunfish can be found in this highly productive lake system.

Anglers Still Catch Cats Weeks After Stockings

No doubt about it, the first three to five days after a fish stocking offer the best catch rates for catfish. But, it is a serious mistake to think that "all the fish have been caught out.'



But, persistence will pay off.

After a few days of leaving the easy life as a hatchery-raised and heavily fed fish, catfish begin to develop "wild" behaviors in their new urban lake homes. These wary fish have grown "street smart" and are not easily fooled by conventional methods, or overanxious anglers.

After monitoring catfish stockings for

that roughly 80 percent of stocked catfish are caught within the first week of stocking. That leaves 20 percent of the fish to carry over into the weeks and months ahead.

A perfect example: On Sept. 24, the day of the first fall catfish stocking, biologists encountered an angler at Silverbell Lake in Tucson with two 2-pound catfish caught before the stocking truck arrived. Those catfish had been in the lake at least 12 weeks since the final spring catfish stocking in early July.

These reports are quite regular.

Report On The Species

Fishing for catfish is fair to excellent now that the fall stockings have resumed. Mornings and evenings are the best times as catfish prefer to feed under dim or dark conditions.

While the majority of stocked catfish

are caught in the first five days of stocking, anglers are still catching cats one to two weeks later at a slower rate. Top baits for catfish have been stink baits, shrimp and worms fished on the bottom in the deeper pound test line to get more hookups.

Fishing for bluegill is good along the shorelines in 4-8 feet of water. Try mealworms under a small, thin bobber for great

As lake temperatures fall below 78 degrees, expect better action for largemouth bass, especially in the early morning periods. Try finesse plastics rigged drop shot or Texas style for the bass and mix it up with small crankbaits, soft jerkbaits or spinnerbaits.

At Green Valley Lakes (Payson) fishing for bass, bluegill and crappie is good with some nice 2-3 pound bass showing up. Stockings of rainbow trout began at Green Valley Lakes on Oct. 22.

Stocking Schedule (At Press Time) All UFP waters in Phoenix area and

Tucson area were last stocked catfish the week of Oct. 4-9; there are a total of four fall stockings

Green Valley Lakes (Payson) were last stocked with trout Oct. 22

Remember the Urban Fishing Program Web page at www.azgfd.gov/urbanfishing for up-to-date stocking schedules, fishing clinic information, fishing reports, and other great fishing information! Also sign up for free electronic mailings of the Urban Fishing Bulletin, Weekly Fishing Reports, and more at www.azgfd.gov/ signup.



gists witness, and get reports, of anglers catching limits of catfish from one week to two months since the last stocking. Instead of catching a couple fish an hour, it may take a couple hours to catch a fish.

over 20 years, biologists have determined









TIGHT LINES

RORY'S TIPS

Fishing Outlook Great; AZGFC Responds

Rory Aikens AZGFD

A slight drop in the barometer this time of year can often get the fish feeding aggressively in both the high country and the desert waters — the fish will want to fill their bellies in case winter conditions arrive.

The autumn colors are fully underway in the mountains. The aspens on the highest peaks have mostly dropped their leaves, but there is still plenty of opportunity to experience a colorful autumn.

Brown frout should be entering the spawning behavior mode. Look for them staging anywhere a stream enters a lake, such as the upper end of Chevelon Lake.

Try Lees Ferry

If you want to experience world-class fishing with few people on the water, try Lees Ferry in northern Arizona. For some reason, the Ferry gets very little angling pressure in the fall, but the fishing is great

for wild rainbow trout and the air temperatures are just about perfect

atures are just about perfect.

Let's see, Alamo is on fire with large-mouth bass (especially topwater); Lake Pleasant is still a fishing hot spot for striped bass with a healthy mix of black bass, and Roosevelt is finally turning on. The action is also pretty good at Lake Havasu for both stripers and smallmouth

Silver Creek is open and still providing quality rainbows on the end of the line — catch-and-release only. Fossil Creek is open for native chub fishing — catch-and-release-only.

Fossil Creek is one of the most scenic streams in the entire state. But, if you go, please take a trash bag, Fossil is being loved way too much by the those with little regard for our outdoor environment.

'Tis Trout-Stocking Season

This is also the leading edge of our winter trout-stocking season — it will kick into high gear in November.

Fain Lake, Lynx Lake and Mingus Lake have all been stocked with rainbows. At press time so have Goldwater Lake, Wet Beaver Creek, West Clear Creek and Rose Canyon. Just before November, Parker Canyon will have also been stocked with trout.

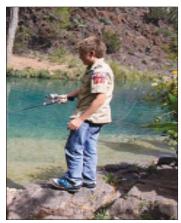
Mark your calendars for the week of Nov. 8 when we are scheduled to stock Canyon Lake, the Lower Salt River and Saguaro Lake with rainbow trout.

Also, the area below Davis Dam (Casino Row) is being stocked with rainbow trout for the first time this season by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

By the way, we are planning to do the annual "Welcome Back the Trout" celebration (including a fishing clinic after school) at Tempe Town Lake on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. But this year we have something else to celebrate — welcoming back the water as well.

Anglers at the urban program waters

Anglers at the urban program waters have been doing well on channel catfish; now trout are ready and waiting in the



CHANGES FOR THE BETTER — There were no surprises, no voiced opposition and no additional public comments as the Arizona Game and Fish Commission dropped the gavel approving the 2011-2012 Arizona Fishing Regulations as proposed by department biologists. (See story for full details.)

Green Valley lakes in Payson.

It's a great time to get out and catch some autumn memories. With any luck, I'll see you out there.

Commission Adopts Proposed Fishing Regulations Changes

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YELLOWTAIL DERBY A SUCCESS

Pictured with John Campbell, Derby organizer, are Miss Yellowtail Tiera Hanes and Derby winner Charles Wittenberg. Wittenberg is a grad student at San Diego State, working toward an advanced degree in education. He only fished one day of the 22 days and caught the 27.4 California yellowtail at the La Jolla Kelp in the first 45 minutes as he arrived at the kelp. The Derby was sponsored by the Port of San Diego. For Campbell, his next project is the Border Run Yacht Race, with the Leukemia, Lymphoma Society. More information: (619) 991-5480





TIGHT LINES

Billfish Foundation Responds To Gulf Restoration Plan

Importance of recreational fishing/boating industries heard by Secy. Ray Mabus.

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla., - The reaction by one of recreational fishing's leading conservation associations to the recently released 130-page Gulf Restoration Plan — a long term recovery strategy needed following the April 20, 2010 oil disaster — is mostly positive.

In a mass e-mail alert to its members,

The Billfish Foundation's (TBF) President Ellen Peel shared comments with Gulf of Mexico's big game fishing and business community, letting them know the Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus had heard their collective voices on the importance of the recreational fishing and boating industries in the Gulf.

Mabus was charged by President Obama to draft the plan convening a series of town meetings throughout the Gulf States in early August to receive input from the local communities on what they thought should be included in the plan. Despite a very short notice from the Secretary's office, Peel and TBF members attended the meetings. Many anglers then sent messages of concern to Mabus and other decision makers, following TBF's suggested lead.

TBF Board Chairman John Brownlee, who is also the editor of Salt Water Sports-man Magazine, noted, "The Recovery Plan includes many complex and longrange issues requiring the establishment of panels, councils and input and analysis to get it implemented, which may become a bit frustrating, but hopefully, recovery and restoration of communities, businesses and natural resources can begin in earnest."

