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## Southwest's Spring Filled With Sensational Events



ON THE COVER

### Boats Play A Big Role

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

First, thanks to news@martinflo-ry.com for the cover photo. (A story on page XX of this issue gives more details about the picture.) Second, from kayaks to high-performance boats to fishing craft — and more — spring shows in the Southwest are starring all kinds of watercraft.

Expos and boat shows and festivals are all on the calendar, and although boats are not the single feature of all, they certainly take center stage in the majority of them.

It's time to get outdoors in the Southwest and enjoy whatever venue is your favorite on land or on the water. And, please, enjoy responsibly and safely.

## Come On Out To The AZGFD Outdoor Expo March 24-25

FROM AZGFD

The largest hands-on outdoor recreation expo in Arizona is coming soon!

Dates are set for the Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo presented by Shikar Safari Club International. Come out Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25 to the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix. Admission and parking are free!

### A Big Change This Year

See video of a past Expo. One big change this year is we're expanding the size of our amAZING wildlife tent, which has been a huge attraction the past couple of years.

You'll have the opportunity to see live "ambassador animals" from the department's Wildlife Center and learn fun facts. As always, there will be plenty of hands-on fun for all ages like kids fishing tanks, target archery

and other shooting sports in a safe, supervised, controlled environment on the range.

### Get A Feel For Shooting Disciplines

Get a feel for specialty shooting disciplines like clay target, cowboy action, practical pistol, black powder, and air gun. Check out the many firearms manufacturers, includ-

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## Number 27 Sets The Bar Really High

"Our 2017 Lake Havasu Boat Show was a record setter, largest in our history with over 140 exhibitors and more than 9,000 attending visitors. We've set the bar really high, but we're looking forward to an even better show this year, April 6-8, 2018 at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor

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**HAVASU'S COOLEST CLASSIC HOT BOAT** — Which one will be the "Best of the Best"? This is a "Show & Shine" of the most outrageous and exotic "classic restored flatbottoms and hydros" in the West.



## The Always-Popular ISE Show Returns To Scottsdale

WWW.SPORTSEXPOS.COM

Arizona's largest boat, outdoor gear, RV, four-wheeler and travel show returns to WestWorld of Scottsdale. There are free activity areas, including a watersports-event pond, a new DockDogs pond and contest, Wilderness Camp, Outdoor Product Showcase, Offroad Test Track, giant bass-demonstration tank and much more.

### Billed As 'The Latest'

- New: DockDogs pond and contest
- New: Wilderness Camp
- New: Adventure Theater seminars on Adventure Vehicles--What and Where, hosted by Overland Portal; Fitness for

Greater Hunting Success with Kenton Clairmont of Train to Hunt; and "So, You Didn't Get that Tag--Now What?"

- New: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Great Elk Tour
- New: Eastmans' Trophy Deer Tour

### Billed As 'The Greatest'

- Offroad Test Track
- Watersports Pond—wakeboarding, kayaking, Stand-Up Paddleboard
- Aquarium Demonstration Tank
- Fly-Casting Pond
- RMEF Adventure Theater
- Outdoor Product Showcase
- Arizona Taxidermy Association State Championship

- 3D Pop-Up Archery Range/Contest—Western Finals!

### Details

- Scottsdale, Arizona
- March 22-25, 2018
- WestWorld of Scottsdale: 16601 N Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260
- Hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday — 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday — 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Tickets: Adult Admission - \$12.00, Youth 15 and under - Free!
- Parking: West World, \$5.00 per car
- Notes: No pets, weapons, firearms, or ammunition

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### Boating

#### The Dragons Are Coming

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### Tackle & Target

#### SHOT Shows Off 'Cool' Concealing

Just back from the SHOT show, the Andersons share news about some 'hot' cool concealed-carry items for women/Page 9





We are grateful to all of our veterans: Air Force, Army/National Guard, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy. Even though we often – and almost automatically – say the words, “Thank you for your service”, they are truly an expression of sincere gratitude and meant for all of you who guard us here and abroad.

