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NASBLA Appoints Ed Huntsman, Of AZGFD, To National Education Standards Panel

The NASBLA Executive Board recently appointed individuals to the new National Education Standards Panel. Consisting of 15 members to represent state, federal, non-profit, commercial and public stakeholder interests, the panel will begin work this year to review the National Boating Education Standards.

Ed Huntsman, Boating and OHV Safety Education Program Manager for Arizona Game and Fish Department, has been chosen to represent state boating-safety education interests on the new Education Standards Panel.

An ASU MBA And Much More

A certified public manager and graduate of Arizona State University's Management and Leadership Institute, Huntsman has an



Ed Huntsman

tor-trainer, Huntsman serves on NASBLA's standing Education Committee and is on the board of directors of the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Arizona. A member of the National Drowning Prevention Alliance, he works with the Arizona Injury Prevention Advisory Council and Arizona Alliance for

MBA, is an avid sailor and an American Sailing Association sailing instructor. He is also a licensed U.S. Coast Guard 50 GT Master with sailing and towing endorsements.

A member of the National Safe Boating Council's board of directors and an instructor, Huntsman serves on NASBLA's standing Education Committee and is on the board of directors of the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Arizona. A member of the National Drowning Prevention Alliance, he works with the Arizona Injury Prevention Advisory Council and Arizona Alliance for

Recreational Safety in various roles and formal positions.

Recipient Of Many Awards

Named the Western State's Boating Administration Association Boating Professional of the Year for 2007, and inaugural recipient of their Boating Safety Educator of the Year award for 2011, Huntsman was the executive producer of *Boating Safely in Arizona* (described as a boating safety movie that isn't a boating safety movie) and a National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Emmy Award nominee.

Decorated Army Viet Nam Vet

He is an Arizona Police Officer Standards Training specialty instructor, staff commodore in his local sailing club, Coast Guard

Auxiliary coxswain, boat crew qualification examiner and previous Auxiliary Boating Department Chief. The recipient of numerous Coast Guard and Auxiliary awards, he is also a decorated U.S. Army combat veteran of Viet Nam.

Other Appointees

Others appointed to the panel to represent state interests are Anthony Cardoza (N.H.), Jeff Johnson (Alaska), MariAnn Koloszar (Ore.), and Betsy Woods (Tenn.).

The members appointed to represent federal boating agency interests are John Malatak (USCG) and Robin Freeman (USCG-Aux).

The members appointed to represent com-

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A FULL FALL — In Lake Havasu City includes 40th anniversary of the London Bridge celebrations, AquaPalooza, and the "Super Bowl of JetSkis" on Oct. 1-9. This event is the International Jet Sports Boating Association (IJSBA) World Finals, held at Havasu every year since 1982.

'Fall' For Autumn In Lake Havasu City

Cooler weather brings Aqua Palooza concert, boating festival, 'JetSki' racing, 40th anniversary celebration of London Bridge, and more.

As the temperature falls in September, Lake Havasu City becomes the center of some "cool" activities for visitors. Autumn brings to Arizona's "coastline" a variety of events, including a boating concert and festival, JetSki(R) racing, a major car show, and a 40th anniversary celebration of the world famous London Bridge relocated stone-by-stone to this resort city in 1971.

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ON THE COVER

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From Swimplatforms.com comes this wonderful image of total enjoyment on the water, enjoyment that is made even more so with the added platform.

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Samuelson's original idea was simple and the end result has turned out to be phenomenal. His determination of investing thousands of hours of labor and "tons" of money and recruiting an experienced and dedicated crew has developed into world-renowned Swim Platforms Inc.

In 1976 Samuelson began working for Sea Ray Boats, Inc. He spent 15 years at the Phoenix, Ariz., facility, having various important and demanding positions. He moved on to Sea Ray dealerships, gaining experience in sales, service and management over a nine-year period.

Over 141 Years Of Experience

Five of the employees', mostly from Sea



'DOG DAYS' — of summer are made much more enjoyable with the added pleasure of a swim platform from Swimplatforms.com of Phoenix. And, besides the obvious enjoyment of the platform, statistics show that safety is greatly improved with the addition of one.

Ray, tenure nets over 141 years of experience in quality control, assembly, engineering, customer service, fiberglass repair, gel coat repair, design and mold construction, just to name a few of their positions. Their experience and dedication show on a daily basis at Swim Platforms Inc.

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a business supplying quality fiberglass Swim Platforms to the world and extending customers' boating pleasure. Further, besides the obvious added pleasure of one of their platforms, safety is a very important component of their product, as it is to their customers.

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New Products

Star Brite's® Vinyl Care

As Sandy Lindsey from Star brite® maintains, the vinyl on your boat "will last a lot longer if you show it some love. If you don't, but ignore it instead, vinyl will dry out and crack just as leather does when not cared for." See story Page 6



Destinations

Aqua Lodge

Aqua lodges at Bartlett Lake offer a great getaway. The little cabins on the water are fully equipped with all the amenities. See story Page 15



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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.



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.

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're 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 Lara-

gione 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 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.

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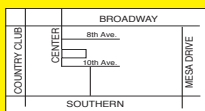
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All operators are required to obey laws that regulate your vessel's registration and operation.

- You must have an Arizona Certificate of Number (registration number) and registration decals to operate, moor, or anchor your vessel legally on the waterways of Arizona.
The only exceptions are:
 - Non-motorized vessels
 - Vessels used solely as lifeboats
 - Vessels documented with the U.S. Coast Guard
 - Vessels with valid registration in another state or country that are on the waters of Arizona for 90 or fewer days
- The Certificate of Number (registration card) must be on board and available for inspection by a law enforcement officer whenever the vessel is operated.
- The registration number and registration decals must be displayed as follows:
 - Number must be painted, applied as a decal, or otherwise affixed to both sides of the bow.
 - Number must read from left to right on both sides of the bow.
 - Number must be in at least 3"-high **BLOCK** letters.
 - Number's color must contrast sharply with its background.
 - Letters must be separated from the numbers by a space or hyphen: **AZ 3717 ZW** or **AZ-3717-ZW**



Spaces or hyphens should appear here.

- No other numbers may be displayed on either side of the bow.
- Decals must be affixed to both sides of the vessel within three inches in front of the **AZ** of the registration number.
- If your vessel requires registration, it is illegal to operate it or allow others to operate your vessel unless it is registered and numbered as described above.

Where To Register

Applications for new boats, transfers of ownership, and duplicate registrations can be processed through the mail or at any Arizona Game and Fish Department office (see below). Please call **602-942-3000** if sending your application through the mail to ensure that the proper evidence and fees are submitted.

How To Renew

- In person at any Arizona Game and Fish Department office (see below)
- By mail
- Online at www.azgfd.gov/watercraft

Arizona Game and Fish Regional Offices

Flagstaff
3500 S. Lake Mary Rd., Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Kingman
5325 N. Stockton Hill Rd., Kingman, AZ 86409

Mesa
7200 E. University Ave., Mesa, AZ 85207

Pinetop
2878 E. White Mtn. Blvd., Pinetop, AZ 85935

Tucson
555 N. Greasewood Rd., Tucson, AZ 85745

Yuma
9140 E. 28th St., Yuma, AZ 95365

Statewide Boating Education Classes

September 2011

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	September 17 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Tucson Office 555 N. Greasewood Road Tucson	\$0	(520) 429-6106
Arizona Game and Fish Department	September 17 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Roosevelt Lake Patrol Sheriff's Substation 28449 N. Hwy. 188 Roosevelt	\$5 per family	(928) 467-2515
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	September 17 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076
Arizona Game and Fish Department	September 24 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Road Tempe	\$5 per family	(623) 236-7219

October 2011

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 3 & 5 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. (Must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Regional Office 555 N. Greasewood Road Tucson	\$0	(520) 429-6106
Arizona Game and Fish Department	October 15 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Water Safety Center at Contact Point 1801 Hwy. 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 680-0359
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	October 15 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076
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

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is very toxic even in small quantities. It is produced when a carbon-based fuel, such as a gasoline or diesel, is burned. Cooking ranges, heaters, and charcoal grills produce carbon monoxide also.

Carbon Monoxide Kills!

- Carbon monoxide disperses freely through the air and will travel readily throughout a boat.
- Carbon monoxide discharged as engine, generator, or appliance exhaust may re-enter your boat through any opening.
- By keeping a steady flow of fresh air moving through your boat, you will eliminate much, if not all, of the hazard. The danger comes when there are pockets of stagnant air loaded with carbon monoxide that are not flushed from your boat.
- When operating any type of watercraft, be careful running downwind because exhaust gases may blow back on board.
- The best prevention for carbon monoxide poisoning is knowing that carbon monoxide exists.
- Everyone should know the symptoms and treatments of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- A marine-type carbon monoxide detector will sound an alarm when the gases reach an unacceptable level.

Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

One or more of the following symptoms may signal the adverse effects of carbon monoxide accumulations:

- Throbbing temples
- Inattentiveness or lack of concentration
- Inability to think coherently
- Ringing in the ears
- Tightness across the chest

- Headache, drowsiness, nausea, dizziness, fatigue, vomiting, collapse, and convulsions
- For additional information, read **Boater Protect Yourself from this Silent Killer! Carbon Monoxide**, a brochure produced by the Arizona Game and Fish Department that is available by contacting your nearest Arizona Game and Fish Department office at (623) 236-7235.