On a strong positive note, Peel said three points in particular in the plan are reassuring and make the point that sportfishing's and TBF's messages were heard and included:

First, as TBF's communications made clear, many Gulf fish species were already overfished, suffering impacts from a multitude of pressures. But, with the oil disaster adding to those pressures there's no way of yet determining the impacts.

Second, the importance of Gulf habitat, including sargassum — which is important during early life stages of at least 139 species including marlin — was spelled out in the plan.

And third human and economic impacts to our industry that resulted when 36 percent or 88,522 square miles of federal waters were closed due to the spill, took a tremendous economic and emotional toll on individuals, businesses and whole com-

Peel added, "The boating and the sportfishing industries employ some 300,000 individuals in the region, generating an economic stimulus of \$41 billion dollars annually, including a wide array of marine-related manufacturing, sales, service, support and enhancement businesses. The coastal towns, individuals and the recreational fishing and boating businesses, tournaments and events suffered significant economic losses resulting from the oil disaster.

To further address the issue of overfishing, TBF launched a program this summer called "Gulf Thunder" -– a campaign uniting strong sportfishing voices against numerous issues including outdated government fishery management strategies and the government's bias in favor of commercial fishing gear and overfishing practices. For more information, please go to http://billfish.org/1206-gulf-thunder-campaign or call the TBF offices at 1-800-438-8247.



BLUEFIN AT BALLYHOO - Four exquisite game-fish paintings by premier artist BLUEFIN AI BALLYHOO — Four exquisite game-iisin paintings by premier arius Stanley Meltzoff (1917-2006) set unexpected records at a recent auction. Most note-worthy was Bluefin at Ballyhoo — 1979 that sold for nearly \$32,000 — almost 10 times the pre-sale estimate, reflecting a surging interest in this artist's work. Another Meltzoff painting titled White Marlin - 1986 sold for more than \$21,000, or four times the pre-sale estimate. Meltzoff remains one of the finest saltwater game-fish painters of all

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fish can be caught again by placing the bait at the appropriate depth as seen on the fish finder. Huge catches are possible with 100 fish per trip being well within the expectations of many anglers.

Many end-of-summer hot spots now provide steady but not spectacular action. These include the Dam, Navajo Canyon, Haystack in Warm Creek, Warm creek wall and Labyrinth wall.

New schools have been located in the floating restroom cove in Padre Bay and in main Rock Creek near the small rock island in the back where bottom depth reaches 60 feet. The Rock Creek spot provides the most lucrative striper catch in the

Night Fishing Superb

Night fishing at Bullfrog and Halls is superb under green lights. The same pattern of looking for schools near 60 feet in

the submerged creek channel leading to the back of the canyon is also working. Bait fishing is better than trolling or jig-

ging over most of the lake.

When stripers have risen to the top looking for more chum, it is possible to

catch fish using many different techniques. From Good Hope Bay upstream abundant shad are still providing excellent for-age for stripers and bass. Here boils are happening sporadically followed by periods of inactivity while stripers go the bottom and digest their meal. Spoons, surface lures and trolling are more effective than bait in the Hite area.

Bass fishing continues to improve, but lower water temperature will bring better fishing. Bass are very active at 65 degrees, which will likely be reached in the next two weeks. Now bass are on rocky points in the main channel. They have moved a bit shallower, but it is still best to fish for

the larger fish at 25 feet.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,634 and water temperature was 70-74F.

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That means starting Jan. 1, 2011, Becker Lake becomes a blue ribbon fishery and the maximum size limit at Lees Ferry increases from 12 to 14 inches.

Becker Lake is slated to become a catch-and-release-only year 'round with artificial lure and fly only with a single barbless hook.

The commission also approved tweaking the size limit at Lees Ferry to allow greater harvest of the smaller trout and

provide more opportunity.

Other proposed regulation changes the commission approved include the follow-

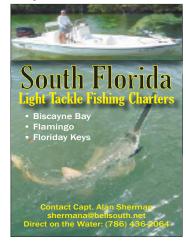
- Reducing the daily bag and possession limit of catfish to four at Redondo Pond (aka Yuma Lakes) and reducing the trout limit to four and sunfish to 10.

 • Changing the daily bag and posses-
- sion limit on Pena Blanca Lake near Nogales to no harvest of largemouth bass until Dec. 31, 2012. The lake was completely drained this past year and is on the comeback trail.
- Closing Ash Creek along with Mari-jillda Creek and its tributaries (Mt. Graham) to fishing until a fishable population of native Gila trout is established.
 • Closing approximately 13 miles of
- Bonita Creek in Graham County to fishing as part of an effort to re-establish native fish populations in this remote creek

that receives minimal angling pressure.

• Opening Snake Creek in the White Mountains to angling.

"We did our homework, surveyed the anglers, conducted public meetings across the state plus took in lots of comments via e-mail," said Fisheries Chief Kirk Young. Game and Fish msurveys showed that the vast majority of anglers favored all the recommendations from the biologists





TRACKING PART 1

Harvesting Is Only The Beginning

By Mike Wallace

You've released your arrow or pulled the trigger; your heart is pounding in your ears and you can taste the adrenalin pumping into your body.

You stand in disbelief as you witness your arrow or slug impact the animal that you have hunted so hard for. Now comes a very important part of hunting - tracking!

When does tracking your animal begin? I would suggest that it starts the moment you fire your weapon. There are five things that have to be established at that time

- 1. Where was I standing when I shot?
- Where was the animal standing when I shot?
 - 3. Which direction did it run?
 - Did I hit my prey?
 - Where did I hit my prey?

If you are not among the walking dead, you probably have a tendency to get pretty worked up when you finally get the opportunity to harvest your prey. After the shot is taken, it is very easy to make mental mistakes.

If your animal doesn't go down rapidly, you will need to use every clue possible to retrieve the animal you have wounded. During this moment of excitement, it is very important that you focus on those five things.

Why is it important to know were you took your shot?

It is important that you mark the place you took your shot immediately after shooting. I keep a roll of flagging tape in my pocket with a small tag end hanging out so that a length can be easily pulled out, ripped off and dropped to mark the place that the shot was taken.

It is important to be able to return to

that exact spot. If you can't find where your animal was standing or find evidence of where it went, the place that you shot is your first clue. If you lose this location, the perspective of where your game was standing will be distorted and hard to find.

Why do you need to know where the animal was standing? After you fire, immediately take a

mental picture of where that animal was standing by using a landmark like a stump or rock. This will make it much easier to find and confirm the location of where your prey was standing.

When game bolts, it usually leaves pronounced hoof digs. Mark this spot as well so you can return to this exact location if needed. Again, this is a clue

If you have a hard time establishing which direction it went it will be easy to return and re-analyze your last clue

Which way did it run? And, did you hit your prey?

In addition to making a mental note of where your prey was standing, pay attention to which way it ran. If you are not able to follow the tracks, walk in that di-rection until you find the first sign of

If you don't find blood, return to the location that your prey was standing and walk in a zig-zag pattern in the same di-rection, widening the pattern the farther you go out.

Walk out at least 100 yards, taking your time to study every square foot of ground, sapling, tree trunk and bush for any sign of blood. When you confirm that the animal was hit, mark this spot so you can return if needed.

Why do you need to know where you hit your prey?

Knowing where you hit your game lets you know how long to wait before starting to track the animal. Wounds from an arrow versus a slug are very dif-

In an archery situation, you can continue within an hour if you know it has been hit in a vital organ or is bleeding volumes of blood. If an animal is shot in the vitals with a rifle, it will go down very

rapidly, if not right away.

However, this article is geared more towards those animals that are shot in a way that requires tracking skills. Though rifle-inflicted wounds are extremely destructive and effective at dispatching your game, a poorly placed slug can turn into a long tracking job.

