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Fall Events Fill The Calendar

ON THE COVER: CANYON CAMPING INTO NOVEMBER

Many Facilities On North Rim To Close For Season

But, the North Rim will remain open to visitors through Nov. 27 or until —

GRAND CANYON, Ariz. — The staff on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park have begun to shut down most visitor services and facilities, but the North Rim will remain open to visitors through Nov. 27 or until snow closes Highway 67 leading into the park.

Reservations for the Grand Canyon Lodge North Rim, operated by Forever

Resorts, were no longer accepted after the middle of October, and other concessioner-related visitor services — with the exception of the gift shop and gas station — are now closed.

Meals are no longer available at Grand Canyon Lodge, and the last day for mule rides on the North Rim and for ranger-led programs has passed.

Self-service gas and diesel fuel will continue to be available in the park through Nov. 27 or until Highway 67 closes.

Through Nov. 27

The National Park Service's North Rim Visitor Center and Bookstore as well as the Backcountry Permit's Office will remain open through Nov. 27. Operating hours will be 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.



NPS Photo by Michael Quinn

OPEN AGAIN IN MAY — Located adjacent to the parking lot on Bright Angel Peninsula, by the Grand Canyon Lodge, the North Rim Visitor Center has park and regional information, exhibits, and a bookstore. It is a great place to start your adventure on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. Plan ahead now for May 2012. However, those interested in camping in the area may do so well into November, depending on the weather.

As of Oct. 16 campsites with limited services, such as portable toilets, were made available for a \$12 fee on a first-come, first-served basis. Water will only be available outside the National Park Service adminis-

trative office. Entrance fees and campground fees will be collected through the end of the day on Nov. 27 or until snow closes

See **NORTH RIM** on page 17



ASU Sailing Club/ Gerald Byrnes

FAIR WINDS — Sun Devil sailors Mike Garrigan and Chad Hardgrove of the ASU Sailing Club Club are shown sailing up wind to the windward mark during the Frosh/Soph Regatta in Mission Bay, San Diego on Oct. 9. There were 19 boats entered among 12 colleges and universities.

ASU Sailing Takes Fourth In San Diego Regatta

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The Arizona State University Sailing Club varsity boat placed fourth in the Frosh/Soph Regatta. The regatta was hosted by the University of California, San Diego and the Mission Bay Yacht Club on October 7 and 8.

There were 24 races run over the course of two days in Mission Bay. Saturday and Sunday were sunny in the high 60s starting

See **REGATTA** on page 17

Volunteers Needed At Fort Verde State Historic Park For Tom Sawyer Day

Fort Verde State Historic Park in Camp Verde, invites families, civic groups, scout groups, church groups and all individuals interested to join us for one day to whitewash the fence that encloses the entire State Park parade ground area. As Tom would say, "It is a privilege to help me whitewash the fence and we can trade for small treasures."

"Tom appeared on the sidewalk with

a bucket of whitewash and a long-handled brush. He surveyed the fence, and all gladness left him and a deep melancholy settled down upon his spirit. Thirty yards of board fence nine feet high. Life to him seemed hollow, and existence but a burden. Sighing, he dipped his brush and passed it along the topmost plank." (From *The Adventures*

of Tom Sawyer)

On Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8 a.m. to noon, we need your assistance and an artist's touch to whitewash the fence, just as Tom Sawyer was required to do on his Saturday. But Tom found a special way to get assistance. This is your cue to read this memorable story in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

All ages are welcome — join us for an

hour, or stay all morning! We supply the paint, water, snacks, and fun. If possible, bring your own paintbrush (we do have extras if you don't). Wear old clothes and hats.

Children 13 years and younger are welcome with parent supervision; teens 14 and older may participate with a signed parent release form.

Fort Verde: Well-Preserved

Fort Verde State Historic Park was a base for General Crook's U.S. Army scouts and soldiers in the 1870s and 1880s. From 1865 - 1891 Camp Lincoln, Camp Verde and Fort Verde were home to officers, doctors, families, enlisted men, and scouts.

The park is the best-preserved example of an Indian Wars period fort in Arizona. Several of the original buildings still stand and living history programs are scheduled periodically, giving visitors a glimpse into Arizona's history.

For more information, please contact the Fort Verde at (928) 567-3275. Fort Verde State Historic Park is located at 125 E. Hollamon Street in Camp Verde, Ariz.

To learn more about all of Arizona's 27

See **VOLUNTEERS** on page 17



BRUSH WITH TOM — Tom Sawyer Day at Fort Verde State Historic Park brings images of a kid whitewashing a fence. Remember? You too can join in this kind of fun on Oct. 22 from 8 a.m.-noon. Afterward, you could settle down at the park with a good book such as *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

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Tight Lines

Twins Win State HS Fishing Championship

The Nugent twins of Peoria High won the Arizona High School Fishing championship. See story Page 9



Western Wildlife

Come Meet Our Wildlife

The Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Auxiliary invites the public to an open house at the Center from Saturday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. to Sunday, Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. See story Page 14



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Certified Captain's Course Aims To Improve Lake Havasu Boating Safety

From Gus Giobbi
www.BlueSkyNews.com

It's an all-too-common story. Take inexperienced, fun-seeking tourists renting fast moving boats — add in distractions, alcohol, lack of knowledge of the local navigation hazards and rules of the road, and what would have been a wonderful day on the water ends in catastrophe.

But how could that change if those revelers in the sun could opt to hire a licensed captain to look after their safety while their party goes on?

"Dramatically," says Jim Salscheider, president of the Lake Havasu Marine Association. "That's why we've excited to announce that we have obtained a commitment from the Maritime Institute, based in San Diego, to teach a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Captain's Course locally."

According to Salscheider, operators in the watercraft-rental business have many horror stories about renting to people who don't know what they're doing, as well as to those who appear to have obtained a designated operator to pilot them on their

journey of fun on the lake.

"Anything from damage to watercraft to an inebriated designated operator could and does happen. If certified captains were available for hire, the risk of the above catastrophes' spoiling a day on the water would be greatly diminished."

Maritime Institute President Rags Laragione echoes the sentiment. "Having licensed captains available for hire could save lives and property on Lake Havasu and ensure safety on the lake's waterways."

"The two-week course we'll be offering is a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Captain's course [that] meets the written-examination requirement for the Master Inland and OUPV/6-PACK License [that] allows a captain to pilot inspected and un-inspected vessels with paying passengers."

Both the Marine Association and the Maritime Institute view the introduction of licensed captains on the lake to be an important first step in solving a long-standing problem. "If the rental operators are successful in convincing boat renters to use new captains for their holiday fun on the



CAPTAIN'S COURSE — Vern Gilbert — eight times offshore racing champ and owner of West Coast Drive Service in Lake Havasu City — is shown powering this Skater, capable of speeds nearing 200 mph, through Lake Havasu, Ariz. Obviously, Gilbert is experienced, but many recreational boaters take unbelievable risks that end in catastrophe. That is why the Lake Havasu Marine Association has obtained a commitment from The Maritime Institute of San Diego to teach a United States Coast Guard-approved Captain's Course at the Arizona lake, Oct. 17-28.

water, everybody will benefit," Laragione said.

The new course will be held from Oct. 17-28 in a classroom at the Lake Havasu

Fraternal Order of Eagles. For more information or to sign up to attend the course, call the Maritime Institute at 1-888-262-8020.

WHAT A GREAT OCTOBER WEEKEND!

Superstition Search & Rescue: 2011 Grand Canyon Clean-Up

By Director Robert Cooper

For the past three years, the Superstition Search & Rescue team has been invited to participate in the clean-up activities at the Grand Canyon. This year was no exception and a rundown is given here in the director's own words.