Treatment of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Evacuate, ventilate, investigate, and seek medical help.



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Boating Safety Equipment Compliance Rate Improves

However, the rate of alcohol consumption remains a concern.

Seven law enforcement agencies recently worked together to help provide a safe boating environment for watercraft users along the Colorado River.

Arizona Game and Fish, Mohave County Sheriff, US Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM, Lake Havasu City Police, Arizona State Parks and the Arizona Department of Public Safety recently conducted an Operating Under the Influence (OUI) and Safety Checkpoint at Katherine's Landing in Bullhead City.

Four OUI arrests were made for exceeding the blood alcohol limit of .08, and one for drugs. Nearly a quarter (24 percent) of all boat operators had consumed alcohol. Overall compliance with required safety equipment was 86 percent.

Velma Holt, west sector supervisor for the Game and Fish Kingman office, was pleased to see a safety-equipment compliance rate increase of 13 percent since a



A CONSEQUENCE — of not knowing. As one boating-safety instructor put it, "Everyone on the water needs to understand how many scenarios ... can quickly turn into a life-or-death situation. If one is going on a boat, [he or she needs to] take a few minutes to learn what is required prior to launching."

similar checkpoint in 2009. She believes the outreach effort that has reached an estimated 8,000 boaters in the last four years has played a role.

"The regulations are in place for a reason," Holt said. "There are a lot of potential dangers on our waterways, not the

least of which is the sheer number of boats using a limited amount of space."

Holt also mentioned cold water temperatures, alcohol, and inexperienced boaters as other potential safety issues.

"Boat Safe, Boat Smart, and Boat Sober," Holt said, referring to the safety slogan. "Game and Fish also offers free boating education, which covers safety issues, regulations, and the required equip-

ment prior to launch."

While compliance improved, the fact that 24 percent of operators had consumed alcohol is a concern for Holt.

"I'm pleased we only made five arrests, but alcohol and this heat are always a dangerous combination, regardless of the blood-alcohol content," Holt said. "Just as with driving, boaters should assign a designated operator before taking to the water. And don't forget, when the day on the water ends, these same operators are then getting in their cars and taking to the roads."

Some of the more common safety equipment violations have been not having enough lifejackets, lack of a throwable flotation device, and not having a fire extinguisher. Throwable flotation devices are critical to avoid one person's jumping in the water to try to save another.

"That simply puts two people at risk," Holt said. "Everyone on the water needs to understand how many scenarios on the water can quickly turn into a life-or-death situation. If you are going on a boat, take a few minutes to learn what is required prior to launching."

To learn more about boating education classes, visit www.azgfd.gov/boating and see page 3 of this issue of WOT/AZBW.

FROM THE BOATER'S GUIDE

Arizona Handbook of Boating Laws & Responsibilities

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Boating Basics: On The Water

Nighttime Navigation

Be on the lookout for the lights of other vessels when boating at night. Several types of lights serve as navigational aids at night. There are four common navigational lights.

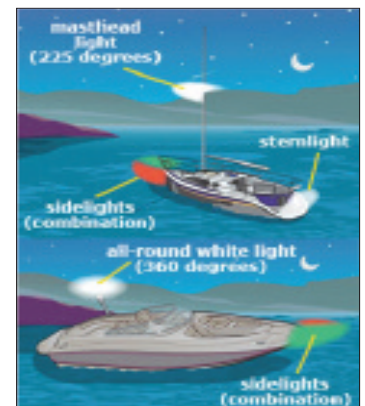
Types of Nighttime Navigational Lights

Sidelights: These red and green lights are called sidelights (also called combination lights) because they are visible to another vessel approaching from the side or head-on. The red light indicates a vessel's port (left) side; the green indicates a vessel's starboard (right) side.

Sternlight: This white light is seen only from behind or nearly behind the vessel.

Masthead Light: This white light shines forward and to both sides and is required on all power-driven vessels. A masthead light must be displayed by all vessels when under engine power. The absence of this light indicates a sailboat under sail.

All-Round White Light: On power-driven vessels less than 39.4 feet in length, this light may be used to combine a mast-



head light and sternlight into a single white light that can be seen by other vessels from any direction. This light serves as an anchor light when sidelights are extinguished.

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2012 Lake Havasu Boat Show Welcomes New Era

The Lake Havasu Boat Show, an established 20-year tradition in the recreational boating industry, will start a new era in 2012 when show operations, management and marketing become the responsibility of Media Direction, a well-known 32-year marine industry advertising, public relations and event promotions company headquartered in Southern California.

Lake Havasu Marine Association Executive Director, Jim Salscheider commented, "Our association started the boat show in 1991 and has guided its success for the past 20 years, something we're all very proud of. It was the unanimous decision of our Board of Directors and the desire of many exhibitors, however, that this boat show needs to continue growing and be taken to another level.

"In order to achieve that, Media Direction was the logical choice to make that happen. With more than two decades of boat-show promotion experience and strong business relationships with the media and the entire marine industry, they are a perfect fit to ensure its continued success."

Bob Brown, Media Direction founder and president said, "For the past several years, the Lake Havasu Boat Show has bucked a general trend of boat show decline across the country with impressive increases in attendance and exhibitor participation.

"I commend the Lake Havasu Marine Association for its commitment and efforts to present a first-class boat show for the



Media Direction

ACTION AHEAD — Undeniably the Lake Havasu Boat Show is one of the most boater-friendly boat shows in the country. Making it even better for 2012 is the fact that the boat show has been scheduled to fall on the weekend, April 20-22, just prior to the spectacular Desert Storm event. By combining these two outstanding special events into one continuous nine-day boating extravaganza, avid boaters from all parts of the country will be encouraged to make an extended stay and not miss a minute of the action.

benefit of the local marine industry and Lake Havasu City. Now it's my responsibility to build upon this solid foundation and deliver an even better product in the future."

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In addition, the 2012 Lake Havasu Boat Show will also play host to a variety of exciting power boat and water-ski racing competitions featuring some of the best drivers, skiers and fastest boats in the country.

And, in true Lake Havasu spirit, it's back to the '50s, '60s and '70s on Saturday and Sunday with "Legends by the Lake Car Show," produced by members of the London Bridge Yacht Club featuring 200 "woodies," street rods and classics, plus a host of immaculately restored V-drive flattys, hydros and jets — the boats that made Lake Havasu famous back when it all began.

On Monday, April 23, the activity switches to the Windsor Beach Launch Ramp for Demo Day, affording potential buyers the opportunity to test ride and drive new boats prior to purchase.

The 2012 Lake Havasu Boat Show is pleased to announce that Teague Custom Marine again will be the title sponsor. Additional boat-show information and applications for exhibit space reservations are available at a new Web site: www.lakehavasuboatshow.com.



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OUT ON TEMPE TOWN LAKE

ASF Promotes New Generation Of Sailors

The Arizona Sailing Foundation is offering sailing education classes for kids starting in early October. Now is the time to sign-up and enable your kids to learn how to skipper a boat on their own. Tell your friends and neighbors about the program and let's get the youngsters out on Tempe Town Lake learning to sail. Sign-up at the Arizona Yacht Club site for Opti 1 sailing. http://arizonayachtclub.org/?page_id=827

Kids' Introduction To Sailing: Focus is on learning the basics — parts of the boat, making the boat go, safety on the water. Short on-shore sessions followed by sailing in the Optimist — and to have fun doing it! Total time 2½ hours, including rigging.

Dates For Fall 2011 Classes: Oct. 9, 16 and 24, Nov. 6 and 13 with a weather make-up day (if needed) on Nov. 20.

About The Class: Optimist boats will be provided by ASF. The teacher is a US Sailing Certified Small Boat Instructor. The class is for kids 8-12 and no experience is required. Class size is limited to 12.

You'll need to provide your own PFD (life jacket). Everyone will take a very simple swim test in the lake at the start of class to make sure they're comfortable in the water. The cost for Opti 1 or Opti 2 is \$195/student.


The goal in **Opti 1** is to learn how to sail around a course (floating marks), to sail comfortably in wind up to 15 mph, and to understand safety techniques. Once the kids have these skills, they'll be ready to move up to **Opti 2**, which provides more advanced instruction on boat balance and speed, as well as general sailing skills practice.

Times: Opti 1 typically starts at 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoons, followed by Opti 2 at 3:30. Opti 2 students are expected to be ready to sail at 3:30, which means rigged, launched and ready on the dock! Opti 2 finishes around 5:30.

Head Instructor: Natalie Harper

Note: AYC Members may be able to receive a \$50 scholarship for a child to attend an ASF Junior class.

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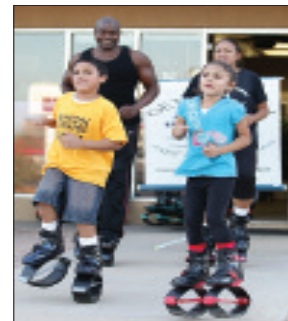
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VINYL CARE

As Does Leather, Vinyl Needs 'Loving Care'

By Sandy Lindsey

Vinyl is, essentially, artificial leather. And, just like leather, it is very durable — capable of withstanding years of use even in sun-drenched marine environments.