The way you track an archery hit versus a rifle hit is different when it comes to the amount of time to wait. If you are unsure where you hit your game, you can confirm the type of wound inflicted by the amount and type of bleed or blood that is found on the trail (more on this in future articles).

If you know you hit it poorly (non-vital organs), you will need to wait longer

three hours or more or even overnight

A good example of this is an animal that is shot in the gut. It can live for days before it dies. If a gut shot or very poorly shot animal is allowed to bed down for a long period of time, shock and stiffness will make it much easier to find and put a lethal second shot into it.

Waiting overnight should only be in situations when the animal will live nearly that long. Waiting is a crucial part of tracking. When an animal is injured, its natural response is to run from what harmed it until it feels safe.

It will be frightened and not feeling well and will seek security by bedding down in what it perceives is a safe place. If you track an animal that is not "hit hard," too rapidly, you will kick it up out of this bed before the injury can immobilize it.

Then it will run farther to feel safe the second time and even farther the third time if it is capable, and so on. It is much easier to wait the appropriate time before you begin to move on your blood trail.

Even poorly hit animals will bed down surprisingly close if not disturbed and, because they are frightened and injured, will lie hiding until they die or stiffen up, making it difficult for them to run.

Once you have allowed enough time for your game to expire or go into shock and stiffen, you can proceed. As you find new evidence of where your animal has run, mark it so you can again return to the last sign if you lose the trail.

(Continued on www.azbw.com.)

Game On! Small-Game Season Open

From AZGFD

Gather up your shotgun, rimfire rifle, and ammunition. Then throw on a fresh set of laces on your hunting boots because Arizona's fall hunting season is in full

If you enjoy wing shooting, walking the uplands, strolling the forest floors, and perusing challenging quarry, there's not much better opportunity than here in Arizona. Here's the rundown on seasons:

Quail: through Feb. 6, 2011 - Gambel's, scaled and California (Mearns' opens Nov. 26).

Squirrel: through Dec. 31 – Abert's, Kaibab, fox, gray, and red (No open season on Mount Graham red squirrels).

Rabbits, Jackrabbits: through June 30, 2011 - Cottontail, black-tailed jackrabbit, and antelope jackrabbit (jackrabbits are legal under Commission Order 14 -Other Birds and Mammals).

Waterfowl: Season structures vary and restrictions apply, consult the 2010-11 Arizona Waterfowl and Snipe Regulations. Arizona sees a variety of waterfowl species from the Pacific Flyway, including, but not limited to, mallard, teal, gad-wall, widgeon, wood duck, ring-neck, canvasback, redhead, mergansers, and

geese. **Blue Grouse: until Nov. 14** – Units 4A and 5A are closed areas.

Chukar: through Feb. 6, 2011 - Any chukar. Late Dove: Nov. 19 to Jan. 2, 2011 -

Mourning dove only, all-day hunts,

Hunters should be able to put a mixed harvest in their game bags with a little extra effort, some good shooting, and by scouting for those areas that received consistent rain. Try using Google Maps and www.rainlog.org for narrowing your search. For more information on hunting in Arizona, visit www.azgfd.gov/hunting.

Mentored Small Game Hunting Camps Open To Public

If you're new to hunting and want to get some hands-on guidance, check out these first-time hunter game camps hosted by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and other sportsmen's organizations

Oct. 22-24, KOFA Junior's Quail

<u>Camp</u>
Between Yuma and Quartzite, at Highway 95 and King Valley Road, for youth 18 and under; limited to 35 hunters; \$35 refundable registration fee. Note: Need experienced hunters to be mentors; contact Wildlife Manager Alicia Allen, (928) 345-3113, aallen@azgfd.gov.

<u>Dec. 4–5: Small Game Camp</u> Unit 24A/37B; food, tips and guidance offered; hosted by Youth Outdoors Unlimyouthoutdoorsunlimited@gmail.com.

Dec. 10-12: Cibola Juniors Waterfowl Hunt

Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, open to licensed hunters 17 and under accompanied by a licensed adult; food, tips and guidance offered; hosted by the Southwest Habitat Partnership; \$40 refundable preregistration required; contact getoutsideaz@gmail.com.

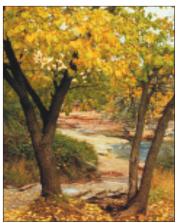
Feb. 12–13, 2011: Quail Camp
Unit 37A; hosted by Cochise Bird Dog Club

March 4-6, 2011: Junior Jack Rabbit

Unit 36A/B/C; food, tips and guidance offered; hosted by the Arizona State Chapter Safari Club International; contact www.azsci.com.

For more contact information, to register for these camps, and for a listing of other beginners' hunting camps, www.azgfd.gov/hunting under the "Mentored Hunting & Juniors-only Events 2010-11 Season" information box on the right side of the page.





BREATHTAKING BEAUTY need not play second fiddle to any other area of the country for autumn beauty. The leaves, especially in the Oak Creek and Sedona area, glow in reds, golds, oranges, pinks, and yellows as the weather cools. It's apple season too, so the crunch of the fresh fruit and the crisp fall colors combine to delight visitors and locals alike.

Cool Fall Weather Paints Oak Creek Canyon Red, Yellow, Orange

Winding its way down from the Colorado Plateau to Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon enchants millions of people each

The shear sandstone and limestone cliffs plummet down hundreds of feet to Oak Creek where visitors enjoy trout fishing, swimming, hiking, or camping. Sedona's stunning red rocks and the diversity of the riparian environment lure visitors from around the world to see these magi-

At the upper end of Oak Creek Canyon, the elevation is 7,000 feet and the vegeta-tion is dominated by ponderosa pine. As Oak Creek snakes south, it drops 2,500 feet to Sedona and then levels at 4,500

Fall Colors And Apples

The chaparral (manzanita and scrub oaks) are the predominate plants for that Every bend in the Canyon has its own niche of plants and wildlife. The Canyon walls create a deep narrow side canyon that develops into isolated areas of Douglas fir, big-tooth maple, Gambel oak, and Arizona walnut. It is these side canyons that have the fall season colors of

red, gold, orange, pink, and yellow leaves. Fall brings many changes to Oak Creek Canyon, especially at one of the more popular areas, Slide Rock State Park. Temperatures cool and fewer children brave the cold water of Oak Creek to try out the nat-ural sandstone water slide while more adults come to enjoy the peace and solitude of the area.

As the summer crowds diminish, a change comes over Slide Rock Park. The apples ripen and the orchards are harvested. Visitors can enjoy the fresh apples sold at the snack bar, and these distinctive aromas are indicators of autumn's arrival.

Cool And Crisp

The crispness of the cool fall breezes announce the impending arrival of snow. The trees in the canyon can also feel winter approaching and are steadily preparing for those cold days. As the days get shorter and colder, the big-tooth maple and the Gambel oak store their energy for next spring's growth and begin to go dormant for the winter.

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County Parks Offer Free Camping

It's back! With more families opting to vacation closer to home this year due to a sluggish economy, the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department has decided to bring back the "free camping" campaign.

Through Nov. 10, visitors who pay the camping fee for one night at a desert mountain County park will receive the next night of equal value for <u>free</u>.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for residents to experience the beauty of their County parks. The parks are located on the outskirts of town and provide access to some of the most breathtaking scenery and views found in the Sonoran desert," stated Chairman Don Stapley, Maricopa County Board of Supervisor, District 2

"Parks will honor this offer until Wednesday, Nov. 10 and we've asked our interpretive rangers to offer additional nighttime programming opportunities and activities that are fun for the whole family," said R.J. Cardin, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation director.