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## DOWNSTREAM: March 2018 Events Calendar

### BOATING

**3-4 PARKER:** 33rd Anniversary Parker International Marathon IWSRA Ski Races – Blue Water Casino, water ski racing, marathon events range between 35 to 65 miles in length with a Mini Marathon running approximately 25 miles. 928 669-6511 or <http://www.nwsra.net/>

**24 PARKER:** SCSC Spring Power Boat Classic – Blue Water Resort & Casino. GN boats, tunnel boats, mini boats compete for points & cash prizes. 7 am - 7 pm. <http://www.scsracing.com/>

**4/7 LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK: Paddlefest 2018;** It is a great time for everyone to come out to Lake Pleasant Regional Park and try different forms of paddle craft (sit on top, touring, sea and Hobie pedal kayaks, outriggers, rafts, white water kayaks, canoes and stand up paddle boards)! You can bring your own paddle craft too. (See story on page 1.)

### CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**1 WILLCOX:** Full Moon Walks - Chiricahua National Monument. Join a ranger for a half-mile walk around the Massai Point Nature Trail under the full moon. Come discover how to be comfortable under the full moon, using all your senses, and see the similarities between humans and nocturnal animals. While humans primarily rely on sight, our other senses are just as useful, especially when exploring at night. Limited to 20, must pre-register. 8 pm. 520-824-3560 x9302

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### OUTDOOR EVENTS

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

### CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

### COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

**8-10 PARKER:** La Paz County Fair – See



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY | MARCH 17

What the Buzz is All About - 4-H exhibits, numerous rides, motorcross race, food, beer garden, fine arts, 4H projects, petting zoo and much more. \$8-25. 928-669-8100 <http://parkerareatourism.com> or <http://www.lapazcountyfair.org>

**8-11 SCOTTSDALE:** 65th Annual Parade Del Sol Rodeo - WestWorld. Rodeos, major dances, concerts, live country western music, and children's activities. Friday & Saturday 1 & 7 pm, Sunday 2 pm. 480-990-3179 or <http://www.paradadelsol.org>

**10 MESA:** 35th Annual Arizona Archaeology Expo – Arizona Museum of Natural History. The Expo offers attractions for history and archaeology buffs, family friendly, including archaeology activities, craft, culture and history demonstrations, booths by museums, Native American tribes and others, tours of archaeological sites, interactive activities, educational events, talks by archaeologists. Free. 10 am - 4 pm. <http://AZStateParks.com/Archy>

**17 PHOENIX:** 35th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade & Irish Family Faire - 3rd Street Virginia to Margaret T. Hance Park. parade at 10 am with pipe bands, marching bands, floats, Irish step dancers, Faire follows parade until 6 pm. \$10, 3 stages of Irish music and dancers, crafts, genealogy, Irish clubs, kids area, 602-280-9221 or <http://stpatriks-dayphoenix.org>

**23-25 TEMPE:** 41st Annual Tempe Spring Festival of the Arts – Downtown Tempe. Among the top 20 art festivals in the nation, 400+ national artists & craftspeople, traditional & ethnic foods, continuous entertainment on multiple stages, street fair atmosphere with street performers, hands-on activities for children. Free. 10 am – 6 pm. 480-921-2300 or <http://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com>

**23-25 TEMPE:** Get ready for the first ever Innings Festival, a Spring Training celebration in Tempe. This three-day festival will feature performances from Chris Stapleton, Queens of the Stone Age, The Avett Brothers, Counting Crows, Young The Giant, The Head and the Heart and more, as well as a curated food court, culinary demos and appearances by your favorite baseball players. To buy tickets, see the full lineup and get more info, visit [inningsfestival.com](http://inningsfestival.com).

**Through 4/1 GOLD CANYON:** 30th Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival – A medieval amusement park, a 13-stage theater, a 30-acre circus, an arts & crafts fair, a jousting tournament and a feast- all rolled into one non-stop, day-long family adventure. \$14-24, Sat-Sun & President's Day. 10 am - 6 pm rain or shine. 520-463-2600 or <http://www.royalfaires.com/arizona/>

**4/14 LAKE PLEASANT:** Lanterns at the Lake; [www.pleasantharbor.com](http://www.pleasantharbor.com)

### EXPOS/SHOWS

**3/22-3/25 SCOTTSDALE'S WEST WORLD:** International Sportsmen's Exposition and Arizona Boat Show® (ISE) — See story on page 1.