According to SSAR Director Robert Cooper, "We had a strong turnout of more than 20. Most of us arrived Friday and set up camp, and then we set up our system on a tree to play with our operational plan."

"Afterwards, we broke for dinner then all joined around a camp fire and enjoyed the evening with one another, gazing up

at the stars and listening to the Elks bugling.

"Saturday morning we were assigned Yavapai Point which has a 375-foot drop with ledges from 20 to 150 feet. Most of the members went over the ledge, but with another 50 feet to clean, we had to pull out due to the afternoon thunder and lightning which was a nice touch to the tranquility of the canyon's vastness and beauty. What a day!

"Afterwards was again a time to enjoy the families and one another. Donnie, Jeremy and others set up a fun climb-and-raise system for the kids while the rest of us took walks, visited the Village, took

naps and prepared for dinner.

"After sunset, we all joined the other teams for an annual chili cook off and pot luck where we all ate and ate and ate. Donnie and Lori entered an excellent poorman's chili representing SSAR and took first place. All entries were excellent, making it a very tough decision. Thank you, Donnie and Lori.

"Sunday morning we were told about another spot that wasn't completed over at Bright Angel, so we volunteered to go knock it out before breakfast, then we all ate at the Maswik Lodge before breaking camp and heading home.

"I hated to leave so soon; one more day



would have been just perfect. Next year we all need to go up on Thursday so we can enjoy the park a just a little bit more.

"Thank you to all SSAR members who came up and helped clean our park!"

For more information on SSAR, contact racooper@superstition-sar.org.

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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 bluish 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.



Statewide Boating Education Classes

October 2011

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 25 & 27 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Regional Office 7200 E. University Ave. Mesa	\$5 per family	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 29 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Roosevelt Lake Patrol Sheriff's Substation 28449 N. Hwy. 188 Roosevelt	\$5 per family	(928) 467-2515

November 2011

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	November 1 & 3 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Must attend both)	Water Safety Center at Contact Point 1801 Hwy. 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 680-0359
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	November 19 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076
Arizona Game and Fish Department	November 26 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Road Tempe	\$5 per family	(623) 236-7219

Navigation Lights

The required navigation lights must be displayed between sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility such as fog or heavy rain. For requirements for larger vessels, see the U.S. Coast Guard's *Navigation Rules*.

Power-Driven Vessels When Underway

If less than 65.6 feet (20 meters) long, these vessels must exhibit the lights as shown in illustration 1. Remember, power-driven vessels include sailboats operating under engine power. The required lights are:

- ◆ Red and green sidelights visible from a distance of at least two miles away — or if less than 39.4 feet (12 meters) long, at least one mile — on a dark, clear night.
- ◆ An all-round white light or both a masthead light and a sternlight. These lights must be visible from a distance of at least two miles away on a dark, clear night. The all-round white light (or the masthead light) must be at least 3.3 feet (one meter) higher than the sidelights.

Unpowered Vessels When Underway

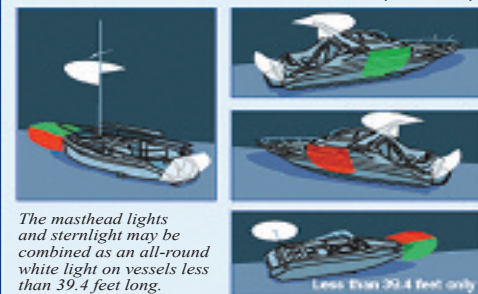
Unpowered vessels are sailboats or vessels that are paddled, poled, or rowed.

- ◆ If less than 65.6 feet (20 meters) long, these vessels must exhibit the lights as shown in illustration 2. The required lights are:
 - Red and green sidelights visible from at least two miles away — or if less than 39.4 feet (12 meters) long, at least one mile away.
 - A sternlight visible from at least two miles away.
- ◆ If less than 23.0 feet (7 meters) long, these vessels should:
 - If practical, exhibit the same lights as required for unpowered vessels less than 65.6 feet (20 meters) in length
 - If not practical, have on hand at least one lantern or flashlight shining a white light as in illustration 3.

All Vessels When Not Underway

All vessels are required to display a white light visible in all directions whenever they are moored or anchored outside a designated mooring area between sunset and sunrise.

1. Power-Driven Vessels Less Than 65.6 Feet (20 meters)



2. Unpowered Vessels Less Than 65.6 Feet (20 meters)



3. Unpowered Vessels Less Than 23.0 Feet (7 meters)



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It's The Law: Specifically For PWC Operators

From AZGFD's *The Boater's Guide*
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PWC operators must obey additional legal requirements that apply specifically to the operation of personal watercraft on Arizona waters.

The definition of a "personal watercraft" is a watercraft that is less than 16 feet long; is propelled by machinery powering a water jet pump, and is designed to be operated by a person who sits, stands, or kneels on — rather than sitting or standing inside — the watercraft.

Requirements Specific To PWCs

Each person on board a PWC must wear a U.S. Coast Guard—approved Type I, II, or III life jacket (personal flotation device). They must be worn according to the manufacturer's design and recommended use. All closures must be fastened



and adjusted for a snug fit.

An operator of a PWC equipped with a lanyard-type ignition safety switch must attach the lanyard to his or her person, clothing, or PFD.

It is illegal to operate a PWC between sunset and sunrise or during periods of restricted visibility.

PWCs must be operated in a careful and responsible manner. It is considered

reckless operation if a PWC operator commits **two or more** of the following acts simultaneously:

Operating within 60 feet of another vessel unless both vessels are operating at a **wakeless speed** — a speed that does not create a wake and is never in excess of **five miles per hour**.

Operating within the vicinity of a vessel in a manner that obstructs the visibility of either operator.

Heading into the wake of a vessel that is within 60 feet which causes half or more of the length of the personal watercraft to leave the water.

Operating within 60 feet of another vessel, maneuvering quickly, turning sharply, or swerving unless the maneuver is necessary to avoid a collision.

A PWC may not be loaded with passengers and gear beyond the safe carrying capacity recommended by the PWC manufacturer.

Boating Basics: Specifically For PWCs

From AZGFD's *The Boater's Guide*
Arizona Handbook of Boating
Laws & Responsibilities

PWC Courtesy

Avoid congregating with other PWC operators near shore, which increases annoying noise levels.

Avoid making excessive noise near residential and camping areas, particularly early in the morning. Excessive use in one area can be an irritant to people who are there to enjoy a quiet and relaxing time.

Avoid maneuvers that cause the engine exhaust to lift out of the water because that increases noise levels.

Do not modify your engine exhaust system if it increases the noise. Improperly modified exhausts will not make your PWC faster and may raise the noise to an illegal level.

Environmental Considerations

When operating your personal watercraft, consider the effect you may have on the environment.

Make sure that the water you operate in is at least 30 inches deep. Riding in shall



low water can cause bottom sediments or aquatic vegetation to be sucked into the pump, damaging your PWC and the environment.

Avoid causing erosion by operating at slow speed and by not creating a wake when operating near shore or in narrow streams or rivers.

Do not dock or beach your PWC in reeds and grasses. This could damage fragile environments.

Take extra care when fueling your PWC in or near the water. Oil and gasoline spills are very detrimental to the aquatic environment. Fuel on land if possible.

Never use your PWC to disturb, chase, or harass wildlife.

More Boating Basics For PWC Safety

From AZGFD's *The Boater's Guide*
Arizona Handbook of Boating
Laws & Responsibilities

Other PWC Considerations

Remember that everyone on board a PWC must wear a **life jacket (PDF)**. A high-impact life-jacket is recommended.

Keep hands, feet, loose clothing, and hair away from the pump intake area. Before cleaning debris away from the pump intake, be sure to shut off the engine.

Keep everyone clear of the steering nozzle unless the PWC is shut off. The water jet can cause severe injuries.