"In addition to our camping promotion, Parks will be unveiling a new reservation system this winter. Our visitors have been asking us for several years for a system that would allow them to reserve a campsite prior to arriving at the park. Once the reservation system is in place, we'll be able to offer this service," added Cardin.

Participating parks include the follow-

Cave Creek Regional Park. Located north of Phoenix, this park offers the illusion of being miles away from civilization. The campground has 38 individual devel-

Estrella Mountain Regional Park.

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WHITE CLOUDS OVER WHITE TANKS — White Tank Mountain Regional Park is one of five included in the current offer from Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department: Through Nov. 10, visitors who pay the camping fee for one night at a desert mountain county park will receive the next night of equal value for free. The four other regional parks include Cave Creek, Estrella Mountain, McDowell Mountain, and Usery Mountain.

Located near the meeting of the Gila and Agua Fria Rivers in the southwest Valley, the park includes a large wetland area. The park also offers seven developed camp-

McDowell Mountain Regional Park. Nestled in the lower Verde River basin, this park is a desert jewel in the northeast Valley. This park has 76 developed campsites that are perfect for RV or tent camp-

Usery Mountain Regional Park. Located on the Valley's east side, this park is located at the western end of the Goldfield Mountains, adjacent to the Tonto National Forest. The park offers 74 individual developed campsites that can accommodate either an RV or tent camping.

White Tank Mountain Regional Park. At nearly 30,000 acres, this is the largest regional park in Maricopa County. Most of the park is made up of the rugged and beautiful White Tank Mountains on the Valleys west side. The park offers 40

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[LAND CRUISING]

Extra! Extra! Jerome State Historic Park Re-Opens

The Jerome State Historic Park Grand Re-opening was held Oct. 14 with celebrations on the grounds of the stunning Douglas Mansion overlooking the vast Verde Valley. The town, located on Cleopatra Hill, sits at 5,200 feet above sea level and covers one of Arizona's largest copper mines

In the shadow of the Mingus and Woodchute mountains, Jerome had been a boisterous copper mining town in 1876 with a population of 15,000 at the peak of the copper boom. But, mining ceased in 1953 and only 50 people stayed in the small berg on the side of the mountain.

A revitalization of the town in the 1960s with an artist enclave and the Jerome State Historic Park, attracted tourists who number almost 2 million and come from around the world. Now the town is a paradise for visitors and photographers with sweeping valley views and historic mining homes and

Built in 1916 by "Rawhide" Jimmy Douglas, the onetime owner of the Little Daisy Mine, the park is still a showplace for visitors. The adobe mansion was a hotel for mining officials, investors, and family members. It features a wine cellar, billiard room, steam heat, marble showers, central vacuuming system and minerals and mining artifacts. Throughout the park grounds,

historic mining equipment adorns the lawn. It was State Representative M.O. Lindner Sr., a resident of the Verde Valley, who had first expressed an interest in the Douglas Mansion as a State Park in 1957. A visionary, Lindner was the prime mover in getting the State Parks legislation passed to create the system of parks and bring tourists to rural Arizona.

Zeke Taylor, a Verde Valley cattleman and merchant, was serving as the State Parks Board Chairman in 1961 and made the Park a reality in 1962 when Lewis Douglas and his brother James conveyed the mansion and 2.43 acres of land to make it a

When Jerome State Park had to close in 2009 due to crumbling adobe walls and roofs as well as sweeps from the State Parks operational budget, the community of 500 residents rallied and looked for alternatives for funding the operation of the park.

The story of the copper mines in Arizona is fascinating to tourists and especially how \$800 million in copper was taken from the mountain beneath this town," said Mayor Jay Kinsella. "We are going to find every way possible to keep this park open and generating tourism for our economy.

After the park closed, the Douglas family stepped forward with \$15,000 to help repair and stabilize the building. Then the



Douglas Mansion, Jerome

Arizona State Parks board allocated enough Heritage Fund grant monies to rebuild the roof, repair the adobe walls, stabilize the chimneys and paint the outside the original At the same time, Yavapai County was reviewing funding mechanisms for the operation of the park if it could be re-opened in the future.

This summer, the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors allocated \$30,000 to re-open the park. "Yavapai County is committed to keeping our State Parks open as they attract more than 500,000 tourists while driving millions of dollars into the small town economies. Jerome State Park alone attracts 60,000 visitors and for a small town, that is a significant boost to their economy, said Renée Bahl, executive director of the

"Yavapai County understands that their businesses thrive on the 2.3 million visitors [who] move through the State Parks system each year.'

The park will be open five days a week with a fee of \$5 per adult and \$2 for chil-

Volunteer spirit and enthusiasm are needed at Jerome State Historic Park and the park will be looking for individuals or groups who care about the preservation and interpretation of historical places. If you are a history buff and just love to talk with people, you can assist by interpreting the history of the Douglas family, miners/mining, and the geology of the region, please sign up as a volunteer on the Arizona State Parks Web site.

For detailed information about becoming a volunteer call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free 285-3703), visit <u>www.AZS-</u> tateParks.com or Facebook/Twitter AZStateParks

Lost Dutchman State Park Offers Hiking, Star Gazing, Family Outdoor Excursions

Volunteers at Lost Dutchman State Park have planned an unprecedented schedule of short and long hikes this year that start at the park and go up into the Superstition Mountains. They are inviting residents and visitors to sign up on the Web site for the hikes soon and be guaranteed a spot. The events include three moonlight hikes, the Superstition Explorer Hiking Series (Weds.), Friday night Star talks and Saturday family programs.

On Saturday, November 6th, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., join the "Friends" for the "Fiesta Sampler." This new event will fea-

ture speakers and presentations that will be offered at the park through the end of the year. In addition, panning for gold, music, children's activities, and live animal presentations will be offered that day.

On Wednesday, November 10 join the volunteers for the "Superstition Explorer Hiking Series" inaugural hike. Every Wednesday this fall, talented volunteer naturalists will lead visitors on interesting themed hikes for different groups.

Wednesdays: (More details at www.AZStateParks.com)

Nov. 10: Challenge Hike, 8 a.m. (3

Nov. 17: Dine with Dogs, 11 a.m. (3

Nov. 17: Dine with Dogs, 11 a.m. (3 hours) (RSVP)
Nov. 24: Dutchman's Rock, Walk & Talk, 9 a.m. (3 hours)
Dec. 1: First Time Hikers, 1 p.m. (2

hours)

Dutchman's Rock, Walk & Talk, 9 a.m. (3 hours)

Dec. 15: Fireplace Ruins Hike, 9 a.m.

(5.5 hours)

Dec. 22: Hike off into the Sunset, 4 p.m.

Named after the fabled lost gold mine, Lost Dutchman State Park is located in the Sonoran Desert, 40 miles east of Phoenix

Several trails lead from the park into the Supersition Wilderness and surrounding Tonto National Forest. Take a stroll along the Native Plant Trail or hike the challenging Siphon Draw Trail to the top of the Flat-

Depending on the year's rainfall, you might be treated to a carpet of desert wild-flowers in the spring. Enjoy a weekend of camping and experience native wildlife in-cluding mule deer, coyote, javelina and jackrabbits.

For more information, call the park at (480) 982-4485. Lost Dutchman State Park at Islands of the Islands a.m. to 4 p.m.