**24-25 PHOENIX:** Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoor Expo – Ben Avery Shooting Facility. Hands-on activities, demonstrations and exhibits on hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, archery, off-highway vehicle (OHV) and watercraft recreation, conservation and wildlife education, camping and other outdoor elements. Free. Sat 9 am – 5 pm, Sun 9 am - 4 pm. 602-942-3000 or <http://www.azgfd.gov/expo> (See story on page 1.)

**4/-6-4/8 LAKE HAVASU BOAT SHOW:** See story on page 1; [www.lakehavasu-boatshow.com](http://www.lakehavasu-boatshow.com)

### FISHING

**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

### SHOOTING SPORTS/ARCHERY

**BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER:** Ongoing — Open seven days a week; (623) 434-8119

### WATERSPORTS

**SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS:** Ongoing — Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake; [sales@saguarosports.com](mailto:sales@saguarosports.com)

**Frozen LEARN TO CURL LESSONS:** Ongoing — [learntocurl@coyotescurling.com](mailto:learntocurl@coyotescurling.com)

**8-11 PHOENIX:** Cirque du Soleil Crystal – Talking Stick Resort Arena. Crystal is the 42nd production from Cirque du Soleil and first-ever experience on ice. World-class ice

skaters and acrobats take their new frozen playground by storm with speed and fluidity as they challenge the laws of gravity with a flurry of unexpected acrobatics. A new kind of performance as Cirque du Soleil meets the ice. <http://www.cirquedusoleil.com/crystal>

### WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

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**3-4 AVONDALE:** Tres Rios Nature Festival – Meridian Wildlife Area. Celebrate the natural history and heritage of the valley, discover watchable wildlife opportunities, canoe trips looking for wildlife & birds, tours of historic areas, children's area with hands-on crafts, live animals, storytelling. Free. 10 am - 4 pm. 623-333-2400 or <http://www.tresriosnaturefestival.com>

**3-11 SCOTTSDALE:** Arizona Sun Country Circuit Quarter Horse Show – WestWorld. One of the top ten American Quarter Horse shows in the nation, this circuit is full of six shows including three youth shows, all events are offered in English & Western jumping, more than 36 states, Canada, Germany and England compete, competition for more than \$200,000 in awards & prize money, vendors for shopping. Free. 8 am - 6 pm. 623-419-6318 or <http://www.suncircuit.com>

**Through 4/30 PHOENIX:** Dinosaurs in the Desert – Phoenix Zoo. 23 prehistoric creatures stand along the Zoo's Desert Lives Trail. The self-guided tour includes animatronic dinosaur structures which move and make various sounds including the infamous roar of the tyrannosaurus rex. A fossil dig and a photo op with a pachyrhino are also available. Educational signage and guides highlight size and interesting facts. <http://www.phoenixzoo.org/event-items/dinosaurs-in-the-desert/>.

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# Our waterways are ready, but are you?

## Free courses offered by the Arizona Game and Fish Department:

### Boater Education Course

- March 17 in Phoenix
- March 17 in Lake Havasu City
- April 21 in Phoenix
- April 21 in Lake Havasu City

### Paddlesports Education Course

- March 10 in Lake Havasu City
- March 10 in Phoenix
- March 17 at Lake Pleasant
- April 14 at Lake Pleasant
- April 14 in Lake Havasu City

Sign up online and get the details at [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating) or give us a call: 623-236-7258

## Ready to hit the water?

Boating season will be here before we know it, and many Arizonans are getting eager to pull their watercraft from storage to start preparing for sunny days out on the water. Be prepared by inspecting your boat or personal watercraft's:

1

Fuel system

2

Belts, cables and hoses

3

Electric system

4

Fluid levels

5

Propellers and hulls

6

Safety gear



## Register Your Watercraft

Make sure your vessel's registration is current before heading out on the water! Skip the line and renew your watercraft registration online at [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating)

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5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086  
602-942-3000 | [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov)



# Boating

**PADDLE FEST 2018**

## Come On Out For A 'Pleasant Paddle'

What is Paddle Fest you ask? It is a great time for everyone to come out to Lake Pleasant Regional Park and try different forms of paddle craft (sit on top, touring, sea and Hobie pedal kayaks, outriggers, rafts, white water kayaks, canoes and stand up paddle boards!) You can bring your own paddle craft too.