However, it will last a lot longer if you show it some love. If you don't but ignore it instead, vinyl will dry out and crack just as leather does when not cared for.

The first thing to do is to wash the vinyl every time you wash the boat. Deeply imbedded dirt will degrade and scratch the surface; too much exposure to salt spray and sunlight will make it brittle and stiff.

The good news is that it's easy to avoid

both scenarios. The same boat soap you use to clean the fiberglass is ideal for removing dirt, grime, salt spray, fish blood, spilled sodas and footprints from the vinyl upholstery and cockpit bolsters.

Apply it generously with a soft brush or sponge and rinse well with fresh water. After the vinyl has air-dried, apply a silicone-type finish to temporarily restore the moisture and gloss. The key term here is "temporarily" as no spray-on finish will provide any level of long-term protection. They look good when recently applied, but quickly dry up or are wiped off as you use the seats.

There are four things you can do in order to allow your vinyl to last as long as possible. The first three are to wash it regularly, keep it covered when not in use and apply a protective polish that will serve as a barrier to dirt, general wear and UV exposure.

Covering the vinyl is obviously not al-

ways practical, but there's no good reason for not applying a vinyl polish. These polishes work just like a fiberglass polish; they keep the surface sealed to help prevent dirt and stains from penetrating, and they block UV rays.

While no polish can compare to a cover in terms of overall protection against the elements and seagulls, think of them as sun-blocks, allowing an additional level of protection from the drying effects of the sun. A good-quality vinyl polish will also allow colored surfaces to look their best. Some even incorporate cleaning agents that are perfectly suited for removing dirt and grime.

The fourth is a "vinyl don't" and is simple: Never, ever use bleach to clean vinyl. Bleach is a very caustic chemical that can quickly and irrevocably damage vinyl.

Yes, many people swear by bleach as a fast, cheap way to brighten vinyl or to remove tough stains or mildew. However, the

reality is that very few, if any, manufacturers of commercially available vinyl cleaners or mildew stain removers use bleach in their products.

Bleach is very inexpensive, so if it worked, manufacturers would flock to it. They do not for the simple reason it is dangerous to work with — it will burn unprotected skin and can cause eye damage if splashed — and it can harm vinyl.

Bleach will kill mold, but it is also very destructive to all but the toughest nylon threads. It's not unusual to see bleach destroy the threads that hold upholstery together; the vinyl might look great right after it has been bleached, but when your upholstery begins to come apart, that \$.99 bottle of bleach won't look like such a great deal.

Note: Sandy Lindsey is the author of McGraw Hill's "Women's Guide to Powerboating" and "Quick & Easy Boat Maintenance." She holds a USCG captain's license and lives in South Florida.

Portable Media Receiver Enables Wireless Music Streaming

With the Millennia PRV20 from Prospec Electronics there's no reason not to take a portable media device for a day out on the water. This new portable media receiver is Bluetooth capable, letting boaters stream music wirelessly from any Bluetooth-enabled device.

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ceiver or through the portable media device. No docking station or expensive cables are required.

A boater can even place the media device in his or her pocket, glove box, cabin or day bag up to 30' away while the music continues to stream. This allows extra protection for those valuable Blackberries, Androids or Apple products.

The MILPRV20 has a strong internal amplifier of 45W x 4 and contains an aluminum heat sink for efficient heat dissipation. It also features AM/FM radio, USB and auxiliary inputs. The compact unit measures only 5-1/4" L x 3-1/4" W x 1-3/4" D.

Prospec Electronics' Millennia PRV20 retails for \$169.95.

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Innovative Anchor Eases Task Of Frequent Re-Setting

Frequent re-anchoring is a pain, especially in difficult conditions. Designed specifically for anglers, divers and others who anchor several times a day, the Rocna Fisherman sets firmly and is easily retrieved in all conditions, including rock, reef, sand and weed.

Designed for smaller, weight-sensitive boats, the galvanized anchor is available in 9 and 13 lb. models. The Fisherman features a shackle rail for easier recovery of a fouled anchor from the opposite direction. A secure attachment point is designed for overnight anchoring.

The Rocna Fisherman's design is based on the Rocna Original, which is classified by RINA to the highest level available, Super High Holding Power (SHHP). A Rocna possesses stopping power vastly superior to equivalent-weight plough or claw type anchors in soft sand or mud due to the large, concave blade.

Rocna's roll-bar ensures the anchor will always turn itself to the correct attitude for setting. Skid rails then direct the blade into the seabed and the chisel-like tip easily cuts through weeds or hard bottoms. The anchors are not susceptible to sudden trip out and will remain embedded even when dragged under extreme loads.

The roll-bar also can be used as a handle. If lost or fouled, the Rocna may be recovered from the surface by snaring the roll-bar with a grapnel or other hook.

On smaller boats, weight matters, and in a Fisherman, every ounce of metal is put to use. The roll-bar avoids the need to weight the toe with extra lead or cast iron. The lack of dedicated lead reduces the profile of the fluke, facilitating setting in undergrowth. The absence of lead is better for the marine environment and eliminates complications when the anchor requires re-galvanizing.

A Rocna self-launches and locks home



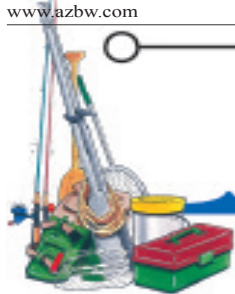
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on most bow rollers. A tight curve radius between the shank and blade gives a positive lock, preventing movement at sea. The slotted shackle attachment point allows single-shackle fixing. The Fisherman is rock-solid with no moving parts, eliminating complex adjustment systems and potentially dangerous failure points.

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The Rocna Fisherman anchors have suggested retail prices starting at \$159.99.

Contact local dealers or Rocna Anchors, PO Box 340 064, Birkenhead, Auckland, 0746, New Zealand. www.rocna.com. North American distributor Suncoast Marine Ltd., #395 - 2242 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC Canada V5N 5X6; dealer locator: www.rocna.com/contact.



LIGHT LINES

FISHING IN ARIZONA AND BEYOND



MIXING IT UP

All I Needed To Know I Learned From Virgil

By Mike Wallace

If I had a bass lure for every time I observed (or heard of) a beginner fisherman catching a huge bass the first time he or she graced the waters with an odd fishing technique and presentation, I would definitely need a bigger boat and tackle box.

Why is it, when newcomers board my boat, I know I am going to be humbled by their success in spite of their lack of style and or knowledge?

I have chuckled under my breath (okay, laughed out loud) at tackle choices made by the novice. It is unfair to those of us who have methodically fished so long in an effort to boat the illustrious 10-pounder to hear the giddy words, "This is easier than I thought" while said power-bait-sucking fisherman lands the bass of a lifetime on his 202 loaded with a yellow pink poke and/or a dotted rubber-duck-billed crank with a copper willow leaf, tipped with a pink marshmallow. I tell ya: It's just not fair! — or is it?

Enter, Virgil, The Bass

Enter Virgil the bass. Actually it was Virgil and his other brother Virgil in a 55-gallon tank until Virgil ate his other brother, but that is another story.

Needless to say, the first thing I learned from Virgil is that a bass can eat another fish nearly its own size — amazing but true.

Many of my bass questions were answered via Virgil. Even though many would argue some of these facts, I observed them first hand. As far fetched as the rubber-duck-billed crank is, if there were such a lure, it is not too far fetched that a bass could be caught on it, no matter what the color was.

Let me explain by sharing what I learned from the Virg. The first hook-less jig with which I taunted Virgil was a yellow-feather jig. In a dark room with only the aquarium light on, Virgil pounded that jig, holding it in his mouth and was too stubborn to release it. This happened twice before Virgil became bored with it.

The Lessons Begin

For a week I went through the same exercise with the same yellow jig. But, Virgil would ignore the yellow feathery delight, bored by its common place. There were a few times in that week that reaction and or emotion drove Virgil to passively strike at the jig. But, the exhale of that jig was nearly as fast as the inhale.

The next week I introduced a different color jig, again hookless. His reaction was aggressive once more with several power strikes; again he was too stubborn to release the new colored jig from his grip. Then, as the first time he experienced the yellow jig, Virgil ignored the new colored jig as a familiar and unrewarding experience.

This fascinated me, and for a year I experimented with colors, shapes and presentation. Unless the shape or color of the jig changed or the presentation was differ-



WORKS WHEREVER — As a big (and successful) advocate of the "mixing-it-up" tactics, angler Mike Wallace shows a nice walleye caught at Lake Powell. As a matter of fact, he has photos of several species (including a huge Montana trout) from several waterways that have succumbed to his fishing technique.

ent, Virgil cold-shouldered anything but the real thing: gold fish or red tails.

But, if I shook or moved the jig in an unfamiliar way — changing either the presentation of that jig or the shape or the color — or even rigged the bait differently, aggression was displayed and the jig was inhaled several times until judged boring and/or unpleasant.

I Absolutely Know These Things

Because of Virgil, this is what I absolutely know about bass.