Arizona's 'West Coast' Installs Replica Of Wisconsin Wind Point Light

LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz. You're in the middle of the desert, about two hours south of Las Vegas, and you're surrounded by 20 lighthouses. A mirage? No. But creating small-scale lighthouses is the dream of western Arizona lighthouse fans who have built 19 replica lighthouses to help boaters navigate on 45-mile Lake Havasu, a reservoir on the Colorado River.

The 20th lighthouse, a replica of the Wind Point light near Racine, Wisc., was

dedicated at Site Six. two miles from the city's famed London Bridge on Oct.

The Wind Light-Point house. from which the Lake Havasu replica takes its inspiration, was completed in 1880 and is located

3.5 miles north of Racine, to assist navigation around the point into Racine Harbor. At 108 feet, it is one of the tallest and oldest lights still serving navigation on the

The Lake Havasu version is 22 feet tall, constructed of stucco over a wood frame. but is, nonetheless, a working navigation aid with a blinking solar-powered light approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The volunteer Lake Havasu Lighthouse Club, established in 2000, is dedicated to providing aids to navigation on the lake, in the form of 18- to 30-foot replicas of famous lighthouses from around the country.

Other replicas include copies of light-houses in Canada, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, and elsewhere, according to Lighthouse Club

president Bob Keller who, as you might expect, has a collection of lighthouse salt and pepper shakers at home. He even wears a circa 1930s lighthouse keeper's uniform when he presides at dedications.

"Each lighthouse has a plaque mounted on it that tells about the real lighthouse, who sponsored the building of it, and when it was dedicated." Keller said.

Construction of the replica lighthouses are based upon photos, sometimes even

historic plans, of the originals. There are another four replicas in the plans, all sponsored by local companies and volunteer donations.

To learn more about the Lake Havasu Light-house Club, visit www.lh-lighthouseclub.org or

call Bob Keller at 928 764 1699.

Lake Havasu City, three hours driving time from Phoenix, 2-1/4 hours south of Las Vegas and four to five from the Los Angeles region, attracts 750,000 visitors a year thanks to its dry, desert weather, more than 300 sunny days a year, a range of restaurants and lodging, and a boatload of special events. It's also home to the London Bridge, relocated to this desert city stone-by-stone in 1971.

For more information on Lake Havasu City, Arizona's only waterfront resort destination, including a fall 2010 calendar of events, log onto www.golakehavasu.com or call 928 453 3444. Also find Lake Havasu on-line at http://www.facebook. com/lakehavasucityarizona and www.twitter.com/golakehavasu.

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individual semi-developed campsites

At approximately 120,000 acres, Maricopa County is home to one of the largest regional park systems in the United States. The parks are located throughout the county and are all within a 45-minute drive from downtown Phoenix. Some *restrictions do apply. To learn more about this offer or a County park, visit www.maricopa.gov/parks or phone (602) 506-2930.

Restrictions

Guests who arrive after the entry station has closed must write "buy one, get one free" on the front of the envelope to receive the free night offer. Refunds will not be given to individuals who do not mention the promotional offer on their envelopes or at the entry station.

All campsites are available on a firstcome, first-served basis and reservations are not accepted.

Offer not valid for group campground reservations or unit fees.

Limit of one free night per family, household and/or group in a seven-day period (Monday through Sunday).

Rain checks will not be issued if space is not available

Offer not valid at Lake Pleasant Regional Park

Offer valid through Wednesday, Nov.10.

FALL

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All summer long the trees have been gathering their food from the sunlight. The "food," or chlorophyll, contains green pigment that masks the other yellow, orange or brown pigments. In the fall, the days get shorter and the green disappears. The blazing colors vary from tree to tree and leaf to leaf due to temperature variations and exposure to sunlight. This creates the dynamic displays of colorful trees throughout the canyon.

As the leaves change color, a leaf scar will separate the leaf from the branch, then it is just a matter of time before the wind and gravity loosens it from the tree. As the season progresses, the tree will be bare and ready for a cold winter and rebirth in the

Walk Through The Colors

In Hospital Canyon at Slide Rock State Park, pockets of oaks, maples, and walnuts provide visitors with a spectrum of fall colors. The best way to see the color is to get out and walk through each oasis of

This little side canyon, just 3/4 of mile behind the park is hidden from the view. Tucked in the canyon are dozens of bigtooth maple that turn every shade of red imaginable: Gambel oak shows-off the golden yellow, and the Arizona walnut and sycamores change to different hues of yel-

The self-guided Canyon Color tour in the park includes a handout that will provide visitors with insight into how the change happens as well as excellent opportunities for photographs of the lights and shadows dancing through the leaves.

Visitors can also see the historic Pend-ley Homestead and orchards. For more information about the natural diversity of Oak Creek Canyon or the Canyon Colors program, please call Slide Rock State Park at (520) 282-3034 or see the Arizona State Parks Web site at www.AZstateparks.com





BEYOND ARIZONA

BAJA HA-HA: Oct. 24-Nov. 6 — San Diego, Calif., to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; www.baja-haha.com

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

LONG BEACH TO CABO SAN LUCAS INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE: Oct. 23-24 — Following the Campbell Cup, LBYC will start its race to Cabo on Nov. 5

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

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

BOATING

CHRISTMAS LIGHTED-BOAT PA-**RADES:** Nov., Dec. — See page 1 of this

LAKE RACER LLC MONSTER BASH: Nov. 5 and 6 — Natuical Inn Resort; Lake Havasu; www.lakeracerllc.com

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

LONDON BRIDGE THANKSGIVING **REGATTA:** Nov. 26-27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. — Lake Havasu City, Thompson Bay, www.golakehavasu.com

ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING REGATTA: Nov. 26-27, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. — 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-(310) 318-4012 boats, www.scscracing.com or www.bluewaterfun.com

NAPA AUTO PARTS IHBA WORLD **FINALS:** Nov. 5-7, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. — Chandler, Firebird International Raceway, biggest professional drag boat race in the country and the season finale; Rock The Boat sponsor *Nitro Chicken* returns this year; (602) 268-0200 or www.firebirdraceway.com

PROP 109

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argument in favor of the proposition provided by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

Visit the following site to view information about Proposition 109 from the Arizona Secretary of State's 2010 "Ballot Propositions and Judicial Performance Review Publicity Pamphlet." http://www. azsos.gov/election/2010/info/PubPamphlet/english/Prop109.htm

The site noted below provides background information about the Arizona Game and Fish Commission's support of House Concurrent Resolution 2008 (HCR 2008) that ultimately was approved by the Arizona State Legislature, placing Propo-sition 109 on the November ballot.

http://www.azgfd.gov:80/inside_azgfd/ righttohunt.shtml

SEAPLANE CLASSIC: Nov. 5-7 — Lake Havasu City Float Fly 2010 - Lake Havasu State Park, Desert Hawks presents Radio Controlled Seaplanes flying off the water at Windsor beach area, 928-855-1197 or www.deserthawksrc.com or www.go-

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

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

CAMPING/RVING/AZ **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

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

COUNTY PARKS' FREE CAMPING: through Nov. 10 — www.maricopagov/ parks or (602) 506-2930

ARIZONA STATE PARKS' EVENTS: Fall — See page 12 of this issue.

COMMENTS ACCEPTED RE: OFF-ROAD VEHICLE MANAGEMENT: by Nov. 24 — for Glen Canyon National Recreation http://parkplanning.nps.gov/glca

PROTECT-A-PARK: Ongoing Boaters, anglers, divers needed to adopt Lake Pleasant's shoreline areas and coves for regular litter removal in 2009; (602) 372-7460, ext. 200

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY

MICHIGAN PROFESSOR ON SAB-BATICAL: Jan.-Aug. 2011 — Needs a room to rent while she does research at either ASU or U. of A. Contact editor@azbw.com or call (480) 947-6219.