The event also offers an array of fun activities, free-to-use demo water craft (in a designated cove), and live music — all on Saturday, April 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Who can attend?** Anyone, so bring your family and friends! Life-vests are provided and required for water recreation participation. Bring your water clothes and plan on getting wet!

**What is the cost?** Only the \$6 per vehicle and \$2 paddle craft (if bringing your own) park entry fee that includes the event to try out demo watercraft in the



cove and to join the fun activities. There is a half-hour limit on trying each paddle craft.

**'Waterproof':** Make sure to wear a swim suit or clothes you can get wet.

Bring a life vest if you have one; if not, the event will provide loaner life vest for people on the water. Don't forget your water, sunscreen, hat, sun glasses, money for food, and shoes you can get wet.

**Bring your family and friends** for a fun time trying out all sorts of fun paddle craft. Follow the "Paddle Fest" signs once close to Lake Pleasant Regional Park.

**Location:** Off Hwy 74 (Carefree Hwy) at MP 19, follow signs from the main entrance off Castle Hot Springs Road to the north entrance of Lake Pleasant to Fireman's Cove.

**If you plan to camp,** please arrive early on Friday, space is limited. Fireman's Cove is located just inside the north entrance to Lake Pleasant Regional Park.



**2018 FESTIVAL**

## The Dragons Are Coming To Tempe

2018 marks the **Arizona Dragon Boat Association's** 15th annual dragon boat festival. Join us on Saturday and Sunday, **March 24 and 25** for two days of exciting dragon-boat competition with teams from all over the United States and beyond.

Festivities start at 8 a.m. each day on the north shore of **Tempe Town Lake** in Tempe, Ariz.

Over the years, we've welcomed hundreds of teams and thousands of paddlers and spectators from all over the world, who come to experience a tradition of over 2000 years.

### Team Information

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## ARIZONA'S LARGEST BOAT SHOW

# 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Lake Havasu Boat Show



**APRIL 6-8, 2018 LAKE HAVASU STATE PARK, WINDSOR 4**

**OVER 150 EXHIBITORS  
 MORE THAN 9,000 ATTENDING!**

Show Hours (rain or shine) Friday noon-6pm, Saturday 9am-6pm, Sunday 9am-3pm • Admission: \$8.00 adults, kids 6 & under free. Parking is Free!

**MORE INFO: LAKEHAVASUBOATSHOW.COM**

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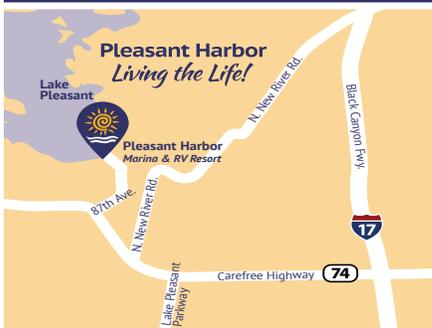
# Lanterns at the Lake

April 14, 2018



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# Boating

## NEW PRODUCTS

### Golden Decks Lifts Make Docking Like Parking A Car

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Whether it's a PWC, or sterndrive, outboard or inboard vessel up to 240,000 lbs., Golden Deck Lifts are simple to use. The boat is maneuvered between the guideposts, over the submerged grated deck. With the touch of a button, the platform is raised. As it comes up, custom-fitted aluminum bunks perfectly nestle and support the hull.