Frequently inspect your PWC's electrical systems (e.g., starter and engine gauge connections) to ensure there is no potential for electrical spark. Gas fumes could collect in the engine compartment, and an ex-



plosion could occur. After fueling, sniff the engine compartment for any evidence of gas fumes.

Never exceed the manufacturer's recommended capacity for your PWC.

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Lake Havasu Boat Show Off To A Running Start!

Publications have already hopped on board to promote the big boat show coming up this spring in Lake Havasu:

- Excellent newspaper article in the August 18, 2011 edition of *Today's News Herald*, Lake Havasu City, "Marine Agency Going Full Throttle to Build a Bigger, Better Boat Show."

- If you didn't catch the printed 2012 Lake Havasu Boat Show article in the September/October 2011 edition of *Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times* news magazine, view it online at www.azbw.com.

- The marine industry's most read trade media resource, "*Soundings tradeonlytoday.com*," previewed the 2012 Lake Havasu Boat Show online August 4, 2011.

Set To Appear: 191MPH Lake Of The Ozark's Shoot-Out Winner

The world's fastest piston-driven Skater catamaran with more than 3,000 horsepower, fresh from winning the 2011 Lake of the Ozark's Shoot-Out competition, will be on display at the 2012 Lake



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"Legends By The Lake" Hot Rod Car Show Attracting Cream Of The Crop

For the first time, the Lake Havasu Boat Show is hosting a vintage hot rod car show on Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22 in conjunction with the boat show. Entries are limited to the first 200 sign-ups. Featuring the finest street rods from the '30s, '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s in the Southwest.

Two Days Of Demo Rides At Boat Show

By popular demand, the Lake Havasu

Boat Show has expanded its "Ride and Buy" demo program to two days — Sunday, April 22 from 3 p.m. to dusk and again on Monday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to 4p.m. at Windsor Beach Launch Ramp.

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Ruth Beals Cup Regatta Honors Her Memory

This annual regatta has women at the helm.

By Mike Ferring

We've lost Ruth Beals, but not the Ruth Beals Cup regatta. In 1958, Ruth was selling sailboats in Phoenix and thought sailors should have a club, so she founded the Arizona Yacht Club. It's 53 years later and that club honors Ruth with its annual regatta for women at the helm.

The regatta will happen Saturday morning, Nov. 12, starting about 9:30 a.m. on Tempe Town Lake. Registration is now open and there's room for a dozen entries, all sailing Capri 14.2 sailboats.

In addition to sailboats owned by competitors, entrants may borrow boats from the Arizona Sailing Foundation (the subsidiary of the yacht club that teaches sailing).

Ruth died about one year ago. I met her only once and took her for a brief sail on Tempe Town Lake during the first Ruth Beals Cup in 2005. There wasn't much wind, but Ruth loved getting on the water and she was full of questions and excitement.

Her kids captured her personality in a beautifully written obituary published in the *Arizona Republic*. "For those of you who have found... the thrill of rafting down the Colorado," they wrote, "the breathless accomplishment of climbing the pyramids of Mexico, trodding the cobblestone streets of San Miguel de Allende, enjoying summers in Alpine or Hawley Lake or Bisbee... surviving an Atlantic force-10 storm onboard a freighter crossing the ocean for two months, Ruth salutes you."

We should all live such lives.

Information on the regatta is available at the AYC Web site, www.arizonayachtclub.org. Rules of the event require a woman at the helm, but crew can be either male or female.

The site offers contact information for Race Organizer Pat Blumm. There is no fee for entry. Prizes for the top finishers are gift certificates for purchases in the AYC Ship Store.

First-Ever Inductees Announced By National Sailing Hall Of Fame

Catching up to 200 years of sailing history in the U.S.A., the National Sailing Center & Hall of Fame (NSHOF) has announced the 15 sailors who will make up the historic first-ever class of inductees into the National Sailing Hall of Fame.

Over a two-month period this spring, sailors from all corners of the country — including a U.S. Senator and the mayor of a major metropolitan city — nominated their choice for induction into the sport's Hall of Fame, some even going so far as to consult noted sailing historian John Rousmaniere for accuracy in putting together their submissions.

Inductees are American citizens, 45 years of age and up, who have made significant impact on the growth and development of the sport in the United States in categories of Sailing, Technical and Contributor. Nominations of non-citizens were also considered if they influenced the sport in the U.S.A., and posthumous nominations were also accepted.

The undertaking to recognize Americans who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of sailing is central to the mission of the NSHOF, which was formed in 2005 and has completed phase one of its plan to establish a permanent facility on the historic waterfront of Annapolis, Md.

The selection committee, appointed by the NSHOF, included representatives from the NSHOF Board, the national governing body, the sailing media, the sailing industry, community sailing, a



maritime museum and NSHOF founding yacht clubs.

Emphasizing the national scope of the NSHOF, this historic first group of inductees will be honored on Oct. 23 during an invitation-only ceremony scheduled to take place at San Diego Yacht Club in California.

National Sailing Hall of Fame Inductees: US Sailing Team AlphaGraphics Paralympic Coach and five-time Rolex Yachswoman of the Year **Betsy Alison** (Newport, R.I.); surfboard industry pioneer **Hobie Alter** (Laguna Beach, Calif.); 1998 Whitbread Round the World Race winning skipper **Paul Cayard** (Kentfield, Calif.); four-time America's Cup winning skipper **Dennis Conner** (San Diego, Calif.); naval architect and America's Cup winning skipper **Ted Hood** (Portsmouth, R.I.); sailor, author and Emmy-award winning sailing commentator **Gary Jobson** (Annapolis, Md.); 1972

Soling Olympic Gold Medalist **Buddy Melges** (Zenda, Wisc.); 1968 Star Olympic Gold Medalist and founder of North Sails **Lowell North** (San Diego, Calif.); and America's Cup winning helmsman and four-time Rolex Yachtsman of the Year **Ted Turner** (Atlanta, Ga.).

National Sailing Hall of Fame Posthumous Inductees: Transatlantic Race record setter **Capt. Charles "Charlie" Barr** (Marblehead, Mass.); naval architect **Capt. Nathanael G. Herreshoff** (Bristol, R.I.); two-time America's Cup winning skipper **Emil "Bus" Mosbacher, Jr.** (Greenwich, Conn.); the first-ever singlehanded circumnavigator and noted writer **Joshua Slocum** (San Francisco, Calif.); yacht designer **Olin Stephens** (Hanover, N.H.); and three-time America's Cup winning skipper **Harold S. Vanderbilt** (New York, N.Y.).

"After years of planning, we are so pleased that the heroes of our sport are getting their long-overdue recognition," said Dick Franyo, president of the NSHOF. "The National Sailing Center & Hall of Fame will be a place to honor these heroes and provide inspiration for all sailors — young and old."

The next group of NSHOF inductees will be announced in July 2012, and through 2013 the number of inductees will not exceed 15. Beginning in 2014, the Selection Committee will induct a maximum of five sailors each year.

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If It's A Happenin', It's Probably At Lake Havasu

Note: You could fill the rest of your 2011 calendar just with events at Lake Havasu, Ariz. Here's a rundown of some of the highlights on Arizona's "West Coast."

25th Annual Seaplane Classic, Nov. 4 to 6

The London Bridge Seaplane Classic returns to mark a quarter century of floatin' and flyin' at Windsor 4, Lake Havasu State Park, Nov. 4 to 6. The Desert Hawks RC Club, host of the event, is a fun-lovin', donut-eatin' bunch who fly mostly in the early mornings and, for many, seven days a week 365 days a year.