CHRISTMAS TREE-CUTTING TAGS: for Nov. 20 through Dec. 25 - Big 5 Sporting Goods and other locations; see story on page 5

PHOENIX SISTER CITIES YOUTH PROGRAMS: Dec. 3, 4 p.m. — a chance

for Phoenix high school students to visit one of the nine sister cities next summer; (602) 534-7359.

HOMELESS PROGRAM NEEDS: Ongoing - new underwear, socks, sun screen, razors, feminine hygiene products, hats and backpacks; e-mail I-Help for more details: ihelp@tempeaction.org.

NO-KILL SHELTER NEEDS HELP: http://animalsbenefitclub.com/index2.html

RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS: Ongoing — Heather L. James-Davis; www.azanimalassistance.com

FISHING

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

DAM TO DAM BLUEWATER BIG BASS CLASSIC: Nov. 20. 7 a.m. — Parker, BlueWater Resort & Casino; \$1,000 1st prize, limited to the first 35 two-man ims to enter; weigh-in is a 3 p.m.; (928) 669-7035 or www.bluewaterfun.com

FLYCASTERS MEETINGS: Second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. — Sunnyslope Community Center; http://www.azflycasters.org

SRT BASS PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETINGS: Ongoing — Shake, Rattle & Troll BASS Club; volunteers needed; new members (boaters and non-boaters), families, children, friends are welcome; (623)



HUNTING

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

SMALL-GAME SEASON IN FULL SWING; MENTORED CAMPS OPEN TO PUBLIC: current — See page 10 of this issue

SHOWS/EXPOS

ARIZONA BOAT & RV OUTDOOR SPORTS EXPO: Jan. 28-30 — Arizona State Fairgrounds; (800) 657-3050

WATERSPORTS

DIVING TRIP TO GRAND CAYMAN: Nov. 6-13 — Saguaro Diving & Sports; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguarosports.

SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: Ongoing — Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & - Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Pool, Private Lake Open Water Certifica-tion Dives, San Carlos, Mexico; Lake Pleasant, and more: Saguaro Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguarosports.com

CURLING CONTINUES: Fall League shawntait@oyotescurling.com + more Learn-To-Curl classes: Oct. 31, 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Dec. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; theskip@coyotescurling.com.

Swimming:

FORD IRONMAN ARIZONA: Nov. 21 — Tempe Beach Park, includes a 2.4 mile swim; (888)-280-9097 or www.ironmanarizona.com

ARIZONA OPEN WATER SWIM FI-NALE: Nov. 7 — Tempe Town Lake (or TBA), events are officially sanctioned by USAS and USMS and are open to both registered age group and masters swimmers. with choice of 2K and 4K distances (1.2 or 2.4 miles), www.dcbadventures.com

10TH ANNUAL BLUE WATER RE-SORT & CASINO TRIATHLON: Nov. 7, 7:30 a.m. — Parker; includes 600-meter and 1,500-meter swims; (520) 526-8761 or www.mountainmanevents.com or www.trifind.net or (928) 669-6511 or http://parkerareatourism.com

AMICA 19.7 PHOENIX: Nov. 7, 8 a.m. - Peoria, Lake Pleasant, includes a halfmile swim course that starts on the Four Lane Boat Ramp with a wading start, wet suits permitted, three divisions, pros, age group and series winners; http://www.amicatriathlonseries.com/Phoenix/phoenix.ht

WILDLIFE-RELATED

MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE **CENTER OPEN HOUSE:** Nov. 20-21 at the center's facility; more on page 15 of this issue.

Editor's Note: Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT's calendar of events — "Downstream" — to editor@azbw.com. To guarantee placement, as room allows, items must be received by the 10 th of the month prior to publication. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but we assume no responsibility for print errors or omissions. We also reserve the right to edit each item. Please include the name of the event, the date and time, the location, the organization, and contact information.

Wake Zone_™

Curling Interest Spurs New Classes

Based on your demand, the Coyotes Curling Club is pleased to announce two new dates for their Learn To Curl Classes! These classes are great for the beginner curler, or a curler looking to improve their skill out on the ice!

Our first date is Oct. 31, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Check in will be around 3:30 p.m. and the off-ice tutorial will start around 3:45 p.m.

looking to give the perfect Christmas gift this year — the gift of curling: Dec.18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Check-in will be around 5:30 pm and the off-ice tutorial will start around 5:45 p.m.

I'm still working on some dates for November, but fall is busy at the Alltel Ice Den, Scottsdale. If we get some November

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR dates, you'll be the first to hear about it! Classes will be capped at 40 participants

so get your forms in ASAP. Registration

forms are at <u>www.coyotescurling.</u> <u>com</u>. Once that is sent in, we will contact

you to confirm your spot(s) in the class.

Our second date is geared for all those

We are looking forward to seeing you out on the ice!

Thank you, Darryl Horsman Coyotes Curling Club





Beluga Whale



THANK YOU, SEAWORLD

Once Again, A Visitor Is Enthralled

By Chelle Brookes AZBW/WOT Reporter

When temperatures in the Valley of the Sun have exceeded 100 degrees Fahrenheit for months on end, San Diego, with its many attractions, short and affordable plane rides, and mild climate, can be a welcome break from the heat!

And, while you are there, one of the most fascinating and educational places to visit is Sea World, San Diego. It has had its share of criticism both in recent news and in the past, but I personally applaud much of what they do in their conservation, rescue and education efforts.

Where else can you experience the grace and beauty of viewing beluga whales swimming and playing from an un-derwater vantage point; feed seals, sea lions, dolphins (watch out for the very aggressive sea birds!) and bat rays, and view up close and personal such fearsome-looking creatures as sharks and moray eels?

Interacting one on one with varied species of oceanic marine life is not something those of us here in the Valley get to do on a regular basis, but at Sea World you can!

On my recent visit this past September, I made an effort to see the things I knew I already loved and to go to areas of the park I had not yet visited.

Always Favorites: 'Arctic Express'/"Pets Rule"

The first thing I did was sit in one of my beloved spots, the "Arctic Express" underwater viewing exhibit, for about 40 minutes, watching the beluga whales and seals swim and play. Next I went to watch another of my favorites, the "Pets Rule" show, which highlights rescued animals of the domestic variety, dogs, cats, pigs, ducks, parrots, rabbits and even an adolescent red kangaroo.

480)-507-3988



"Pets Rule

Something New: 'Forbidden Reef'

From there, I ventured into the "Forbidden Reef" exhibit, which I had never seen and where I had one of the most wondrous and educational experiences on my life.

As I walked into the beautiful Asian-de-

signed garden entrance, I anticipated a brief visit to see creatures that, for me, had not held much fascination in the past: bat rays and moray eels. In my mind, these animals were kind of scary and not worth a lot of my time when I had so many other things to see and do.

However, as I entered the exhibit, I saw a crowd of people by a low-walled aquarium. They were exclaiming in wonder, and adults and children alike wore expressions of fascination and happiness. Of course, my curiosity piqued, I came for a closer

Petting The Bat Rays? Yes, Really.

To my surprise, all of them were petting and feeding bat rays! Well, I thought, if the five-year-old and her father next to me are filled with such glee, and they both have their hands in the water, I should swallow my fears and see what is so wondrous.

So, I ventured closer and tentatively put my hand in. I could see about 30 of these rays, varying in size from one-foot across, to three-feet across happily going from hand to hand in the petting tank.