One: They have an incredible memory. Virgil would not strike aggressively any jig with which he had become familiar. If he had seen a color before, he had only one reaction: avoidance.

This pattern of behavior was consistent for a year. I am convinced that if Virgil had lived longer than a year (different and a whole other story), he would have displayed the same avoidance to familiar experiences.

Second: Bass can distinguish color, size and shape very well.

Third: Some bass will eat anything including his young brother.

I don't base that opinion solely on my experiment with Virgil. I confirmed this also while bobber fishing for blue gill with my boys when they were young.

A large bass exploded on the one-inch red and white bobber as it hit the water and would not release it. I actually fought the bass with bobber in its mouth for several minutes until he stubbornly spit it out at



BROTHER'S BASS — Gary Wallace, the writer's brother, is shown with a nice bass from Roosevelt, which he caught on an odd-colored metallic deep-blue rattle trap. Through the "mixing-it-up" technique, the brothers boated over a dozen good bass in a short afternoon.

the surface (true story).

The short life Virgil shared with me brought my fishing to another level. I began to be hyper sensitive to the way I rigged bait and the colors I used and subtle differences in presentation.

I began to understand why two people could stand side by side but only one of the two could catch fish even when presenting the same, exact bait. Something was different.

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FIRST PLACE — Matt Salas was aboard *American Angler* (shown at a San Diego Point Loma sportfishing dock) with skipper Sam Patella and 23 other anglers on a seven-day Bob's Sporting Goods trip that returned to Pt. Loma Sportfishing Sept. 11 with a nice mixed catch of yellowtail, wahoo and tuna. He won the jackpot with one of his jigs, a Vagabond Special in black and orange. Salas's 49-pound wahoo took first place. He said he used 60-pound IZorline on an Avet HX reel and a Calstar 700 H rod wrapped by Bob's.

AT THE END OF A LONG, HOT SUMMER

Powell Fishing Should Be Excellent Through December

By Wayne Gustavson

Lake Powell has kicked off the covers. Surface water temperature first thing in the morning has dropped from 83 to 78 in the past few days. The warmest water in the afternoon has dropped from 88 down to 83.

These are small steps, but the lake is now headed in the right direction. Night-time air temperatures are now in the 60s. Water level dropped only one foot as the large outflow was curtailed to a steady state flow of 15,000 CFS. Expect the smaller flow released through the dam to continue through the month of September.

All of these environmental adjustments are not lost on the fish. There have been significant adjustments in where fish are positioned and what anglers must do to catch them.

Most Important Information

The most important information is that stripers are no longer boiling at Hite. The easy pickings found near the launch ramp last week have quieted temporarily. Boils are still found in the upper lake but the action has now moved downstream.

Anglers now have to go down lake a



HOOKED — Deborah Mathis, Colorado Springs Colo., caught her first striper followed quickly by a bunch more while fishing with her boyfriend near Bullfrog on beautiful Lake Powell. No doubt she is now hooked on fishing. Catching stripers on the surface will do that. Fishing is improving lake wide as the weather cools.

few miles to White and Trachyte where individual fish splashes have replaced boils. Surface lures thrown immediately to a

splash ring will often catch fish, but trolling with deep diving lures puts many more fish in the cooler.

The best boil concentration is found in Good Hope Bay. Most of the surface events are quick making it necessary to chase many boils before catching fish. But the excitement is awesome. **At press time, Good Hope was the best spot.**

There are some boils near Bullfrog centered near the Halls houseboat buoy field. Scattered boils may be seen at many different locations both upstream and down from Bullfrog.

Again, look for isolated splashes both morning and evening, which indicate stripers feeding on top. Trolling works better for filling the cooler in these conditions but surface fishing is more exciting.

Expect Big Changes As It Cools

There will be much repositioning and relocating as water conditions and temperatures change. Expect big changes as cooling continues and fall weather exerts a stronger hold on the lake.

Expect daily changes now with fishing improving in the main lake. Hey! There may even be a striper caught near Wahweap in the coming weeks.

Smallmouth bass have been the first fish to respond in the southern lake. They are being steadily caught from Padre Bay to the San Juan on drop-shot plastic baits at 20-30 feet. The best lure has been the Yamamoto shad-shaped worm fished about 12 inches off bottom.

It's been a long, hot summer. But, conditions are changing and fishing is improving. The shad population is strong and fishing success will improve in the short term and be excellent all the way through the cold weather in December.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,654 and water temperature was 78-83°F.

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U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service To Continue Funding To Support Arizona's Sport Fish Stocking Program

Agency issues finding of 'No Significant Impact' after Environmental Assessment process.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) as part of the Environmental Assessment of its proposal to continue to fund, in part, the Arizona Game and Fish Department's (AGFD) sport fish stocking program over the next 10 years.

The FONSI decision means that FWS can continue funding to support AGFD's hatchery operations and fish stocking activities that provide recreational opportunities for anglers.

As part of the Selected Alternative, a Conservation and Mitigation Program has been developed. The Conservation and Mitigation Program will implement actions to avoid, offset or reduce environmental impacts of the stocking action and ultimately contribute to conservation and recovery of native species. The program's



Services Office, and AGFD.

development was a coordinated effort between the FWS's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR), its Arizona Ecological

Process Analyzed Three Alternatives

The decision came out of an Environmental Assessment process that analyzed three alternatives that provided a range of recreational opportunities and impacts to biological resources.

After review of public and agency comments received on the Draft Environmental Assessment, WSFR, the Arizona Ecological Services Office and AGFD chose to modify the Proposed Action. The modifications to the Proposed Action include the removal of one previously proposed stocking site and the elimination and/or substitution of some species proposed for stocking at some sites. The modified Proposed Action has been identified as the "Selected Alternative."

Under the Selected Alternative, funding will support stocking of sport fish at 166 sites in selected rivers, streams, lakes, reservoirs, ponds and tanks in the state. It will also support continued operations and maintenance of five AGFD hatcheries that rear sport fish (primarily trout) for stocking. The actions in this alternative are the most comparable to Arizona's current stocking program.

Hundreds Of Thousands Fish Arizona Each Year

Hundreds of thousands of Arizona residents and nonresidents take advantage of the state's recreational fishing opportunities each year. Based on 2006 numbers, there were 4,156,000 angler use days (AUDs) of fishing in Arizona, with a total annual economic impact of \$1.3 billion (Southwick Associates 2007). Arizona Game and Fish estimates a resident demand of 6 million AUDs through 2012, with some growth



anticipated in nonresident demand.

Under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950, FWS has the authority to provide federal funding to state wildlife agencies for management and restoration of sport fish, as well as public use and benefit from those resources. Funding is provided on a match basis through the WSFR program. Sport Fish Restoration funds through that program come from a federal excise tax on certain fishing equipment and a portion of motorboat fuel tax revenues. In July 2011, Arizona received about \$7.9 million in Sport Fish Restoration Act funds. Although the amount varies from year to year, about \$2.5 million was allocated to sport fish stocking and hatchery operations.

To view a copy of the Finding of No Significant Impact document and the final Environmental Assessment, visit www.fws.gov/southwest/federal_assistance/index.html or www.azgfd.gov/fishea.

VIRGIL

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I began to change my habits aboard the boat and how I approached the structure, and I began to fish suspecting that things like sound, silhouette or shadows could condition fish to know that an unpleasant experience was about to occur.

Now I Mix It Up

And, among many other things, when I found it difficult to boat bass, I mix it up; I try new colors and rigging. I try different presentations until I find something that hasn't been seen or experienced.

I have caught many bass on reaction, I have caught many more by mixing it up and presenting a fresh and unpleasant experience for the kin of Virgil.

One last thing: If there is a rubber-duck-billed crank out there, send me one and I will catch a bass on that baby.

Thank you for your time. Any questions? Contact me at wallysfishingrhunting@yahoo.com.



CATS ARE COMING — Deliveries of catfish are scheduled to restart the week of Sept. 19-24. During the hot summer months from July 4 through Sept. 17, there are no scheduled catfish stockings at any of the 21 Urban Fishing Program waters. Once lake temperatures begin to decline entering the fall season, then catfish stockings can resume again.

Urban Fishing Waters Meet Many Anglers' Needs

Every fall, a total of four catfish stockings are scheduled at two-week intervals before fish stockings switch over to rainbow trout in mid November. Sept. 19-24 will be the first stockings for this autumn.

Fishing at Urban Program waters remains slow throughout the summer. Catfish can still be caught, especially from the larger lakes, with bluegill, bass and catfish still providing some fun for patient anglers.


Throughout 2010 Urban Fishing Program, biologists visited all 21 lake locations to survey urban anglers as part of an important study. Conducted at five-year

intervals, this extensive 12-month study allows Game and Fish biologists and interns to meet with anglers face-to-face at the lakes and ask a series of questions.

More than 7,000 anglers of all ages were asked questions about their fishing success and habits. Participation in urban fishing has grown to include over 62,000 anglers who contribute nearly \$7 million into local economies.

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Arizona's Hunting Regulations Amended; Incorporate Expanded Areas

For public safety, new rules restrict use of rifles, pistols in metro hunt units.