The airplanes may be closer than they appear: they're all scale replicas of actual seaplanes, like a Seawind 300C and DeHavilland Beaver, plus helicopters, jets



and even small foam electric planes — all guided by remote control from the ground. Organizers call it — and who are we to say otherwise? — the "Southwest's premier radio-controlled float fly event." (www.deserthawksrc.org)

Monster Bash Poker Run, Nov. 4 to 5

Lake Havasu City keeps Halloween

alive and on the water Nov. 4 to 5 with a monster-themed poker run. The party starts on Friday with registration and a lunch run to Havasu Springs so boaters can get their sea legs.

The main event occurs Saturday when participants put on monster costumes and motor to checkpoints to pick up a playing card at each. The after party and costume awards show takes place that night after the run.

This is guaranteed to be the only place along Arizona's so-called West Coast to see Frankenstein at the helm. (www.lakeracerllc.com/)

17th Annual Festival Of Lights, Nov. 25

On Nov. 25, the switch is flipped to begin the Festival of Lights, in which over

650,000 bulbs will light the famous London Bridge and the London Bridge Resort. The gleaming spectacle will be on display, free of charge, throughout the holidays.

Light displays are programmed and choreographed to twinkle in time with holiday music, reflecting off the lake waters under a clear desert sky. More information on the world-renowned lighted-boats parade will be in the next issue of *AZBW/WOT*.

Lake Havasu City is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the London Bridge's going into service in the Arizona desert. The historic structure is considered the city's signature attraction, the second most visited attraction in the state of Arizona, bested only by the Grand Canyon. (www.londonbridgeresort.com)

Real Pirates: The Untold Story Of Whydah From Slave Ship To Pirate Ship

'Real Pirates' exhibition is at the Arizona Science Center through Jan. 15, 2012.

The slave ship *Whydah* began her short life in London, England, in 1715. Less than two years later, now a pirate ship, she sank to the ocean floor off Cape Cod.

Using artifacts recovered from the wreck, "Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the *Whydah* from Slave Ship to Pirate

Ship" reveals the true story behind this vessel—a story more compelling than anything dreamt up by Hollywood.

From the team behind "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs," this new exhibition tells the story of the crew of a real pirate ship that started as a slave ship — and gives some insights into the violence and idealism of early 18th-century piracy. Visit the [official exhibition website](http://www.piratesexhibit.com/) <http://www.piratesexhibit.com/> or AZSCIENCE.ORG.



Real Stories From Captains To Captives

The exhibition features real stories of the people who populated the Atlantic world in the age of slavery and piracy: artisans and traders from West Africa, slave ship captains and their captives, Native American boat pilots, impoverished sailors from all over Europe, and pirates — including women pirates and John King, a boy no more than 11 years old, who "went on the account."

Guests see more than 200 actual *Whydah* artifacts recovered by underwater explorer Barry Clifford, such as treasure

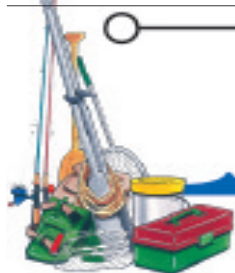
from more than 54 ships, gold and silver coins from all over the world, Akan gold jewelry, cannons, swords, pistols, personal belongings, leg iron moldings from shackles, the ship's bell and its massive anchor!

Kids also learn about the exciting world of nautical archaeology and the many technologies that have been developed to allow scientists and historians to unlock the clues embedded in these 300-year-old "treasures." Discover how high-powered digital x-rays of mysterious underwater concretions can reveal the artifacts hidden within.

Very Few Came By Choice

Visitors return to a time when the cities of North America were still small towns with few interconnections. It was the Caribbean, with its enormous sugar plantations, that made up the dynamic center, drawing vast quantities of money, goods, and people from all corners of the Atlantic.

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LIGHT LINES

FISHING IN ARIZONA AND BEYOND



LAST 2011 LAKE POWELL REPORT

Through Mid-November Fishing Will Be Good

By Wayne Gustaveson

This is my final report about challenging fishing at Lake Powell. All fish are poised and ready to explode in a feeding frenzy.

Really the only thing holding them back is the big, bright, beautiful "anglers moon" hanging perfectly over the calm water. It's a sight to behold. But when the moon wanes, fishing will improve.

The water temperature has now dropped into the high 60s. The lake elevation has stabilized having been at 3652 for three weeks.

Beginning now and continuing through mid-November fishing will be better than it has been since April and May.

There are some really good fishing patterns happening now, and they will improve with darker nights and lower temperatures. Bass fishing is quite good in two different patterns.

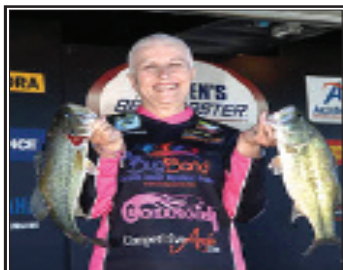
First, The 'Drive-By' Zone

The first is the "drive-by zone." There is a band of brush around the perimeter of Lake Powell where tamarisk trees and other brush is re-emerging as the lake level declines. Brushy areas generally have a bottom depth of 5-25 feet where some brush sticks up and other bushes are still submerged.

Further out, the lake bottom falls away as the lake deepens quickly. Forage fish are in the brush and bass cruise along the outer band of brush waiting for a shad school to venture out of the brush shelter. Bass surround shad and feed quickly just under the surface.

There will be a telltale swirl, a leaping shad, or splash marking the feeding zone. Watch for a single splash at the deep-water edge of the brush. Get there quickly and cast a rattletail (or surface lure) between the stickups to catch school-size bass.

This is the most productive fishing strategy right now lakewide.



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



Gustaveson

BETTER FOR BASS — Mike Hanna caught this nice largemouth bass while fishing with Mike McNabb, Page, Ariz., in Ribbon Canyon. Bass fishing is getting better each day while striped bass fishing is expected to improve as the full moon wanes.

Second, Pattern Similar To Spring's

The second bass pattern is similar to that used so successfully last spring. Bass are also behind the band of exposed trees in 1-5 feet of water. Find a fairly weedless plastic rig and toss it on the sandy shore. Then, gently pull it into the water so shallow fish are not spooked.

Work the bait over the twigs and limbs and let it fall to the bottom. The key is to fish very slowly, giving bass lots of time to inspect the bait before pulling it over the next limb. This technique catches more and bigger fish for those who get the feel for pulling the bait through the brush without snagging.

Ghosts In The Lake

Stripers are ghosts in the main lake. They show up at a spot and boil or feed subsurface in the band of trees previously described. Anglers finding them in the act of feeding score quickly on fat fish up to 6 pounds.

The problem is that stripers then go to a new location, leaving anglers at the site of the last massacre wondering what they did wrong. Again look for that one splash at the front edge of the trees to mark a feeding spot.

Some of the best reports last week came from Halls Creek where small largemouth were caught in big numbers in the old tree stumps in the back of the canyon. Iceberg Canyon had a huge school of stripers holding there and willing to bite for more than one day.

Stripers continued to "flash boil" at Hite where angling competition for each short-lived boil was intense. A quick boil of large stripers was reported from Piute canyon on the San Juan.

In summary, fishing is really good when the right pattern and right spot are found.



Raquel Dibble, Perry Utah

MOONSHINE — All Lake Powell fish are poised and ready to explode in a feeding frenzy. The only thing holding them back is the big, bright, beautiful "anglers moon" hanging perfectly over the calm water. It's a sight to behold. But, when the moon wanes, fishing will improve.

The best strategy now is to fish very slowly and methodically for bass at the edge of brush band.

But, while waiting for a slow bass to bite, keep scanning to see one splash that could mark a sub-surface feeding spree and a quick reward from a variety of species.

At press time, lake elevation was 3652, and water temperature was 68-71F

Editor's Note: All of us at AZBW/WOT appreciate the valuable "Wayne's Words" each week. Thank you, Wayne, for keeping us updated on angling at Lake Powell. See you next year!