Sure enough, one of the smaller ones

glided towards me, and to my surprise,



Bat Ray

butted up under my hand, just like a cat or a dog asking for attention! It was so soft and velvety, which was not at all as I expected. I was astonished, and hadn't quite recovered from my amazement when several other rays came my way, vying for my

A Whole New Way Of Thinking

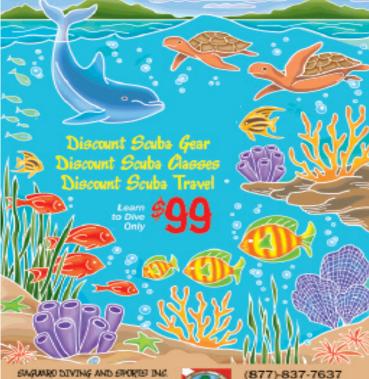
They all wanted to be pet, and took turns gliding under my hand and rubbing their heads and backs along it. The bat rays in the petting tank are used to being hand fed, so their affections are surely not something you would experience in the wilderness, but that didn't make it any less

I ended up spending over a half an hour visiting these beautiful, powerful, gentle and soft rays, laughing and smiling like a small child, and came away with my mind open to a whole new way of thinking

Every time I have gone to Sea World, I have had my eyes opened to a portion of life on this planet I would not have otherwise encountered. I always leave the park feeling wonder and having learned something new. It is not an inexpensive day, but it is well worth the money that goes towards rescuing, caring for, and educating the public about its animals.

For more information about Sea World, San Diego, please visit http://www.seaworld.com/sandiego/





www.saguarosports.com



Galley Proof

From Galley Proof Editor, Sonja Smith

AN AZBW/WOT FAVORITE!

Riazzis' Italian Garden: An Excellent Choice

The Riazzi family opened their first restaurant in 1947 on McDowell Rd. and 15th Avenue. They have since moved to 2700 S. Mill Ave., Tempe, (480) 731-

Riazzi's Italian Garden offers a lunch menu, a dinner menu that includes "Lite Eaters" items, an excellent wine selection and, of course, a dessert menu. lunch and dinner menus are well-rounded.

The dinner menu includes seafood and steaks (\$16.25-24.95), as well as the traditional house specialties, vea chicken specialties (\$10.95-17.95).

All entrees include a choice of minestrone soup or salads. Prices range from \$4.00-10.25 for soups and salad and appetizers. They also have a beer list and a full

Nice Variety, Good Prices
My friend, Carol Allen, and I had lunch
at Riazzi's recently. It's a favorite spot of
Jim and Carol Allen and their family
members, and I was pleasantly surprised.
Riazzi's offers a nice variety for lunch
with affordable prices. While perusing the
menu, we were served a basket of warm,
homemade bread — delicious! I ordered
a glass of house wine which was very a glass of house wine, which was very

Carol settled on the 10" pizza with bacon (\$8.25 plus \$1.25 per topping). I ordered the lunch specialty of manicotti (\$6.25) that comes with a side of spaghetti. I also ordered a house salad with Caesar



IN THE GARDEN - Sonja Smith, Galley Proof editor, is seated at the beautiful landmark fountain outside Riazzi's Italian Garden restaurant in Tempe.

dressing. (All their salad dressings are homemade.)

I found the manicotti superior as is their spaghetti sauce. The spaghetti itself is very tender. Carol really enjoyed the pizza and in her long-time experience of frequenting Riazzi's has had excellent lunches and dinners there. She can also vouch for the tiramisu (\$5.75) from the dessert menu.

Bottom Line

Riazzi's Italian Garden is a familyowned and operated restaurant. It's affordable and the service was excellent. Oh, and the servings are very large.

Will I visit them again? Yes!

For more information, visit http://ri-

FOR THE BIRDS



Sandhill Cranes



Merriam's Turkeys

Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Open House Is Nov. 20-21

Join the Arizona Game and Fish Department at its Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Open House and learn about the state's native wildlife and other conservation education programs the department offers.

This free event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20 and Sunday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at the center's facility cated just west of I-17 at Pinnacle Peak Road. The event will feature —

- Live wildlife education programs
- * Self-guided tours of the facility
- * An opportunity to learn about fishing and casting
 - * Boating law and safety information

* Hunter education program information Through support from the Heritage Fund, the wildlife center cares for more than 1,000 sick and injured native wildlife every year and provides wildlife education to local schools and outreach to community



Condor



Gambel Quail



Road Runner





OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE WEST California's State Bird Is Highly 'Sociable'

The California Quail, Callipepla cali-fornica, also known as the California Valley Quail or Valley Quail, is a small ground-dwelling bird in the New World quail family. It is the state bird of Califor-

These birds have a curving crest or plume, made of six feathers, that droops forward: black in males and brown for females; the flanks are brown with white streaks. Males have



California Quail Chick

a dark brown cap and a black face with a brown back, a grey-blue chest and a light brown belly. Females and immature birds are

mainly grey-brown with a light-colored belly. Their closest relative is <u>Gambel's Quail</u> that has a more southerly distribution and, a longer crest (2.5 inches), a brighter head and a scalier appearance. The two species separated about 1-2 million years ago, during the Late Pliocene or Early Pleistocene.[11]

Behavior

The California Quail is a highly sociable bird that often gathers in small flocks known as "coveys." One of their daily communal activities is a dust bath. A group of quail will select an area where the ground has been newly turned or is soft, and using their underbellies, will burrow downward into the soil some one to two

They then wriggle about in the indenta-tions they have created, flapping their wings and ruffling their feathers, causing dust to rise in the air. They seem to prefer sunny places in which to create these dust baths. An ornithologist is able to detect the presence of quail in an area by spotting the circular indentations left behind in the soft dirt, some 7–15 cm (3-6 inches) in diame-

They are year-round residents. Although this bird coexists well at the edges of urban areas, it is declining in some areas as human populations increase. They were originally found mainly in the southwestern United States but they have been introduced into other areas including <u>British</u> <u>Columbia</u>, <u>Hawaii</u>, <u>Chile</u>, <u>New Zealand</u>, and to <u>Norfolk Island</u> and <u>King Island</u> in

These birds forage on the ground, often scratching at the soil. They can sometimes be seen feeding at the sides of roads. Their diet consists mainly of seeds and leaves, but they also eat some berries and insects; for example, Toyon berries are a common food source

If startled, these birds explode into short rapid flight, called "flushing." Given a choice, they will normally make their escape on foot.



RELATED TO THE GAMBEL - The California quail's closest relative is Gambel's quail that has a more southerly distribution and, a longer crest (2.5 inches), a brighter head and a scalier appearance. The two species separated about 1-2 million years ago, during the Late Pliocene or Early Pleistocene.

Their breeding habitat is shrubby areas and open woodlands in western North America. The nest is a shallow scrape lined with vegetation located on the ground under a shrub or other cover. The female

usually lays approximately twelve eggs.

Once they are hatched, the young associate with both adults. Often, families group together, into multifamily "communal broods" that include at least two females, multiple males and many offspring. Males associated with families are not al-

ways the genetic fathers.

In good years, females will lay more than one clutch, leaving the hatched young with the associated male and laying a new clutch, often with a different associated

They have a variety of vocalizations including the social "chicago" call, contact "pips" and warning "pips." During the breeding season, males utter the agonistic "squill" and will often interrupt their social mate's "chicago" call with a "squill," a possible form of antiphonal calling.