Hunters rejoice: You now have access to approximately 1 million acres of public and state trust lands within municipal boundaries this hunting season, but there are regulation changes that relate to these new opportunities and public safety that hunters need to know.

These opportunities required amending the 2011-12 Arizona Hunting and Trapping Regulations, as well as the 2011 Pronghorn Antelope and Elk Hunt Regulations because the changes to state law became effective after these publications were distributed.

In an interest of time and as a cost-savings measure, Game and Fish will NOT be reprinting the 2011-12 Arizona Hunting and Trapping regulations, or the 2011 Pronghorn Antelope and elk Hunt Draw Information Booklet.

"Basically, because of these law changes, Arizona hunters now have access to the undeveloped lands on the fringes of municipal boundaries that were once off limits, much of it is perfect for safe recreational small game hunting using shotguns, which have a short effective range," said Chief of Wildlife Recreation Craig McMullen.



Citizen Safety

McMullen also expressed, citizens can feel safe because the Game and Fish Commission, a public body, has prohibited the use of long-range firearms like rifles, muzzleloaders, or pistols on private property in city limits and in metropolitan hunt units. In addition, a core area in metro Phoenix was closed to hunting. These restrictions were implemented to minimize conflicts in urban areas and to assure public safety.

Because of these law changes, hunters will need to download and print the amended regulations (changes are indicated in red font), to get the latest legal hunting requirements. Most of the changes are identified in the notes section for each species in the regulations.

Hunters should carefully read these notes to learn about any restrictions to methods of take, and modifications to open areas for most species including, but not limited to elk, antelope, deer, quail, rabbits, predators, and fur-bearing mammals. The latest regulations are available at the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website at www.azgfd.gov/rules.

What Changed?

The regulations were amended because of recent law changes to ARS §13-3107 and §13-3108 that transferred the authority to regulate the use of firearms for the take wildlife within municipal boundaries to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. The commission amended the appropriate hunting seasons and reg-

ulations at its Aug. 6 public meeting to comply with the new legislation.

While there are many changes to the regulations due to the change of authority, much of these changes are to mimic sensible restrictions that were already in place through other regulations such as overarching state laws, intergovernmental agreements, or other means.

"The good news is, hunters that haven't heard about these recent law changes and are following the original regulations will not be hunting in city limits because those originally issued publications do not make specific allowances for hunting within municipal boundaries," said McMullen.

Before the law change, it was against the law to shoot a firearm, even while taking wildlife, within city limits. Under the new authority of the commission, the hunting regulations have been amended to assure public safety, while also providing as much hunting opportunity as possible.

This is done by implementing seasons that do not permit high-power rifles in certain areas, closing populated urban centers, or through continued communication of the state law that prohibits hunting with a firearm within a quarter mile of an occupied building.

Some Key Changes

Some of the key changes to the regulations that hunters and the public need to know about, include, but are not limited to, the following:

Closed to hunting — A large portion of the Phoenix metropolitan area is closed to hunting. For boundary description and area map, visit www.azgfd.gov/rules.

Closed to hunting — Golf courses, airports, and posted water treatment facilities are closed to hunting.

Closed to hunting with firearms — Private lands in both the Tucson and

Flagstaff metro hunt units (11M and 38M respectively) are closed to all hunting during firearms seasons, including those for shotgun shooting shot. Hunting with a firearm inside city limits in these populated metro units is only permitted on public and state trust lands.

Closed to hunting during "General Firearm Rifle Seasons" — Private property within city limits is closed to all hunting during "general firearm rifle seasons" using any weapon type including a rifle, pistol, muzzleloader as well as bow and arrows. There are some limited exclusions for wildlife management needs.

Open to hunting with restrictions — Generally, county and city parks and preserves are closed to hunting. The Commission opened some county parks in Pima and Maricopa County for hunting. For the Pima and Maricopa County parks and/or preserves that are open to hunting by commission order, further restrictions make it unlawful to take wildlife within a quarter mile of a developed campground, picnic area, occupied building, boat ramp, shooting range, or golf course.

Open to hunting with restrictions — Private property inside city limits not already excluded (i.e. 11M, 38M and Phoenix metro area) are only open to hunting during "limited weapon, shotgun shooting shot seasons."

Reptile hunting and collection restrictions — Hunting reptiles with a firearm is closed statewide on private property inside city limits, city and county parks and preserves, golf courses, airports and posted water treatment facilities. A limited weapon season, which does not include the use of firearms, was created for taking/collecting reptiles in these areas closed to firearms.

To learn more about these recent law changes, and how Game and Fish has im-

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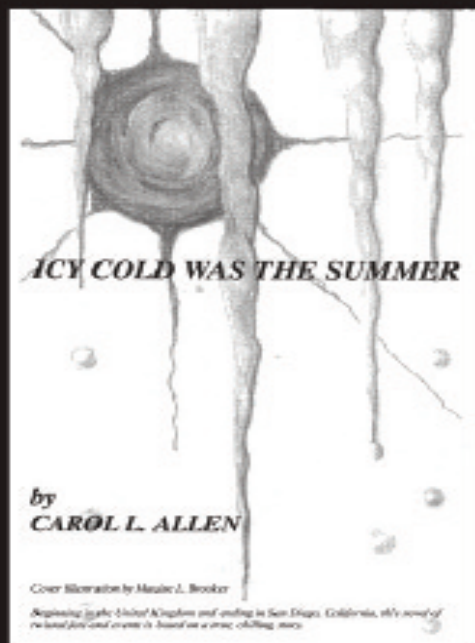
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Free Youth Workshop Offered To Teach Arizona Small-Game Hunting Basics

From AZGFD

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has scheduled a multi-day, small-game-basics workshop for young hunters and those who want to learn to hunt.

Staff in the department's Pinetop regional office will conduct their annual small-game hunting camp in Game Management Units 1 and 3B to provide youth with the basic skills they need to successfully pursue tree squirrels. The program format will also provide an overview of hunting opportunities for other small game species found throughout the state. Youth ages eight and older are invited to participate.

The camp, sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Arizona Elk Society, will begin the evening of Sept. 30 and conclude the morning of Oct. 2, and



includes meals, instruction and field time with hunting mentors. The program format is aimed at developing responsible, ethical and successful hunters who recognize the importance of wildlife and habitat conservation.

"This intensive camp is designed to provide youth with an opportunity to enhance their hunting knowledge and skills here in Arizona, while also teaching them

the values of stewardship and wildlife conservation," says Wildlife Manager Supervisor Mike Godwin. "The workshop is about hands-on learning, asking questions and being with others who are also interested in hunting."

The camp will be held at the Los Buros Campground, located on Forest Road 224 that runs between Vernon and McNary. The program will cover hunting opportunities, firearm safety and game care.

Other activities include air-rifle and archery instruction and 3-D shooting, first aid basics, and more. Instructional sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, and participants will hunt in the field with mentors on Saturday.

For more information or to sign up, contact the department's Pinetop office at (928) 367-4281. The workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Get Your Spring Hunt Application In Early

Take advantage of correction period.

Applicants for 2012 spring hunts for turkey, javelina, buffalo and bear are encouraged to apply early to take advantage of the "correction period."

If your application is received by the department by 5 p.m. (MST) on Sept. 23 and has a mistake on it, Game and Fish will try to contact you (three attempts by phone in a 24-hour period) and give you an opportunity to correct the mistake. After that date, mistakes can cause your application to be rejected.

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011 by 7 p.m. (MST). Postmarks do not count.

At this time, applications can be mailed

to the Arizona Game and Fish Department or hand-delivered to any of the seven Game and Fish offices located in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and Phoenix.

Mailed applications should be addressed to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn.: Drawing Section, PO Box 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052.

Game and Fish continues to test its new online application system, and officials anticipate that it may become available during the spring drawing cycle. However, there is no set date at this time. To be notified when the system is available, you can sign up for e-mail alerts, "like" our Facebook page, or follow us on Twitter.

The 2012 Spring Turkey, Javelina, Buffalo and Bear Hunt Draw Information booklet and applications are available at

www.azgfd.gov/draw and at Game and Fish offices. They have also been shipped to license dealers and are either now available at dealers or will be soon.

Applicants are reminded a 2012 license is required to enter the spring draw. Licenses may be purchased through the draw/application process or at department offices and license dealers.

For more information, visit www.azgfd.gov/draw.

REGULATIONS

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plemented these changes to assure the public's safety — while still providing hunting opportunity in these undeveloped, uninhabited public lands in municipalities — visit www.azgfd.gov/rules

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Versatile Canopy Goes Camping And —

Portable shade canopies are great for the beach, tailgating and other outdoor gatherings, but most canopies are heavy and awkward to store, fade and fall apart. High-end canopies from Tsuga, fabricated of lightweight WeatherMax LT from Safety Components, combine extreme durability with a stylish appearance to make time spent outdoors even more enjoyable and trouble-free.

Tsuga's canopies are among the most versatile on the market. The asymmetrical design allows for multiple configurations from cabana-style for the beach to attaching to the back of a car for tailgating.

"At six to eight pounds and only two pieces out of the bag, our patented canopies can be set up by two people in two minutes," says Tsuga owner Jimi Combs. "Unlike other canopies that break after a single season, ours are engineered to last and when secured properly, can withstand winds up to 50 mph."