In the raised position, the Golden Deck Lift deck platform is completely stable and flush with its land-based surroundings. Smaller boats can be stepped into and out of, while larger vessels typi-



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## A Storm Is Coming To Havasu

Desert Storm 2018 is set for Wednesday through Sunday, April 19-22 at the London Bridge Resort, Lake Havasu, Ariz.

### 'Best In The West'

This name wasn't given to us for no reason! Some would say that its because it is the only one of its kind in the West and that in itself is an accomplishment. However, we are always changing and striving to be the best by listening to our participants, sponsors, and spectators.

### Reliability And Consistency

The Nichols family has been in the poker run business for 17 years and in the same great location: Lake Havasu, Ariz. As we all know, the boating industry is a close family of boaters. The Desert and Monster Storm Poker Runs are not going anywhere. The Poker Runs that were once small have grown to be large and more and more people want to be in on the action.

### So Much To See And Do

There is so much to do at our events. If you simply want to volunteer your time, or boat, we have the perfect spot for you. At Krusin' For Kids, our generous sponsors, participants and staff help to make special-needs children and adult's dreams come true with a speed boat ride on the lake.

The Street Party draws thousands of spectators, manufacturers, and participants. The Poker Run reaches an average of 160 participants, with spectators patiently watching. The shootout is becoming more and more popular among the participants and spectators as well; many are anxious to see who are the king and queen of the shootout.

### Safety Commitment

Our commitment to water safety is very important. We intend to provide the best show possible. However, at the end of the day, the show is nothing if there are injuries, incidents or accidents. We have several informative avenues to let the spectators know when and where to be for the best possible views, but also to be in a safe position.

### New Owners, New Plans

As new owners of the Desert Storm Poker Run / Shootout and Monster Storm, Jimmy and ChristinA have every intention to keep the foundation of the two events. They plan to add and remove some of the activities to re-engage the participants, sponsors and spectators. There are big plans on the horizon for these two pertaining to the event. Follow their [www.instagram.com/StormPokerRuns](http://www.instagram.com/StormPokerRuns) and [www.facebook.com/StormPokerRuns](http://www.facebook.com/StormPokerRuns) pages and join the *Storm Newsletter* to get up-to-date information and announcements.

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# Boating

## Slide Anchor Joins Fight To Prevent Spread Of Aquatic Invasive Species

*It's all about the message — 'Clean, Drain and Dry'.*

The effort to prevent the spread of quagga mussels throughout fresh water lakes and rivers in the western United States has been ongoing since 2007 when the harmful mollusks were initially discovered in Lake Mead and specific portions of the Colorado River including Lake Havasu.

Although numerous containment strategies have been employed by various local, state and federal agencies during the past ten years, quaggas have proven to be a stubborn and virtually unstoppable adversary, infecting a growing number of lakes and rivers across western states.

### Private Industry Joins The Fight

Now, private industry has joined the fight and taken up the challenge. Slide Anchor, manufacturer of their patented and popular "box anchor", has committed itself to the aquatic invasive species fight. Dvorak coined the original term "box anchor" more than two decades ago to describe the unique rectangular configuration of his anchor which makes it different and more effective than conventional-shaped anchors.

### Mussels Cause Havoc

"As a Lake Havasu City-based business focused on the boating industry, I've been aware of the growing problem presented by the spread of quagga mussels," remarked Ryan Dvorak, founder and president of Slide Anchor. "Because they multiply so quickly once introduced into a water body, quagga mussels soon dominate an ecosystem, causing potential havoc for all living organisms."

"And just as critical is the costly damage that quagga mussels do to vital infrastructure like water treatment plants, dams, aqueducts, marinas and irrigation systems by clogging intakes and drains."