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[TIGHT LINES]

Favorite Fall Fishing Spots Are Stocked

Vendor To Replace Lost Catfish

The overloading of catfish into fish tanks caused undue crowding stress to the Arkansas-based fish that led to fish die-offs at nine Urban Fishing Program lakes.

More than 30 percent of the catfish stocked on Sept. 21 died within 24 hours at Encanto Lake, and the number was closer to 50 percent at Water Ranch Lake. Parks personnel and Game and Fish biologists removed all stressed fish. The catfish contractor replaced lost fish during the Oct. 3-8 stocking.

Urban lakes suffering 6-11 percent mortalities of stocked catfish included Alvord, Cortez and Kiwanis. Lakes with loss rates from 2-5 percent were Red Mountain, Riverview and Chaparral.

No other fish species were affected. Fishing success was very good at lakes that received fish from uncrowded hauling tanks. Adjustments to the fish-loading process, weigh outs and hauling procedures have been made to ensure all catfish



arrive in good health and condition.

"I feel badly that we let our urban anglers down by not giving them the strong, healthy fish they have been accustomed to getting. We have been in constant contact with our catfish vendor to ensure future loads of fish are in strong condition and that all lost fish are replaced on the next fish delivery," explained Eric Swanson, urban fishing program manager.

Many anglers used the phone numbers listed on the Urban Fishing Bulletin or utilized the Send Comments link on the Game and Fish Web site to report the loss of catfish to the department.

Trout Stockings To Begin At Green Valley Lakes

Payson residents and visitors can wel-

come back the trout to beautiful Green Valley Park on Thursday, Oct. 20. More than 700 Colorado-grown rainbow trout will be delivered to kick off the trout-stocking season that features 11- to 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 the department 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, sunfish and even catfish can be found in this highly productive lake system.

Overall Urban Fishing Report

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 lake sections. Use smaller sinkers and 6-8 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 action.

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. Stockings of rainbow trout will resume at Green Valley Lakes on Thursday, Oct. 20 (see above).

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AN INVITATION TO FRIENDS OF FRED HALL SHOWS Plans Already Underway For March '12 Events

As our fishing season continues to provide a variety of great opportunities in both fresh and saltwater, and the hunting seasons opening all around us, the 2012 Fred Hall Show planning is really heating up.

We are looking forward to another spectacular show season. We are busy adding the latest fishing tackle and marine accessories, destination travel exhibits, more guides and outfitters. Our shooting sports and dive categories are rapidly expanding as well.

Our extensive seminar line up is coming together nicely with some exciting new topics you won't want to miss. If you came to our shows this year, you know how much fun they were and if you haven't been to a Fred Hall Show in awhile, you will be amazed. The American Sportfishing Association's Fred Hall Shows are the Ultimate Outdoor Experience.

The Long Beach Show will be March 7-11, 2012 at the Long Beach Convention Center and The Fred Hall Del Mar Show will be March 22-25, 2012 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

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THIS IS AN AMAZING STATE!

Stock Up Now On Fishing Adventures

By Rory Aikens
AZGFD

The weather may not necessarily seem like it, but we are slowly turning that corner into autumn corner.

Fossil Creek is good now for native chub and Silver Creek for native Apache trout — two great fishing opportunities to keep on your radar screen throughout the fall and winter seasons as well.

Arizona Has Top-Notch Trout Fishing

The winter trout-stocking season has ramped us now with rainbows going into some of the waters around Prescott. Check out the full Winter Trout Stocking expected schedule at www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/h_fishing/stocking/WINTERTroutStockSchedule.pdf! It may seem counterintuitive, but Arizona provides some of the best winter trout fishing in the nation. This is an amazing state!

I chatted with the good folks at the Big Lake store, and at press time, although many anglers are catching limits, the really great fall bite has not started yet.

Apparently Power Bait and worms are working much better than lures right now at Big Lake, and fish are around 14 feet deep still — they haven't moved up into the shallows yet. But they might be shallow by the time you read this.

You can always check with the Big Lake store at (928) 521-1387. By the way, one lucky angler caught a 20 1/2-inch rainbow trout that tipped the scales at 4.2 pounds.

Not hearing a lot from the other high mountain lakes right now, but this is typically the time of year for increased trout-activity levels, but daytime temperatures are holding above normal; does make it pleasant weather for fishing.

Increased Action In Desert Lakes

In the desert impoundments, we are



definitely seeing increased action as predatory fish actively chase bait fish, mostly at or near the surface. The action can vary from lake-to-lake, or even from hour-to-hour. You should go armed with topwater lures, crankbaits and jerkbaits (spinnerbaits at times too) to fish the top of the water column. Then be prepared with drop shots, Texas rigs, spoons or whatever to go after the deeper fish.

Pleasant, Bartlett, Roosevelt and Havasu are all good bets, but Saguaro, Apache, Alamo, and Powell can provide great fishing as well. Pick your favorite lake and go, or look at this as an opportunity to learn a new lake while the fish are a little more active.

I also really like Lees Ferry this time of year. It's pretty good fishing, but lonely as heck. This is the off-season, probably because most trout anglers are off experiencing the good trout bite where autumn colors are dressing up the landscape.

Night time fishing can still be viable right now, especially under submersible lights. However, the daytime fishing can often surpass the night-time catch rates, but not always.

Remembering With Wittman Lures

On a sad note, Wittman Lures in Tucson, the makers of Z-rays, has gone out of business after 60 years. For a glimpse of some great photo memories over time, visit their website at <http://www.zray.com/>.

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Nugent Twins Win Arizona High School Fishing State Championship

By Rory Aikens
AZGFD

ROOSEVELT LAKE, Ariz. — The Nugent twins of Peoria High School earned themselves a unique 18th birthday present on Sept. 25 — they won the Arizona High School Fishing Championship.



Nugent Twins Win

Cody and Michael Nugent weighed in 11.05 pounds of bass to claim the title during a fairly tough day of fishing at Roosevelt Lake. The Nugent twins will be representing Arizona at the regional championship to be held at Saugaro Lake on Nov. 19.

Birthdays All Around

Just to make it a little more memorable, it just happened to be the birthday for their coach, Debbie Cunningham, as well. "It was pretty crazy — what are the odds," she said.

"All three of us in the boat had birthdays. It was pretty nice," said Michael Nugent.

It was also the first time Michael had teamed up with his brother Cody to win a tournament. The Nugent twins started fishing tournaments together this past season. Michael has been fishing competitively since he was 13 and has accumulated some nice wins along the way.

Michael and Cody teamed up to catch

the winning bass while fishing reaction baits and jigs, mostly in 5 to 10 feet of water, on the Tonto Arm of Roosevelt. Their largest bucketmouth was 2.65 pounds.

Their coach, or boat captain, said these two young men have the skills to become pros. "They are incredible fishermen who really care about their craft. They are incredibly precise in their technique and also do a great job of taking care of their fish," Cunningham said.

Debbie Cunningham and her husband fish a lot of tournaments, especially at Roosevelt. She introduced the Nugent twins to her "honey hole," which is where these two young men caught some nice bass.

Two Debbies Share Proud Moment

There is also another twist of irony in the win — not only was their boat captain named Debbie, so is their mom. "I am a very proud momma. My husband and I — as well as all our close fishing family — have tried to do a lot with our boys to keep them on the water and it seems to be paying off," Debbie Nugent said.

For more information regarding SAF High School Fishing and the event, you can visit www.highschoolfishing.org, www.facebook.com/HighSchoolFishing or follow HS Fishing on Twitter @HS_Fishing.

Keith Espe who has been a voice in Arizona promoting High School Fishing, was on hand to congratulate the anglers, parents, and boat captains. Keith is spearheading the program and the voice of high school fishing in Arizona for the Bass Federation and is working with area schools and the National Guard to further develop the program.