After Tsuga partnered with Safety Components, product manager John Pierce personally experienced how a Tsuga constructed with WeatherMax could withstand high winds and provide effective shelter. "I was so impressed with the design of the product I purchased one for a family trip to the beach. One day it was incredibly windy," said Pierce. "At one point a standard four-post canopy went tumbling back as we sat under our Tsuga with no

problems at all. Lesser fabrics would have ripped off at the seams in such forceful gusts."

Tsuga's one system does it all. From camping, concerts, soccer games and life-guard posts to farming field work, Tsuga provides a sun-shade solution that can be used freestanding or easily attached to a vehicle with Velcro. WeatherMax LT doesn't fade, is water resistant and provides complete UV protection, especially important for small children, the elderly and life-guards.

In addition to its colorfastness, water- and abrasion-resistance, Combs said WeatherMax LT is great to work with. "It's more stable, doesn't tear and won't stretch much. It's light, so it's not rough on machines."

Tsuga's customers can choose WeatherMax LT colors from a rich palette. Resorts can match their logo and Appalachian State University chooses its school colors (black and gold), while the military favors Sand. "The most popular is Pacific Blue," Combs said. "I can see using all of them."

Located in the scenic High Country of Boone, North Carolina, Tsuga is dedicated to preserving the environment and supporting the community. Because Tsuga canopies don't rust and are easily repaired, they don't end up in landfills and are 100% recyclable. Both Tsuga and WeatherMax are manufactured locally.



OUTDOOR EASE — Portable shade canopies are great for the beach, tailgating and other outdoor gatherings, but most canopies are heavy and awkward to store, fade and fall apart. High-end canopies from Tsuga, fabricated of lightweight WeatherMax LT from Safety Components, combine extreme durability with a stylish appearance to make time spent outdoors even more enjoyable and trouble-free.

"Tsuga Canopies proudly cuts, prints, sews and packages its products right here," says Combs. "By using regional vendors whenever possible, we are able to maintain an active role in every part of the process and ensure the quality of each and every product shipped. For example, Tsuga only uses high-quality components such as DAC poles, so WeatherMax LT is a natural

choice for our fabric."

Tsuga Canopies is named for the Japanese word for hemlock. The suggested retail price of Tsuga Canopies start at \$225.

Contact local dealers or WeatherMax by Safety Components, 40 Emery St., Greenville,

SC 29605. 864-240-2712; Fax: 864-240-5947. www.weathermax.net.

Take Headlights From Yellow/Grimy To Clear/Shiny

In the past, RV headlights were made of glass, but as the shape of RVs and vehicles became more complex, malleable plastic and polycarbonate were the cheaper, lighter alternative. However, plastic headlights oxidize and turn yellow from salt, UV rays and debris, which re-

duces light output.

Thinking the problem is on the inside of the lens, many owners waste money replacing headlights that can cost up to \$500. Most of the time, the haze is on the outside and easy to fix.

Before cleaning, headlights should be



checked for moisture and cracked parts. If there's moisture inside the lens, there may be a leak in the assembly, so cleaning the

outside will do little to improve clarity. Drilling a pin hole in the lens lets moisture evaporate.

Cleaning the lens' outer surface can be completed in 30 minutes with the following materials: Shurhold Dual Action Polisher, wool polishing pad, one-inch paint brush, Shurhold Buff Magic, a microfiber towel, painter's tape, car-wash soap, sponge and an extension cord.

The restoration process involves grinding away a very thin layer of plastic. Be sure to use a buffing compound that is the correct grit. If too coarse, it can remove too much of the plastic and leave scratches.

Owners should park the RV or vehicle in the shade because direct sunlight causes water and other materials to dry too fast. It's also important to start with clean headlights, as any dirt or debris may cause scratches when using the polisher. Headlights can be washed with car-wash soap and a sponge, then dried with a microfiber towel.

Then, painter's tape should be used to tape off the edges of the headlights. A paint brush can be used to apply a thin layer of Buff Magic to the entire headlight. This compound shouldn't be left to dry.

On medium speed, the compound should be buffed into the headlight for two or three minutes in an up-and-down motion, followed by a left-to-right motion. It's important to alternate motions so the compound gets as much of the cloudy surface off as possible. The polisher should always be moving.

After the headlights are dry, owners



can inspect the headlights. If there is still a haze, the process can be repeated three or four times.

Once the desired results are achieved, owners can then remove the painter's tape and wash the headlights again to ensure all debris has been removed. The headlights should be back to crystal-clear for optimum light.

Shurhold's Buff Magic is scientifically formulated with jeweler's rouge to be a multi-purpose buffing and polishing cream. With each pass, the gentle abrasives break down, creating a compound that easily removes a clouded or scratched surface. A 22 oz. can costs \$28.98.

Shurhold is dedicated to educating owners on RV value preservation. Inventor of the One Handle Does It All system, Shurhold manufactures specialty care items and accessories to clean, polish and detail.

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Arizona's Bald Eagles Set Records In 2011

From AZGFD

Arizona's bald eagles continue to flourish in the state with three record breeding achievements in 2011. With the last bald eagle nestling out of the nest, biologists declared that a record number of breeding areas were occupied; a record number of eggs were laid; and, a record number of fledgling birds took to Arizona's skies.

This year, at least 79 eggs were laid, a record 55 breeding areas were occupied, and 56 nestlings fledged. These record-breaking numbers indicate that the species' breeding population in Arizona continues to grow.

More Major Milestones

Getting a young nestling to the critical point of fledging, or taking its first flight, is perhaps one of the best indicators of a successful breeding season, and in 2011, 10 more fledglings conquered that major milestone compared to the year prior.

"Seeing the continual year-after-year growth of the bald eagle breeding popula-

See **BALD EAGLES** on page 17

Here's A Chance To Be A Part Of Ferret Conservation

Volunteer to help count the species in October.

From AZGFD

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is offering a rare opportunity for people wanting to assist in the recovery efforts of the endangered black-footed ferret. This elusive, nocturnal animal was once the most endangered mammal on the planet and just 18 ferrets remained when captive breeding efforts began.

Now, from Oct. 6-10, Game and Fish will be conducting its annual fall spotlighting effort and needs volunteers to help document black-footed ferret numbers throughout the Aubrey Valley, just west of Seligman.

Volunteers Vital

"Volunteers have always played a vital role in this recovery effort," said Jeff Peabworth, wildlife program manager at the Game and Fish Kingman office. "We don't



Black-Footed Ferret

have the personnel available to fully staff these events, and the program's continued success depends on people's remaining involved."

Twice thought to be extinct, a small population of black-footed ferrets was discovered in 1981. A mere 18 were left when captive breeding efforts began in 1985. In

1996, Arizona's Aubrey Valley was selected as a reintroduction site.

On Sept. 26, reintroduction sites around the country will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the discovery of the last known population of black-footed ferrets while Arizona will also celebrate its 15th year as a re-introduction site.

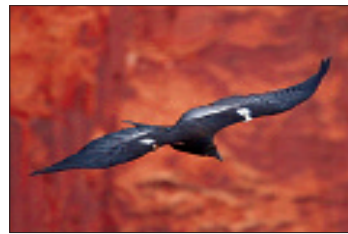
In just the last nine years in Arizona, black-footed ferrets in Aubrey Valley have reached a population high enough to be considered self-sustaining, meaning no captive-bred ferrets are released. In 2009, the ferret reintroduction crew documented 60 individual ferrets, followed by a record 96 in 2010.

Help From The Heritage Fund

The re-introduction of these specialist carnivores in Arizona was possible because of the state's Heritage Fund, which, when matched with federal dollars, accounts for the project's funding. This,

See **FERRET** on page 17

Come Witness The Release Of North America's Largest Flying Land Bird



California Condor

Three endangered California condors will be released to the wild in the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument in northern Arizona at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24. The public is welcome to observe the release from a viewing area where spotting scopes will be set up, and experts will be available to answer questions.

This will be the 17th public release of condors in Arizona since the recovery program began in 1996. Condors are hatched and reared in captivity at The Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey in

Idaho, Oregon Zoo, Los Angeles Zoo and San Diego Wild Animal Park and transported to Arizona for release to the wild.

70 Fly Free

Currently, 70 condors are flying free in the Grand Canyon region. The world's total population of California condors is 399, with 198 of them gracing the skies of Arizona, Utah, California and Mexico. Condors were reduced to just 22 individu-

See **LAND BIRD** on page 17

Tips For Reporting Wildlife Law Violations

While the role of the public in helping catch and prosecute wildlife violators is critical, caution should be taken at a potential crime scene. Arizona Game and Fish Department law enforcement officers want the public to know there are important

"should" and "should not's" in trying to assist in apprehending criminals.

"The desire of the public to help us catch violators is great. However, there are instances when those desires can actually hinder law enforcement efforts," said Ken Dinquel, Operation Game Thief (OGT) program manager.

Dinquel explained that those encountering violations sometimes inform the violator they will be calling the Operation Game Thief 24-hour hotline.

Contact OGT ASAP

"At that point the violator vacates the

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Outdoor Hall Of Fame Inductees Honored

From AZGFD

Five new inductees into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame were honored at the annual Wildlife for Tomorrow Outdoor Hall of Fame banquet on Aug. 27 in Scottsdale.