### Anchors Become Suspect

It wasn't until early spring of 2017 that anchors became a central issue in preventing quagga mussels from unknowingly being transported by trailer boats to other fresh water bodies via anchor contamination. In data prepared by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, it was learned that an overwhelming percentage

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Jim Salscheider

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
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| Arizona Boat Top                    | Lake Powell Resorts & Marina |
| AZ Boating & Watersports Magazine   | Pleasant Harbor Boat Club    |
| Bartlett Lake Marina                | Riverbound Sports            |
| Bas s Pro Shops/Tracker Boat Center | SC Wake SeaDek               |
| Boulder Boats                       | Swim Platforms               |
| Cabela's                            | Valley Marine                |
| Century Marine                      | Volt Surf                    |
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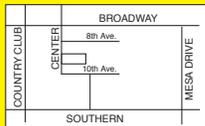
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BY MARGIE ANDERSON

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The first time we fished with Marc must have been nearly thirty years ago! Marc has been fishing Arizona's lakes almost all his life, starting when he was just a kid going out with his dad. He's particularly good at structure fishing, and that makes him really good on our desert reservoirs where the fish like to hang out around rocks and humps.

#### How He Learned To Drop-Shot

Marc told us a funny story about how he learned to drop-shot. Many years ago, he was drawn with a Japanese angler at a tournament at Lake Havasu. The man spoke very little English, but he certainly knew enough to get Marc to stop the boat at a nothing spot in the middle of nowhere.

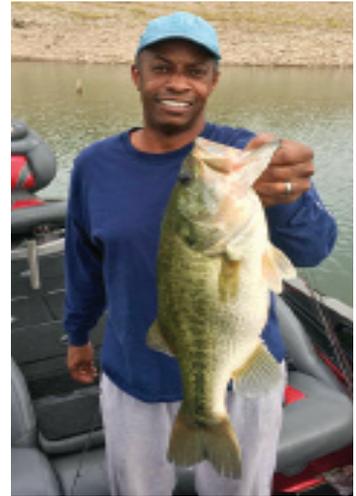
Marc says he had no idea why the man asked him to stop the boat, and he just watched in silence as the guy jumped up and quickly dropped a rig over the side. Within moments, he was reeling in a nice bass. When Townsend saw that, he jumped up, ready to fish.

"Only one, only one," insisted the Japanese angler as he dropped the fish in the livewell. Apparently that spot was only good for one fish a day, and the man insisted they go on. So go they did. But later that day, Marc took a good long look at the man's rig.

#### A Simple Rig

The rig was very simple. A drop-shot rig consists of a small hook with the weight below it. The beauty of this is that most fish feed up, so a drop-shot rig keeps the bait up off the bottom where the fish can see it. It makes the lure look more like it is suspended in the water, just like real prey. The weight can go anywhere from six inches to four feet below the hook.

Since the drop-shot is a finesse technique, most anglers agree that it should be fished on spinning gear with 8- to 10-pound-test maximum. Fluorocarbon



Marc Townsend

line is ideal because it virtually vanishes in the water, but any high-quality monofilament will do the trick too.

#### Quality Hooks Crucial

With this light line, quality hooks are crucial. The drop-shot hook needs to be strong but light. Most manufacturers make specialty drop-shot hooks now, so finding them is easy.

To fish a drop-shot rig, simply drop it to the bottom then reel up the slack. With the line taut, you just shake the rod tip gently to get the lure moving around. Keep the weight on the bottom, and watch your line. If it goes slack, set the hook.

You can even fish a drop-shot from shore. Cast it out and let it fall until the line goes slack. Reel the line up taut and shake the rig in place for a bit before moving it a little and trying again.

#### Bass Love This Rig

Bass love the drop-shot rig and it snags a lot less than a split-shot rig. Any good tackle shop can get you set up with everything you need, but chances are you've already got stuff in your tackle box that you can use to cobble a drop-shot rig together. On those days when you've thrown a spinnerbait until your arm is sore without a bite, a drop-shot rig can save the day.

#### At Bartlett Lake

Townsend is also good with a big jig. At Bartlett he targets rock points, especially those with a good drop-off. He likes the 1-ounce football head jigs with Yamamoto Hula Grubs.

Fish these on a good jig rod with lots of backbone. Just drop or lob them out, let them hit bottom, then drag or hop them over the bottom, pulling gently when you feel yourself crawling over a rock. When the bait starts to fall down the other side of the rock, stick your rod out to keep the jig falling as close to the rock as you can get it. If you keep the line taut it will pendulum out, and may sail right over a fish's head, especially when they are holding tight to cover.