If you would like Keith Espe to speak at your school about developing a team or

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Ben Avery Clay Target Center Now Open Seven Days A Week

There's good news for trap, skeet and sporting-clays shooters.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Ben Avery Clay Target Center is now open seven days a week to offer expanded opportunities for shooting sports enthusiasts. The new hours became effective at the beginning of October.

"The Clay Target Center traditionally had been closed on Mondays and Tuesdays," said Manager Dan Twitchell. "We decided to keep the center open all week to provide additional opportunities and convenience to our customers."

Twitchell added that the new hours will

remain in effect throughout the year. "The Clay Target Center won't switch to separate winter and summer hours, as we'd traditionally done in the past."

The new hours are as follow:

Sunday – 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday – 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday – 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Note: The last shooter check-in is 30 minutes prior to closing.

These holiday hours will be in effect on the following dates:

Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011 (Thanksgiving Day) – Closed.

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2011 (Christmas Eve) – 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011 (Christmas) – Closed.

Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011 (New Year's Eve) – 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012 (New Year's Day) – 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Ben Avery Clay Target Center is a world-class shotgun-shooting facility offering trap, skeet, sporting clays, 5-stand,



and bunker trap. The center caters to shooters of all abilities, from total beginners to seasoned competitive shooters. For more information, visit www.azgfd.gov/ctc or call (623) 434-8119.

Arizona Waterfowl Season Set; Regulations Available Online

Duck and goose hunters who have been hibernating during the 100-degree heat can start thinking about blustery weather now that the 2011 Arizona Waterfowl and Snipe Regulations are posted at the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Web site at www.azgfd.gov/rules.

The general waterfowl season opened in early October in the Mountain Zone and runs through Jan. 15, 2012. There is a shortened season for scaup ducks. The Desert Zone opened two weeks later and closes Jan. 29, 2012.

"Nationally, duck numbers are the highest we have seen in decades and if we get the right conditions we could see a good waterfowl season in Arizona this year," said Migratory Game Bird Supervisor Mike Rabe. "Once the season gets going, the conditions hunters should look for are cold fronts and freezing conditions in states like Utah and Nevada to bring new birds through our state."

Seasoned hunters will notice some changes to the annual regulations. The seasons are structured in chronological order



by date, then zone, then special species. There are also many added notes to the notes section that incorporate the new law changes that opened up hunting in many areas that have been closed.

Because duck hunting is limited to shotguns shooting shot, hunters will be able to take advantage of these new open areas. Before heading out, be sure to thoroughly read the notes section of the regulations, and the details on open and closed areas at www.azgfd.gov/rules.

Duck hunters ages 16 and older are reminded that a federal duck stamp and an Arizona waterfowl stamp are required. Besides being a legal requirement, both of these stamps help fund wetland habitat conservation to benefit ducks and geese.

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Lunch Break

Hunting Access To Cibola Wildlife Refuge's Island Unit Closed Due To Fire Damage

YUMA, Ariz. — Duck hunters and other outdoor recreationists are advised that, due to the recent wildfire on the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge along the lower Colorado River in southwestern Arizona, the Island Unit is closed until further notice.

The wildfire, which began on Aug. 28, 2011, burned the entire Island Unit (Arizona and California sides), destroying culverts, irrigation gates, roads and wildlife habitat within the area.

Due to unsafe conditions created by unstable roads and existing hot spots, the Island Unit has been closed to all public access, including hunting activities. Ari-

zona's "desert zone" duck hunting season starts Oct. 21, 2011.

The Farm Unit did not burn, so the goose hunt should be unaffected.

The Cibola Juniors Waterfowl Hunt, originally scheduled for December, has been cancelled for this year.

According to a news release issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the refuge is in the process of replacing damaged infrastructure and restoring valuable wildlife habitat. Once full rehabilitation is complete, the Island Unit will be reopened.

For more information, visit <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/CibolaNWR/>.

Boating Safety Tips For Hunters

Even in Arizona, during hunting season, waters are often cold enough to cause hypothermia.

From the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Capsize and falling overboard into cold water are major hazards for hunters. During hunting seasons, most waters are cold enough to pose a serious hypothermia threat. Nationwide, 70 percent of all boating fatalities are the result of drowning.

Almost 90 percent of the victims were not wearing life jackets. Responsible hunters need to be aware of the dangers and follow a few simple rules to make hunting on the water safer and more enjoyable:

- Leave a float plan with someone at home, describing where you are going, who you are with and when you expect to return.

- Transport firearms to the boat unloaded, cased, muzzle first, with the action open.

- Always wear an approved and properly fitted life jacket when in a boat.

- Carry a throwable flotation device in case someone falls overboard.

- Stow visual distress signals on board.

- Know the weather forecast for the area. High winds can be dangerous. Cancel trip if water conditions aren't safe. Keep an AM radio handy for the latest updates. Better yet, buy a VHF-FM marine radio with NOAA weather channels.

- Never overload your boat. Load gear low in the boat and distribute the weight evenly.

- Always stay seated when shooting from an open boat.

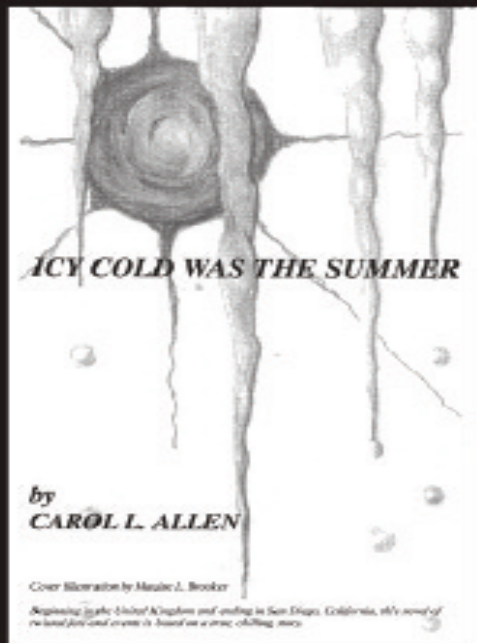
- Never anchor from the stern.

- If an accident occurs, STAY WITH THE BOAT and use distress signals.

Unless clothing is creating a hazard, do not remove extra clothing. It can help pre-

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Public Support For Hunting Remains Strong, NSSF Study Shows

Another successful National Hunting and Fishing Day is in the history books. And, its own history is this: The resolution authorizing the proclamation of the fourth Saturday of every September as National Hunting and Fishing Day was passed by Congress and signed by President Richard Nixon in 1972, to recognize the contributions that hunters and anglers have played in the conservation of wildlife and management of natural resources for the benefit of future generations.

A new study commissioned by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) shows that a strong majority of Americans continue to support hunting.

According to a news release from NSSF, the scientific telephone survey of American adults 18 and older was conducted in early September, and nearly three-fourths of respondents (74 percent) said they approved of hunting, a level of support that has not varied by more than a few percentage points since 1995.

Numbers Are Consistent

"The numbers have been consistent over the past two decades," said Mark Damian Duda, executive director of Responsive Management, the research firm that conducted the study. "Support for hunting is solid."

According to the news release, the new study went a step further than previous research, revealing strong support for the "right to hunt." The release stated that no matter what their opinion about hunting, Americans stand firmly behind a person's right to hunt, with 94 percent agreeing it is "OK for other people to hunt if they do so legally and in accordance with hunting laws and regulations." Only 4 percent of respondents wanted to strip citizens of the right to hunt.

"It's gratifying to see that strong public support for our great tradition of hunting is unwavering," said NSSF president and CEO Steve Sanetti in the release. "For many of us, it is extremely fulfilling to



provide food for ourselves and our families through hunting, even if only on a few days a year. That's one of many reasons why NSSF and others work so diligently to protect hunting."

