



## DOWNSTREAM™

# Events Calendar, Beginning March-April 2009

## BEYOND ARIZONA

**45TH CONGRESSIONAL CUP:** March 24-28 — Long Beach Yacht Club

**38TH ANNUAL DANA POINT HARBOR FESTIVAL OF WHALES/OCEAN AWARENESS DAY:** March 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. — At Baby Beach; Mark Lukas: (714) 501-4074

**DAY AT THE DOCKS:** April 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. — It's all about San Diego sport-fishing; at the sportfishing landings in Point Loma: entertainment, seminars, kids' activities, expo, displays, vendors, great food and more!

## BOATING

**L.A. MARITIME INSTITUTE FEATURED AT AYC:** April 14, 7 p.m. — Rolling Hills Golf Course, 19th Tee.

**6TH ANNUAL ARIZONA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL:** March 28-29, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. — Tempe Town Lake; www.azdba.com

**WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIPS:** Through June 1 — Upper Salt River, the Hwy. 6- Bridge between Globe and Show Low; one- to five-day world-class white-water rafting; www.azroa.org.

**START SAILING RIGHT CLASSES:** ongoing — ASF class information at www.arizonayachtclub.org; click on "education"

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

**PORTSMOUTH (SMALL BOATS) SAILING:** Nearly every Saturday, 2 p.m. — Tempe Town Lake; check the AYC Web site calendar

**US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING:** Ongoing — To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by vis-

iting [www.ussailing.org/training](http://www.ussailing.org/training) and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

**SAFETY TIPS FOR BOATERS:** Ongoing — Visit <http://www.BoatUS.com/news/releases.asp> before you go.

**ARIZONA SAFE BOATING CELEBRATION:** May 22, 7 a.m.-12 p.m. — Lake Pleasant Regional Park; (602) 372-7460, ext. 200

## CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**MAGGIE LEEF WORKSHOPS AT BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM STATE PARK:** March 28, 29 — Photography class, petroglyphs walk; phone (520) 689-2723 to register.

**PLEIN AIR ARTIST "PAINT OUTS":** March 21, noon-4 p.m. — Lost Dutchman State Park (602) 542-4174

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

**FEATURED ARTIST:** throughout March — Bud Heiss; Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park

**CIVIL WAR BATTLES RE-ENACTMENTS:** March 14, 15 — Picacho Peak State Park; www.azstateparks.com

**ARIZONA ARCHAEOLOGY AND HERITAGE AWARENESS MONTH:** throughout March — www.azstateparks.com

## CLASSES/SEMINARS

**AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES:** Ongoing — See page 3 of each issue of *Arizona Boating & Watersports*

## COMMUNITY

**60TH COCONINO COUNTY FAIR:**

Sept. 4-7 — The Vendor Application is available on Coconino County Parks & Recreation's Web site [www.coconino.az.gov/parks.aspx](http://www.coconino.az.gov/parks.aspx) or call (928) 679-8000 to request a packet. For more information, please contact Regina Salas Szal at (928) 679-8027, (928) 607-0219 [rszal@coconino.az.gov](mailto:rszal@coconino.az.gov)

**NO-KILL SHELTER NEEDS HELP:** <http://animalsbenefitclub.com/index2.htm>

**CHENGDU, CHINA RELIEF:** Ongoing — City of Phoenix Sister Cities has set up an account with Wells Fargo bank branches for tax-deductible donations to the "Chegdu Earthquake Relief Fund"; Phoenix and Chegdu have been Sister Cities for over 20 years; (602) 534-3751

**COAR SUPPORTS REFUGEES:** ongoing — These people from Burma, Burundi, Iraq, Iran and Eritrea are invited by the federal government to rebuild their lives in the United States. Become a Volunteer Anchor, working in pairs to practice English, visit local sites of interest, exchange ideas. Apply Online at [www.coarweb.org](http://www.coarweb.org); more information, [vpatki@coarweb.org](mailto:vpatki@coarweb.org)

**RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS:** Ongoing — Heather L. James-Davis; [www.azanimalassistance.com](http://www.azanimalassistance.com)

## FISHING

**MONTEREY BASS TOURNEY:** March 21 — Lake Havasu State Park; [www.azstateparks.com](http://www.azstateparks.com)

**BIG BASS DAYS:** March 28-29 — Lake Pleasant

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

**SRT BASS PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETINGS:** Ongoing — Shake, Rattle & Troll BASS Club; volunteers needed; new members (boaters and non-boaters), families, children, friends are welcome; (623) 221-7655

## HUNTING

For information on hunting seasons, please see the "Game Bag: Write On Target" in the B section of AZBW.