Wildlife Photo Contest Winners Announced

PHOENIX, Ariz. A bighorn sheep gazing into the depths of the Grand Canyon and a Sonoran whipsnake emerging from the shadows are among the 13 winning images of this year's wildlife photo contest, sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department

The grand-prize winner of the contest, which attracted more than 700 entries from across Arizona and beyond, is Kiril D. Kirkov of Grand Canyon, Ariz. He took home the top honor with his image of a bighorn sheep at the Grand Canyon. The other 12 winning photographers are the following:

Suzanne Anderson, Tucson, Ariz.: Western banded gecko

Ann Beisser, Scottsdale, Ariz.: house finch

Michael Burm, Mesa, Ariz.: pronghorn Jim Burns, Scottsdale, Ariz.: muskrat Gilbert Gustavsen, New River, Ariz.: canyon tree frog

Laurie Nessel, Tempe, Ariz.: Sonoran whipsnake

Stephen Petrie, Scottsdale, Ariz.: gray

Adam Rodriguez, Scottsdale, Ariz.: <u>Costa's hummingbirds</u> Michael Shoop, Tucson, Ariz.: elk

Rhonda Spencer, Tucson, Ariz.: great horned owl Ed Taube, Phoenix, Ariz.: great blue

Bruce D. Taubert, Glendale, Ariz.: Mt. Graham red squirrel

Due to the talent of Arizona's wildlife photographers, and the high number of outstanding entries received, the department has chosen honorable mention images as well. These photographs are featured in an online slide show on the photo contest's Wel www.azgfd.gov/photocontest. Web page,



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The 13 winning works of art, which celebrate the diversity of Arizona wildlife, are being published in a full-size 2011 calendar. In addition to prize-winning wildlife photography, the calendar includes handy dates and reminders for everyone who enjoys Arizona's many out-door recreational activities.

The calendar is no longer being sold as a separate publication, as it has been in past years. This year, the calendar will be published in the November-December issue of Arizona Wildlife Views magazine, the department's award-winning magazine about wildlife and outdoor recreation. In addition to the 24-page calendar, this issue of *Arizona Wildlife Views* magazine will include a "Get Outside Guide" loaded with useful information to help people experience the great outdoors.

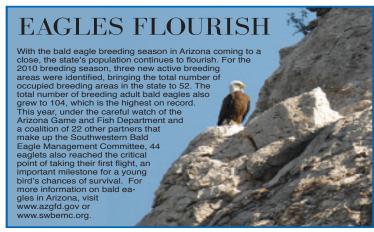
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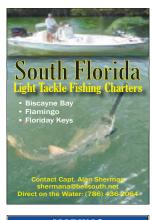
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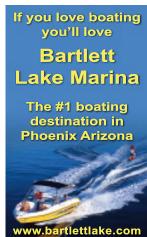
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· Shivering slurred speech, blurred vi-

• Bluish lips and fingernails

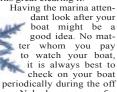
- Loss of feeling in extremities
 Cold, bluish skin
- Confusion
- Dizziness
- · Rigidity in extremities
- Unconsciousness
- Coma
- · Death

For more information on prevention and heat-escape-lessening postures, visit this section of Arizona Game & Fish Department's boating-safety http://www.boat-ed.com/az/course/p5-3 personalinjuries.htm

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(you can do that online now), stop the newspaper and have someone lined up to feed the pets. This is where the Internet will become your best friend; simple phrases on any search engine will yield unbelievable results, providing ideas for places to go, ways to get there, and things to do when you arrive.

Deciding Where To Go

If you are lucky enough to live in the Phoenix metropolitan area, there are several options for short-range cruising. I've actually sailed in the morning on Willow Springs Lake above the Mogollon Rim northeast of Payson, and left San Diego Harbor late that same afternoon enroute to Catalina Island off the coast of Southern

Living in Arizona offers boating and paddle sports enthusiasts tremendous op-

tions for cruising excursions. Be your focus fishing, skiing, wake boarding, pad-dling, sailing or watching wildlife, Arizonans have a real variety for consideration all within a day's drive. And if you go to the airport, those options become expo-

Looking for a weekend getaway? Consider Bartlett Lake; boating, camping or renting an Aqua Lodge are all great options for this beautiful local lake. Canyon Lake offers spectacular views second only to Lake Powell. And any serious fisherman knows the treasures that wait at Roosevelt Lake in the Superstition Mountains.

For a long(er) weekend, if you haven't experienced the majesty of Lake Powell, here's your chance. I've met people there who arrived and been so impressed that they've decided to stay. I'm not sure if the German tourist we met in 1998 is still a liveaboard on the houseboat at Wahweap, but I certainly wouldn't be surprised.

I just returned from a two-week cruise

in the Abacos in the Bahamas with friends this past July. We went early enough to miss the storms, chartered a 40-foot catamaran from a reputable company with two other couples and we had a wonderful

A major aspect to make sure you consider on this type of adventure is to make sure you really enjoy the company of the friends you'll be with and to plan your activities ahead of time. A 40-foot catamaran may sound like a lot of boat, but even 60 footers can get small after a week or two if you find you didn't quite know your friends as well as you thought you did.

Take all the insurance options, shop for airfare and make sure you understand where you can go on the boat and when you can go there. It's never a bad idea to get charts of the area you plan to boat in

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Newport Beach, Calif.

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- · Trees must be cut in designated cutting-area only.
- Trees may be cut between Nov. 20 and Dec. 24.
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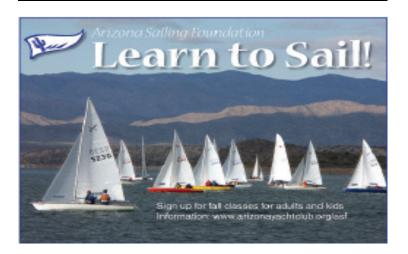
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and don't be afraid to ask the locals about things you should know when it comes to an unfamiliar cruising area.

Trailering Your Boat

Towing is always a great option for those of us who own a trailerable boat. Last year some friends had a week open and decided to load up with their 21-foot open ski-boat and head up to Lake Powell. They borrowed a detailed map I have of the lake, rented a satellite phone, stocked up on food and supplies and headed out for a week of boat camping on one of the world's most beautiful lakes. They came back with some fantastic pictures and memories to last a lifetime!

Despite what the folks at the security checkpoint may think, every airline allows passengers to take an inflatable life jacket with you; many will even allow it in your carry-on with an extra cartridge. However, be sure to check the baggage-carry rules for the airline you're using. I always print out a hard copy of the airline's policy and wrap it around my inflatable; I've never had a problem.

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We bought our round-trip tickets to Marsh Harbor in the Bahamas last July for just over \$600 per person — not a bad fare at all. Make sure you don't over-insure here though. Many charter companies offer trip-protection insurance that also covers your airfare. So, if you have insurance with the charter company, don't pay extra for the same coverage through the airline or travel service.



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Local Knowledge

Take the time to talk with the locals, regardless of your destination. Whether it's a group of kids near the roller coaster at Mission Bay or fishermen on the dock at Treasure Cay in the Abacos, these are the folks who can provide the best of information on a variety of topics ranging from the right bait to use to where you can find the best restaurants or grocery store.

Sightseeing

You'll have your camera and probably some extra time so take in the sights, so don't forget to take some photos along the way. With digital pictures, we don't have to worry about paying for developing the photos we don't want anymore, so get a bigger memory chip and take lots of pictures.

Pictures of the huge saguaros along the highway when heading to Arizona's inland lakes or the Colorado River: the dolphin and whales you spot between Long Beach and Two Harbors, or wherever your destination may be - you're taking time out of your life and money out of your pocket to be there, so take some pictures to share when you get back home to show your friends what they missed.

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