The "class of 2011" inductees are Joe Melton, Roger "Buck" Appleby (posthumously), Antonio "Tony" Perri (posthumously), the Arizona Antelope Foundation, and the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center volunteers. Brief profile informa-

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DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid-Sept.

BOATING

7TH ANNUAL BLUE WATER RESORT & CASINO 300 ENDURO: Oct. 29 — Parker; BlueWater Resort, (11222 Resort Rd. 85344), speed boat race, fifty six-mile laps will test the mettle and will power of the racers and their equipment, modeled after the original 1964 Parker Enduro, 10 a.m., 928-669-6511 or 310-318-4012 or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com> or <http://www.enduro300.com>

ASF SAILING CLASSES FOR KIDS: Begin early October — arizonayachtclub.org.

10TH ANNUAL HOT HEAD REGATTA: Oct. 8 — Tempe Town Lake Marina, (1 E. Gilbert Dr., 85281), watch rowing teams from all over the Southwest compete, food and fierce competition, free, <http://www.temperowersassociation.org/>

30TH ANNUAL JET SKI WORLD FINALS: Oct. 1-9 — Lake Havasu City; Crazy Horse Resort Aqua Stadium, competitors from more than 40 U.S. states and nearly 35 nations churn the waters to win a share of more than \$25,000 in prizes at the world's largest and most prestigious personal watercraft race, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., 928-453-3444 or 714-751-8695 or <http://www.ijbsa.com> or <http://www.golakehavasu.com>

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

23RD ANNUAL VERDE RIVER DAY: Sept. 24 — Cottonwood, Dead Horse Ranch State Park, develop awareness of the importance of the Verde River, 40+ environmental exhibits, hands-on activities, live entertainment, sand castle building, animals, canoe rides, nature hikes, American Civil War encampments, vintage trailer show, fish the lagoon no license needed and poles, bait and tackle provided, nature walks, \$6 per vehicle/4 adults, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 928-634-7593 or <http://www.azstateparks.com>

CLASSES/SEMINARS

USCG-APPROVED CAPTAIN'S COURSE: Oct. 17-28 — The Maritime Institute of San Diego and the Lake Havasu Marine Association; at Lake Havasu City; for more information or to sign up to attend the course, call the Maritime Institute at 1-888-262-8020.

COMMUNITY

127TH ANNUAL ARIZONA STATE FAIR: Oct. 14-Nov. 6 — Phoenix; family entertainment, animals, food, rides, top-notch concerts, exhibits, motorized events,

rodeo & more, Tues-Sun, new attractions, new rides, \$5-10, <http://www.azstatefair.com>

REDEDICATION OF THE LONDON BRIDGE — 40TH ANNIVERSARY: Oct. 14 — Lake Havasu City; under the London Bridge, please join the community in celebrating the historic re-dedication of the London Bridge, free, 5 pm, 928-453-3444 or <http://www.golakehavasu.com>

TEMPE TOWN LAKE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OPENS: Sept. TBA — Information about this process is being updated at www.tempe.gov/lake; visit millavenue.com for details on the upcoming bridge opening.

FISHING

CATFISH STOCKINGS/URBAN WATERS: Sept. 19-24 — At all urban fishing waters.

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

[DESTINATIONS]

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LAKE HAVASU CLASSIC NATIONAL BASS WEST CHAMPIONSHIP: Oct. 14 — Lake Havasu City; Windsor Beach, tournament hours are safe light to 3 p.m., complimentary BBQ during Saturday weigh-in, <http://www.nationalbasswest.com>

HUNTING

YOUNG HUNTERS WORKSHOP: Sept. 30-Oct. 2 — AZGFD, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Arizona Elk Society; (928) 367-4281.

APPLY EARLY FOR HUNTS DURING 'CORRECTION' PERIOD: Sept. 23 and Oct. 11 — www.azgfd.gov/draw.

BASIC HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS: Through Oct. 1 — Poston Jr. High auditorium, Mesa; This class is required for all persons 10 - 13 years old to hunt big game in Arizona. Students must be at least 9 years old by graduation to be certified. It also qualifies the graduate for a permanent bonus point. For further information contact Chief Instructor Mike Zaccardi, Mesa Hunter Education Instruc-

tor Association, at (480) 834-1791. Please do not call Poston Jr. High for details. See the statewide Arizona Game and Fish Hunter Education class schedule at: <http://www.azgfd.com>

SHOWS/EXPOS

LAKE HAVASU BOAT SHOW: April 20-22 — Lake Havasu City; www.lakehavasuboatshow.com

WATERSPORTS

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Frozen: **COYOTES CURLING LEAGUE:** Sept. 16-17: League registration is open for both the Friday and Saturday leagues that start 9/16 and 9/17! There is still room in both leagues but they are filling up fast. If you have your form ready to go but haven't sent it in, don't delay and send it to carlnelson@coyotescurling.com today!

Swimming: **5TH ANNUAL POWELL3 TRIATHLON:** Oct. 22 — Lake Powell Wahweap Marina, (86040), swim 1500 meters, bike 24 miles, run 6.2 miles or swim 750 meters, bike 12 miles, run 3.1 miles, USAT sanctioned, course covers a beautiful sand stone course with a great view of Lake Powell, \$90 early registration, 8 a.m. 801-355-4940 or <http://www.powell3.com>

ARIZONA OPEN WATER SWIM SERIES #4: Oct. 15 — Lake Pleasant Harbor Marina, 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), \$45-50, <http://www.dcbadventures.com>

6TH ANNUAL NATHAN'S TRIATHLON (DUATHLON): Sept. 25 — Tempe Town Lake, compete in either the Olympic, Sprint or Relay (Olympic AND Sprint) race, the fourth event in the Red Rock Co Arizona Triathlon Series, swim in the calm waters of Tempe Town Lake, followed by the best Olympic bike course in Tempe, and a run along the multi-use path around the lake, <http://redrockco.com>

WILDLIFE-RELATED

WITNESS RELEASE OF CALIFORNIA CONDORS: Sept. 24 — Vermillion Cliffs National Monument in northern Arizona; see story on page 14 of this issue.

COUNT BLACK-FOOTED FERRETS: Oct. 6-10 — A chance to be a part of wildlife conservation; e-mail azferret@azgfd.gov

6TH ANNUAL WOODLAND WILDLIFE FESTIVAL: Oct. 1 — Pinetop-Lakeside: the White Mountain Wildlife & Nature Center, (425 S. Woodland Rd.), fly fishing, star gazing, live wildlife, birding, hiking, nature tours, wildlife art & photography, free, 9 am - 4 pm, 928-358-3069 or <http://www.pinetoplakesidechamber.com> or <http://www.wmnature.org>

BUTTERFLY MAGIC: Oct. 10- April 29, 2012 — Tucson Botanical Garden; be transported on a global quest for the most beautiful, exotic and rare butterflies of the world, hundreds of live, tropical butterflies in this intimate exhibit, \$6.50-12, 9:30 am - 3 pm, <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/>

FALL OPEN HOUSE AT THE ARBORETUM: Oct. 1 — Flagstaff; (4001 S. Woody Mountain Rd. 86001), as part of the Festival of Science, focuses on the scientific research taking place at The Arboretum, tour the gardens, Live Birds of Prey, hands-on activities for the whole family, free, 9 am - 5 pm, 928-774-1442 or <http://www.thearb.org>

ANNUAL MARIPOSA MONARCA: Sept. 24- Nov. 3 — Desert Botanical Garden, Marshall Butterfly Pavilion, stroll through the butterfly habitat and be immersed among hundreds of colorful, fluttering monarchs, \$3.50 with paid Garden admission, 9:30 am - 5 pm, 480-941-1225 or <http://www.dbg.org>

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.

AUTUMN

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Here's a look at what's in store for those who venture to this desert oasis over the next two months:

AquaPalooza Concert And Festival: Sept. 17

Lake Havasu City becomes the center of boating when the AquaPalooza festival and concert comes to town on Sept. 17. This traveling on-the-water celebration of all things marine visits over 100 locations nationwide.

Headlining the entertainment at a family friendly country music concert is Grand Ole Opry star Craig Morgan, a mainstay on the charts with an impressive body of work that includes 14 Top Ten hits, including fan-favorites "Redneck Yacht Club," "Almost Home," "That's What I Love About Sunday," and "Tough."

Created by Sea Ray Boats, AquaPalooza is free and open to all boaters and

non-boaters (non-boaters be sure to bring a raft or inner tube). It's the world's largest boating event with fun activities for all ages, including a pro wakeboard show, Hyperlite wakeboard demos, new boat demos, poker run, kids' contests, barbeque, prizes, vendors, giveaways, and more.

Headquarters is the Nautical Beachfront Resort from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. AquaPalooza is sponsored locally by Sun Country Marine and KRFG Radio. (For more information: www.aquapalooza.com, www.nauticalinn.com)

Super Bowl Of "JetSkis": Oct. 1-9

The International Jet Sports Boating Association (IJSBA) World Finals, held here every year since 1982, is the focal point of personal watercraft (aka "JetSki") racing in the world.