#### Tips From Marc

You just about have to be able to fish structure if you want to be a consistent bass fisherman in Arizona. These tips from Marc will help you get started.

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## CONCEALED CARRY OPTIONS FOR WOMEN

# Consider What You Will Be Wearing When Carrying

BY JOHN ANDERSON

According to the Crime Prevention Research Center, the number of concealed carry permits in the U.S. is surging, and that increase is led by women and blacks. Over 6 percent of the adults in America now have a concealed carry permit — over 8 percent outside of California and New York.

### Why Carry A Concealed Weapon?

These permit holders are very law-abiding citizens: In 2016, just 0.0092 percent of permit holders were charged or convicted of a felony. Why do people want to carry a concealed weapon? Almost every permit holder I've ever spoken to says it's to protect themselves or their loved ones from harm. Women are no different in this respect.

### The Methods Differ

The difference between men and women when it comes to concealed carry is not the reasons — it's the methods. Many men can get away with concealing even a full-sized pistol in their waistband, but that doesn't really work for most women. For starters, women often wear more form-fitting clothing, so a big pistol would be immediately apparent. Even an inside-the-waistband holster allows the butt of the pistol to be above the belt, and that can print big time on a woman. So what are some other options?



Concealed Carrie makes quality purses, totes, hobo bags, etc.

### Thoughts On Handbags

The first thing most women think of is a handbag or sling bag, but if you decide to carry a gun in your purse, you need to think very hard about how easy it is to get that purse away from you. If a purse snatcher runs up behind you and snags that bag off your shoulder, he is now an armed thief.

Also, you don't always have that bag in your immediate control. At restaurants, where do you put it? What about in the grocery store? Can your child get into it while your back is turned? At work, do you leave your purse at your desk when you go to the break room or the restroom? These are some of the questions you need to ask before choosing to carry in your handbag.

### There Are Many Options

Once you do decide to keep your gun in your purse, your options are almost limitless. Stores like Tombstone Tactical, Sportsman's Warehouse, Cabelas, and Bass Pro Shops all offer conceal-carry bags in a variety of sizes and colors. Margie has one we bought in Tombstone, Ariz., and she recently bought a great red leather tote from Concealed Carrie, a company that also has wallets.

### A Stay-Put Holster

When shopping for a bag to carry your gun, look for one with a holster that stays put. The one we got in Tombstone has a zippered compartment that is lined with



This Galco ankle holster keeps your gun securely retained with a snap that is easy to release and much quieter than Velcro. The strap that goes around the ankle adjusts to fit just about anyone.

Velcro, and has a holster covered with Velcro so the gun stays where you put it. You don't want to have to be rooting around when you need it.

### Access To The Gun

This particular bag gives you access to the gun from either end of the bag via zippers. If you keep the gun on one end and spare mags on the other, you'll want to identify the gun end of the bag somehow — hang a key chain or something from the strap loop on that side or something, so you always know which end to get into.

### What About Velcro?

Some bags have the gun pocket closed with Velcro. This can look more discreet because those zippers are a giveaway to anyone acquainted with carry purses, but you need to remember how loud Velcro is. If you're in a situation in a public place with a gunman holding a hostage and everyone frozen in terror, do you want to rip that Velcro open to get to your gun? These are all things to think about when choosing a carry bag.

### Pockets: A Plus

A woman who is almost always dressed in jeans and a t-shirt can carry a pocket pistol if she shops right. The key is to get jeans with deep enough pockets. A little pistol like a Ruger LPC is an ideal pocket pistol. It's a .380, but it can hold six in the magazine and one in the chamber, and if you keep it loaded with



This Blackhawk TekGrip pocket pistol holster is designed to stay securely in your pocket, cover the trigger, and break up the outline of your gun so it doesn't show through your pants. They can be bought in a variety of sizes to fit whatever gun you carry.



Lethal Lace holster, above, is designed to wrap around just about any part of your body and give you room to stash a variety of items in addition to your gun.