In Good Taste As Well

According to the news release, the survey also revealed that Americans have a taste for eating what sportsmen harvest. Sixty-seven percent of respondents indicated they have eaten some type of wild (non-farm) game meat or fish within the last 12 months. This finding corresponds to people's growing interest about their food sources.

Hunters and their families have always known the benefits of eating healthful game meat, and now more people are enjoying cooking and eating game, with some even taking up hunting because it connects them directly with locally acquired, sustainable foods.

The survey also revealed the public was equally supportive of target shooting, with 93 percent agreeing that target shooting is acceptable.

According to the news release, survey respondents closely matched the age, gender, race and region of the American population 18 and older. Of the hunters in the survey — about 10 percent — the average age was 41.

"It remains a goal of the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the many programs it funds to increase hunting par-

ticipation among all ages, especially by attracting younger participants and former hunters," said Sanetti. "It is they who will carry on this great American tradition and continue to fund the protection of wildlife and habitat."

Dollars For Conservation

The billions of dollars generated through hunting license sales and excise taxes on firearms and ammunition, as well as fishing tackle, provide the foundation for wildlife conservation efforts in America. Excise taxes on firearms and ammunition sales alone have resulted in more than \$6.8 billion benefiting conservation through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, also known as the Pittman-Robertson Act. The excise taxes on firearms and ammunition sales also benefit shooting sports opportunities.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation is the trade association for the firearms, ammunition, hunting and shooting sports industry. Its mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports.

AZGFD Offers Educational Events

The Arizona Game and Fish Department offers a number of events where beginners and others can learn about hunting, fishing and shooting sports. For a listing of hunting camps/workshops, visit www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills; for general information on hunting, visit www.azgfd.gov/h_f/hunting.shtml. For information on fishing clinics, visit www.azgfd.gov/i_e/edits/aquatic_education.shtml; for general information on fishing, visit www.azgfd.gov/h_f/fishing.shtml. For information on shooting sports opportunities, visit http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/shooting_sports.shtml.

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County Parks Offer Free Camping Through Nov. 10

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 free.

"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 Andy Kunasek, Maricopa County Board of Supervisor, District 3.

"Over the past three years, [County] Parks has offered the six-week camping promotion as a both an incentive to help us kick-off our busy camping season and a way to say thank you to our loyal customers. During this period, I've asked our interpretive rangers to increase their nighttime programming opportunities and activities so visitors can take advantage of our services during their stay," said R.J. Cardin, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation director.

"In addition to our camping promotion, I'd like to remind park visitors that our new online reservation system is up and running. The system allows visitors to take virtual tours of the campsites, view the specifications and reserve their favorite campsites from the comfort of their home computers and laptops. Online reservations may be made at www.maricopacountyparks.org," added Cardin.

Participating parks include the following:

1. **Cave Creek Regional Park.** Located north of Phoenix, this park offers the



Maricopa County Parks

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illusion of being miles away from civilization. The campground has 38 individual developed campsites.

2. **Estrella Mountain Regional Park.** 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 campsites.

3. **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 camping.

4. **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 which can accommodate either an RV or tent camping.

5. **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 Valley's west side. The park offers 40 individual semi-developed campsites.

At approximately 120,000 acres, Maricopa County is home to one of the largest regional park system 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:

1. Visitors interested in taking advantage of this offer must phone the reservation call center at (602) 506-2930 and mention coupon code "free camping" while booking reservation(s) to qualify for the promotion. Reservations may also be made at the park level using the same criteria.

2. Offer not valid for group campground reservations or unit fees.

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

4. Rain checks will not be issued if space is not available.

5. Credits will not be issued to individuals who reserved campsites prior to Sept. 27 for the Oct. 1 through Nov. 10 timeframe. However, this offer is valid on new reservations if individuals decide to extend

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Rogers Lake County Natural Area Wins State Natural Resources Award

Coconino County Parks and Recreation was awarded the 2011 Natural Resources Award by the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association for the Rogers Lake County Natural Area. Coconino County Parks and Recreation Director Judy Weiss received the award on behalf of the County at the annual State Conference in Tucson last month.

The Arizona Parks and Recreation Association is a non-profit, statewide professional organization that operates for the promotion, broadening and improvement of parks and recreation in Arizona; and offers services which help members become the best parks and recreation service providers.

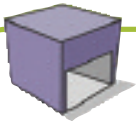
Coconino County succeeded in acquiring 2,250 acres, including 1,400 acres of wetland, of state trust lands for the Rogers Lake County Natural Area. Rogers Lake, located 10-miles southwest of Flagstaff, is a regionally significant high-elevation wetland important to numerous wildlife species, including elk, black bear, bald eagles and migrating waterfowl.

This \$12M acquisition was made possible by the 2002 voter approved Co-



NATURAL RESOURCES AWARD — Shown accepting the award are APRA Exec. Director Carol Gary on left, Judy Weiss in the middle, and APRA President Tim Nolan on the right. The Arizona Parks and Recreation Association is a non-profit, statewide professional organization that operates for the promotion, broadening and improvement of parks and recreation in Arizona.

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The Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Open House is your opportunity to learn more about wildlife native to Arizona and other education programs that the Arizona Department of Fish & Game offers.

The event will feature the following:

- Live wildlife displays,



tour of the facility, and

- Information about the Heritage Fund.

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Happy 15th, 20th, 30th Anniversaries To Arizona's Black-Footed Ferrets

Arizona's endangered black-footed ferret population is celebrating a triple anniversary: the 30th anniversary of the discovery of the last black-footed ferrets, a species that was thought to be extinct; the 20th anniversary of the Phoenix Zoo's breeding program to help recover the species in Arizona, and the 15th anniversary of Arizona's Aubrey Valley's being selected as a reintroduction site.

In the late 1970s, the species was thought to be extinct until a small colony of approximately 120 ferrets was discovered near Meeteetse, Wyo. on Sept. 26, 1981. Disease outbreaks reduced this population to 18 individuals, which were cap-



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Happy Halloween
October 31

PIRATES

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Some people came by choice. But, most were transported to this world against their will: men, women, and children from across Africa who were kidnapped and sold to slavers; Native Americans bound into slavery from colonial North America; South American natives enslaved in Spanish mines; and indentured servants shipped from Europe.

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Public Invited To Give Input Nov. 2

Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Tonto National Forest (TNF) officials are soliciting public input on managing approximately 70,000 acres of federal lands associated with the Horseshoe Ranch.

The Horseshoe Ranch, which was recently acquired by AGFD, is located south of Cordes Junction and east of I-17 in the Bloody Basin area.

This management area is split between the Horseshoe allotment on the BLM-managed Agua Fria National Monument and the Copper Creek allotment in the Cave Creek Ranger District of the TNF. The three agencies have entered into an agreement concerning the management of the Horseshoe Ranch grazing allotments.

Decisions about managing these allotments will be conducted according to a Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) process that involves community

input and interaction with the agencies throughout the process.

A public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 2, starting at 6 p.m. at the Albins Community Center in Black Canyon City, 19055 East K-Mine Road.

Field trips to the Horseshoe Ranch area are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 8 and Wednesday, Nov. 9. Details of the field trips will be provided at the public meeting.

For further information please contact the following:

Pat Crouch, Arizona Game and Fish Department, (480) 981-9400, pcrouch@azgfd.gov.

Louise Congdon, Tonto National Forest, (480) 595-3300, lcongdon@fs.fed.us.

Rem Hawes, BLM Agua Fria National Monument, (623) 580-5532, rhawes@blm.gov.

and grants call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703) or visit the Web site at AZStateParks.com or Twitter/Facebook at AZStateParks.

use at the university of their choice.