Seven hundred competitors from over 40 countries race on closed, slalom, freestyle, endurance/offshore and drag racing courses in front of thousands of fans

lining the scenic Lake Havasu shoreline.

Personal watercraft racing is similar to motocross, but on a race course that constantly changes every lap, thanks to the churning wakes and waves created by as many as two dozen high-powered, jet-driven water rockets flying through the water and air.

Some of these finely tuned craft are capable of reaching speeds in excess of 70 miles per hour on the straightaways. Then, an instant later, they have to decelerate and negotiate an intricate maze of tight left and right hand turns around a buoyed course.

Sponsored by Quakysense, the event is headquartered at the Crazyhorse Campgrounds and Resort and is a brew of speed, sun, and water plus hundreds of tanned and well-trained athletes riding the fastest watercraft on the planet. (For more information: www.ijbsa.com).

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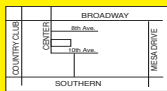
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BALD EAGLES

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tion in Arizona is extremely gratifying for all of the partners involved in intensely managing the species," said Kenneth Jacobson, Arizona Game and Fish Department bald eagle management coordinator. "The Southwest Bald Eagle Management Committee's years of cooperative conservation efforts, including extensive monitoring by the Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program, continue to pay off and help this riparian-dependent population grow in a desert environment."

Support Continues

Continued support from the committee and the Heritage Fund, generated from lottery ticket sales, will help ensure that Arizona's bald eagles continue breaking records.

Bald eagle management falls under the careful watch of the Arizona Game and Fish Department and a coalition of 24 other partners — through the Southwest Bald Eagle Management Committee — including government agencies, private organizations and Native American tribes.

Survived The Wallow Fire

The breeding season for bald eagles in Arizona typically runs from December through June, although a few bald eagle pairs at higher elevations nest later than those in the rest of the state.

This year, bald eagles nesting above the Mogollon Rim at Crescent and Luna lakes also faced the challenges of the Wallow Fire that threatened their nesting areas. Both nests succeeded in producing fledglings despite the fire.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department, a leading partner in recovery efforts for the species, attributes the success to cooperative on-the-ground management — including monitoring and survey flights — seasonal closures of critical breeding habitat during the breeding season, eagle rescue efforts, contaminants analysis, and a nest-watch program to protect breeding activities.

For more information on Arizona's bald eagles, visit www.azgfd.gov/baldeagle or www.swbmc.org.

TIPS

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scene before law enforcement personnel can arrive," Dinkel said. "A better approach is to avoid contact, leave the scene, and call the OGT hotline or submit information through the OGT Web site as soon as possible with details."

Dinkel added that license plate numbers, names (if known), vehicle descriptions, and GPS coordinates are all important pieces of information an officer can use.

Another common mistake is getting too close or examining a dead animal.

"Additional footprints, tire tracks, and general disturbance of the area make an investigation difficult, if not impossible," Dinkel explained. "If the death of a wild animal appears to be suspicious, people should assume a violation has occurred, contact OGT, and provide the location. Do not disturb the area around the site."

Stay Out Of Harm's Way

Individuals should also remember that confronting suspected violators in the backcountry could be dangerous.

"Approaching a violator is not the best course of action," Dinkel warned. "Allow trained law enforcement officers to handle

SAFETY

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along with the dedication of volunteers, has made Arizona's reintroduction effort a model for other sites to emulate.

Pebworth admitted that without the voter-approved initiative, which provides money through the Arizona Lottery, this effort would not have been possible.

"We're proud of what we've accomplished in Arizona," Pebworth said. "We're restoring an animal that was absent from the state for about 65 years. It's gratifying to know we've reached a point with this reintroduction where the population has continued to improve."

LAND BIRD

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als in the 1980s when a program was started to save the species from extinction.

Condors were first reintroduced in Arizona in 1996 and conservation efforts are funded in part by the Heritage Fund, a voter-passed initiative that provides funding for wildlife conservation with revenue from Arizona Lottery ticket sales.

FAME

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tion can be found at www.azgfd.gov/w_c/ArizonaOutdoorHallofFame.shtml.

Pictured accepting the awards in the photo accompanying this story are, left to right: Sherry Appleby (Buck's wife); Shane Stewart, president of the Arizona Antelope Foundation; Muriel Kremb, Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center volunteer; Steve Hirsch, president of Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation; Patricia (Tony Perri's daughter); and Joe Melton.

The Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame was established in 1998 by the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation to honor those who have made significant contributions to Arizona's wildlife, the welfare of its

such situations. Individuals should focus on being a good witness and never put themselves in harm's way."

Dinkel said information regarding potential criminal acts can also be obtained in a variety of other ways, including overhearing a poacher brag in a bar or restaurant.

"These types of reports, although not from the field, are also valuable," Dinkel said. "When you get enough pieces of information, you can complete the puzzle. But, again, do not inform the individual you will be filing a report."

Contact Information

Dinkel stressed the importance of using OGT as the only means for reporting potential violations. Confidentiality can't be offered when calling a regional office or headquarters.

Individuals witnessing or suspecting a violation should call OGT toll free, 24 hours a day at (800) 352-0700. Web submissions can be reported via the Internet by going to www.azgfd.gov/thief. Callers will remain anonymous. The OGT program may pay rewards for information leading to the arrest of a suspect in a case.

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Not An Easy Task

Spotlighting is not easy, and Pebworth acknowledges that volunteers earn the right to brag about their participation in the recovery of this animal.

Volunteers must be able to stay attentive from sunset to sunrise, be able to carry up to 30 pounds while backpack-spotlighting for two-hour durations, and they must be willing to learn how to use a Global Positioning System (GPS). Individuals can volunteer for one or more dates. A parent or guardian must accompany any youth under 18.

Those wishing to volunteer, or needing more information, should e-mail azferret@azgfd.gov by Sept. 30 with "October Spotlighting" in the subject line. Individ-

Recovery and reintroduction cooperators include The Peregrine Fund, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Directions To View

To view the condor release, drive north on Highway 89 out of Flagstaff. Turn left (west) onto Highway 89A toward Jacob

natural resources, and the state's outdoor heritage. Selections for induction are made each year by the board of directors of the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation from a list of nominations submitted.

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uals should indicate which night(s) they are available to help; include a first and last name, a contact number, and if anyone else will be attending with them.

Additional Information

Additional information will be sent following contact, including meeting location and times.

Volunteers should also note any of the following equipment they can bring: GPS, clipboard, backpack (to carry a 30-pound battery), headlamp, pen, compass, binoculars, walkie-talkies, 4x4 vehicle (please list passenger capacity), compass, spotlight (that can plug into a cigarette lighter), or a cordless rechargeable spotlight.

It can be cool during the October event, so individuals need to dress appropriately.

Lake and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Drive about 40 miles past Marble Canyon until you turn right onto House Rock Valley Road (BLM Road 1065). Travel about three miles to a shaded viewing area on the right. On top of the cliffs to your east will be the location where the condors are released.

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However, due to popular demand and growing interest, the news magazine ex-



panded its coverage to include not only boating and watersports, but also camping, fishing, hunting, RVing, and wildlife — as well as articles on safely and responsibly using our outdoor resources.

With this expanded coverage, the publisher and editor felt that the name of the newspaper needed to reflect the growth into new and varied content.

Therefore, advertisers, readers, and contributors will now see *Western Outdoor Times* at the top of the paper's banner. Underneath that main title, *Arizona Boating & Watersports* will continue to appear, thus reflecting the original branding of the

paper.

It is the hope of the staff of *Western Outdoor Times/Arizona Boating & Watersports* that the publication will continue to enjoy its significant role in the lives of outdoor enthusiasts.

Further information is available by contacting Jim Allen, publisher, at (480) 947-6219 or jim@azbw.com. The AZBW/WOT Web site is www.azbw.com.



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Those members appointed to represent the public interests are Pam Dillon, Joseph Connolly II and Bob Sweet (USPS).

Plans For The Panel's Work Ahead

The panel will review, develop and revise the National Boating Education Standards using open, consensus-based procedures that conform to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) essential requirements for due process.

To ensure an effective transition into this mode of standards-development work, panel appointees will be trained on ANSI-based procedures that involve, among other requirements, the panel's prompt consideration of different views and objections, consensus balloting, a public review of standards drafts, and the opportunity for procedural appeals.

The seated panel will review the National Boating Education Standards on a five-year basis beginning in 2011, with the most currently approved version of the standards forming the basis for the first review. An initial "call for proposed revisions" to the standards will be announced after the panel organizes its work, with instructions for submissions to the call, the standards document up for review, and

other resource items made available on the NASBLA Web site.

Huntsman Comments

When asked about the appointment, Huntsman said, "I think this is a great opportunity to help shape the future of boating-safety education because this group will be making decisions as to just what boaters will be learning in the classroom. It's important that the western states, and Arizona in particular, have a seat at the table."

To learn more about the Education Standards Panel, its Rules, and the appointees, please visit <http://www.nasbla.org>.

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Editor's Note: We at AZBW/WOT congratulate Ed Huntsman on this important appointment. He has been an instrumental part of boating-safety awareness in the Southwest and the NASBLA panel will benefit greatly from his experience and participation.

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