## SHOWS/EXPOS

**AZGFD OUTDOOR EXPO:** March 28-29 — Ben Avery Shooting Range

**INTERNATIONAL BOATING AND WATER SAFETY SUMMIT:** April 19-22 -- Marriott Bay Point, Panama City, Fla.; <http://events.linkedin.com/International-Boating-Water-Safety/pub/46258>

**MAATS AND ICAST:** July 16-18

## WATERSPORTS

**Swimming**  
**USAT COLLEGIATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TRIATHLON & LAKE HAVASU TRIATHLON:** March 21 — Includes 1500-meter swim; Lake Havasu City; [www.tucsonracing.com](http://www.tucsonracing.com)

**Diving:**  
**SCUBA ADVENTURE DAY:** May 2, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. — Lake Pleasant Regional Park; divers and non-divers welcome; latest dive equipment, gear, and info; drawings for trips and prizes; PADI certified invited to join Underwater Treasure Hunt; free with park admission.

**LEARN TO SCUBA DIVE:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-10 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. — (480) 507-3988

**Wakeboarding:**  
(Contact for all events: [theawa@gmail.com](mailto:theawa@gmail.com))

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## BARTLETT

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another line before retrieving it from the water.

### Enter Bartlett's Boat Club

However, that does not have to be the case. Enter Bartlett Lake's Boat Club. In rapidly growing numbers, Arizonans are embracing the concept of boat clubs. It's a simple idea, really — club members buy in with a membership fee and then pay dues monthly. Their return is huge: unlimited access to their club's local fleet.

They come to their local marina, and the boat of their choice is ready for them to enjoy. Aside from their dues, the only other cost to members is their fuel (and, for a reduced cost at Bartlett Lake Marina). There are no slip fees, and the boat club handles maintenance, insurance, repairs, and all the little details that are part of boat ownership.

In other words, a carefully thought-out program has made it possible for all of us to enjoy boating without the hassles and expense of ownership.

An addendum to all of this is the fact that, according to some NMMA research, boat owners on average use their craft only 15 times a year. Other ways have been thought out to reduce the cost of actual boat ownership — for example, timeshares or fractional ownership — but with either, an ownership interest still exists, and that includes the attendant pressures and responsibilities.

### May Purchase Later

Importantly, the idea of boat clubs' hurting boat sales is dismissed by company executives and franchise owners who say that those who want to own their own boats will still do so. And, having had the experience of the boat clubs and developing a passion for boats may move some to purchase their own later.

Talking with Bryan and Eric Church at Bartlett Lake, we were very impressed with the details of the Boat Club as well as the fleet of craft available for members.

Membership in the Boat Club is filling fast! At this time, applications are being received in person only — reserve your space today by calling to speak with a club representative.

In any case, if you are interested in learning more about the Bartlett Lake Boat Club, e-mail Bryan Church at [bryan@bartlett-lake.com](mailto:bryan@bartlett-lake.com). He, his brother Eric, or another staff member can set up an appointment for you to tour the marina facilities and inspect their fleet of brand new boats.

### To Summarize, The Boat Club Offers —

- The boat of your choice — when you want it
- Skis, vests, tubes, water skis, boards, and toys for members and guests— all included
- Personalized, on-board instruction in boat handling and safety, including for beginners
- Unlimited use for you and your guests
- Slip rental and boat cleaning

- Boat licensing
- Insurance, maintenance and repairs

### And, You Can Say "Goodbye" To —

- Launch ramp hassles and long wait lines
- Towing and transport nightmares
- Constant repairs, maintenance and cleaning
- Licensing and insurance expenses

### A Bargain At Any Price

Bartlett Lake Boat Club members save an average of \$5,000 per year: Gold Membership: one-time fee, \$995; monthly dues

\$265 and Platinum Membership: one time fee, \$1,395; monthly dues \$315.

### And Now, To The Fleet

Whether it's fishing, skiing or pure leisure you're after, the BLM Boat Club has the boat for you — stored, maintained, insured, and equipped. We were impressed by the variety and quality of the boats just waiting for you. Some of them are inserted into this article.

Come to Bartlett. Experience the beauty, do some fishing (the crappie are waiting!), and while you're there — check out the Boat Club!

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How do I sign up?

Registration forms are available at the Bartlett Lake Marina. Call (480) 221-5737 for more information or to schedule an appointment for a club tour.

### How do I reserve a boat?

Simply call the reservation line at (480) 221-5737, and we will schedule the craft for you! Reservations can be made up to 30 days in advance.

### Is there a charge for canceling a reservation?

No. The boats are here to be used at YOUR convenience.

### How much does club membership cost?

Less than the average cost of owning a boat!

### Who cleans and maintains the boats?

Club boats are maintained and repaired by certified marine mechanics. Additionally, each vessel is thoroughly cleaned prior to your reservation.

### Is equipment included?

Yes! Skis, vests, tubes, wakeboards, and kneeboards are available for your use.

### How do I reserve equipment?

Equipment can be requested at the time of the boat reservation or anytime up to 24

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