Teams who entered and competed at this event, if still eligible, will be qualified to fish in the largest event in high school fishing, the 2012 High School Fishing World Finals (at no extra cost), to compete for thousands in college scholarships and prizes. Additionally, it is open to any and all high school fishing teams who would like to come and compete.

A unique feature of an SAF-sanctioned event such as this is the "angler testing" component. Anglers were given the opportunity to take a free online test at HighSchoolFishing.org about boater safety, conservation and angler ethics, which made them eligible for contingency awards at their state championship.

Education Emphasized

"It's an industry first by TBF and a

team placed 15 and was skipped by freshman Kyle McManus, sophomore Austin Hodges and sophomore Andrew Hill. The regatta was limited first and second-year college sailors.

The Frosh/Soph Regatta was the club's first intercollegiate competition this season in the Pacific Coast Collegiate Sailing Conference. The next regatta is the Rose Bowl Regatta hosted by the University of Southern California at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Long Beach, Calif. on Jan. 7 and 8.

The mission of the ASU Sailing Club is to promote sailing and sailing education for people of all abilities within the greater

tified during the survey is a minimum population estimate, and the actual population could be larger.

Significant Milestones

"These milestones are significant accomplishments for the reintroduction program and demonstrate what successful cooperation can do for wildlife conservation," says Larry Voyles, director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "With continued help from the Phoenix Zoo, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and funding support from the Heritage Fund, we will continue to work towards a full recovery for the species."

Not only was the number of ferrets identified a record high for Arizona's population, but it also exceeded the state's objective that needs to be met in order for the species to be "downlisted" from endangered to threatened on the endangered species list. "Downlisting" means that the species has recovered to a point where it is no longer in danger of extinction. All states with black-footed ferret populations are given state-specific recovery guidelines that lead to a larger national recovery effort. The national recovery guidelines must be met before "downlisting" the

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Last Stocking

The last stocking was during the week of Oct. 3-8: catfish in all Phoenix and Tucson area Urban Fishing Program waters

Next Stocking

The next scheduled stocking is Oct. 20: trout in Green Valley Lakes (Payson)

Note: Call 1-800-352-0700 to report fishing violations.

STOCK UP

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They have been a good friend to the Arizona Game and Fish Department over the decades and have always been a personal favorite of mine — I caught my first bruiser brown on one of their lures at Chevelon Lake a few decades ago.

This is a superb time to stock up on fishing adventures for the memory book. Good luck, maybe I'll see you out there.

tremendous way to emphasize the importance of education to these student anglers," TBF Youth Director Mark Gintert commented. "The Federation is driven by our desire to promote education through fishing and the testing component is designed to do exactly that. Put this package together with our partnership with FLW Outdoors and the sky is the limit. These young anglers will have opportunities unlike anything the industry has ever seen."

With the success of the event at Theodore Roosevelt Lake, the Bass Federation Arizona (TBF-AZ) has opened the opportunity for three tournaments in the future including: Bartlett Lake, Theodore Roosevelt Lake, and the state championship to be held at Martinez Lake.

It looks as if high school fishing is taking a firm hold.

ASU community and to develop personal leadership skills and team building skills through the sport of sailing.

The ASU Sailing Club sails on Tempe Town Lake and competes on the California coast for intercollegiate competitions. To read more about the ASU Sailing Club and information on how to make a charitable contribution to the club, please visit <http://www.asusailing.org>.

ASU Sailing holds its practices every Friday and Saturday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Tempe Town Lake SRP Marina.

For more information, contact Coach Jake Geller at (602) 369-4684 or by e-mail: ASUJake2002@yahoo.com.

species can be considered.

"The effort to bring the ferret back from oblivion can be described as truly heroic," says Steve Spangle, Arizona field supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Service. "There are a couple of lessons we must never forget: That we must remain vigilant so that other species don't decline to such perilous levels; and that such a conservation success can only be accomplished when many entities work in partnership."

Today, biologists estimate there are a minimum of 800 to 1,000 individual ferrets living in the wild.

Resemble Domestic Pet Ferrets

While they resemble domestic pet ferrets, black-footed ferrets are a different species and are the only ferret native to North America. They can grow to be up to 2 feet long and can weigh up to 2 ½ pounds. One ferret can give birth to three to five kits each year.

The Arizona black-footed ferret reintroduction program is a joint effort of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Phoenix Zoo, Hualapai Nation, Navajo Nation, Arizona State Land Department and the Cholla Cattle Company.

CAMPING

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their stay to take advantage of the promotion.

6. Offer not valid at Lake Pleasant Regional Park.

Offer is only valid for camping stays between through Nov. 10.

For more information, call (602) 506-1114 or fax ((602) 506-4692.

NORTH RIM

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Highway 67.

Starting Nov. 28, at 8 a.m., the gates to the park will be closed to motorized vehicles. Hikers and cross-country skiers are still welcome to enter the North Rim of the park throughout the winter months, providing backcountry permits have been obtained through the park's South Rim Backcountry Information Center or at the Visitor Center at Pipe Spring National Monument, located in Fredonia, Ariz.

South Rim Open Year-Round

The South Rim Backcountry Information Center is open year-round and can be reached by calling (928) 638-7875, Monday through Friday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. MST. Permit requests can be faxed year-round to (928) 638-2125. Backcountry information can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/playyourvisit/backcountry.htm>.

The Kaibab Lodge, located four miles north of the park boundary, will

have full services through Oct. 31. The Kaibab Lodge will close for the season after breakfast Nov. 1.

The North Rim Country Store, also located outside of the park boundary across from the Kaibab Lodge, will remain open until noon Nov. 1, weather permitting. Jacob Lake Inn, restaurant and gas station, located 45 miles from the North Rim developed area, remains open year-round.

The Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center at Jacob Lake will have reduced hours starting mid-October. Arizona Department of Transportation officials will try to keep Highway

67 open through the end of November, but a major storm with heavy snowfall could close the road earlier. After the middle of October, visitors are encouraged to call Arizona Highway information at (888) 411-7623 in advance of their trip to check on the status of Highway 67.

The South Rim and Inner Canyon facilities remain open year-round.

Visitors can contact the North Rim Visitor Center at (928) 638-7864 for additional information on North Rim operations. For additional trip-planning information, visit the park's Web site at www.nps.gov/grca or

call the park's main information line at (928) 638-7888.

Editor's Note: Did you know that the oldest human artifacts found in Grand Canyon National Park date to the Paleo-Indian period and are nearly 12,000 years old?

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vent hypothermia.

• To retain body heat, pull your knees to your chest and keep your elbows to your sides.

When overboard without a lifejacket:

• Trap air in chest waders by bending your knees and raising your feet then lying back in the water; this can help you stay afloat.

• An oar under the knees and another behind the back and shoulders can be used to keep you floating.

• Trap air in hip boots by bending your knees and lying on your back; this can help you remain afloat.

• Decoys stuffed inside your jacket will provide additional buoyancy.

While all accidents cannot be prevented, following these few simple rules, your survival chances are greatly improved.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard created by an Act of Congress in 1939. The Auxiliary, America's Volunteer Guardians, supports the Coast Guard in nearly all of the service's missions. For more information about the Coast Guard Auxiliary visit <http://www.cgaux.org>

WATERFOWL

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This year Arizona is offering two artwork choices, one by a seasoned artist of a lone bufflehead, and the other, a wood duck by a 5-year-old entrant selected from the Federal Junior Duck Stamp art contest.

Printed copies of the 2011 Arizona Waterfowl and Snipe Regulations are now being circulated to Game and Fish offices and license dealers statewide.

To learn more about duck hunting, duck identification, and areas to hunt, go to www.azgfd.gov/hunting and click on the "waterfowl hunting" link on the left side.



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