This Graystone tank, right, is an example of a shirt designed to keep your firearm on your side, under your arm. Some have removable and adjustable holster pockets that attach to a velcro patch under the arm. Most allow you to carry your gun on either side.

self-defense rounds, it makes a great concealed carry gun.

You can keep the gun in your pocket and the spare mags in your purse and you're set. There are lots of small pocket holsters on the market designed to break

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## Get Your Gear Ready; Kickoff Is April 25

Who will land a 50-pound yellowtail to break Harry Okuda's 49-pound, 11-ounce winner in 2017 and get their name on the Perpetual Derby Trophy? The one who does receives his or her weight in Ballast Point Beer, as measured on the "Scale of Ale".

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Invited to all the Yellowtail Derby events will be the past winners and past Miss Yellowtail Derby queens.

The kick-off party is on April 25 at the Bali Hai restaurant in Point Loma, San Diego, Calif.

For more information, contact the event organizer John Campbell at [johncinsd@gmail.com](mailto:johncinsd@gmail.com).

### ARIZONA STATE FISH RETURNS

## AZGFD To Resume Stocking Apache Trout

The Apache trout, one Arizona's two native trout, are returning to lakes and streams in the White Mountains by May. The Arizona Game and Fish Department is scheduled to stock around 55,000 Apache trout of a catchable size from its Silver Creek Hatchery from May through September.

Stockings could not occur in 2017 due to federal hatcheries' having tested positive for Bacteria Kidney Disease (BKD). The state relies on federal hatcheries to supply the eggs necessary to raise Apache trout.

### Eggs Expected

This year, AZGFD is expecting to receive about 200,000 Apache trout eggs. AZGFD has around 100,000 Apache trout eggs (BKD free) at its Tonto Creek Hatchery that came from Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery and are scheduled to be stocked next year.

AZGFD typically stocks Apache trout into Lee Valley Reservoir, East Fork of the Black River, West Fork of the Black River (campground), West Fork of the Little Colorado River at Sheep Crossing (below Mt. Baldy), West Fork of the Little Colorado River in Greer, and Upper Silver Creek.

### Catching The Trout

Apache trout can be caught by a variety of methods, including wet or dry flies, small lures, or natural baits, in either lakes or streams. Artificial flies produce the best results. Best natural baits tend to be worms or grasshoppers.

### About Apache Trout (*Oncorhynchus apache*)

The Apache is one of Arizona's two native trout species and is the Arizona

state fish. Body color is yellowish-gold at the top of the head and the back is a dark olive. Dorsal, anal and pelvic fins are white tipped with dark, bold spots on dorsal and tail fin.

Spotting on the body is sparse and irregular and may extend below lateral line. Two small black spots on either side of pupil give appearance of black stripe through eye. Length: 6 to 24 inches. Weight: 6 ounces to almost 6 pounds.

### Location And Habitat

Found only in White Mountain lakes and streams on forest and reservation lands. The Department is increasing their efforts in stocking Apache trout in Arizona and has an active recovery and management plan in place. The Apache trout is stocked from Silver Creek Hatchery in the summer months into the Little Colorado River near Greer, the Black River and Lee Valley Lake.

### Reproduction

Apache trout typically spawn in early spring. Females excavate redds (nests) in the gravel; after fertilization the eggs are covered with gravel. They are generally sexually mature by age 3. Apache trout are capable of hybridizing with rainbow trout which has greatly reduced the range of pure strain Apaches.

### Food/Table Quality

They feed on aquatic and terrestrial insects and invertebrates. The meat is firm, flaky and is considered fine eating. Removal of fine bones is difficult if fish is overcooked.

### Angling Methods

Apache trout can be caught by a variety of methods, including wet or dry flies, small lures, or natural baits, in either lakes or streams. However, artificial flies produce the best results.

### Wet Flies

Small hooks, in sizes 14 through 18, are usually better for Apache trout, especially throughout the day. Use patterns that have olive green, brown, or black coloring. Popular patterns include: Peacock Ladies; Pheasant-tail nymphs; Hares Ear nymphs; zug bugs; scuds; or stonefly,



Apache Trout

mayfly or caddis fly nymph imitations. Larger wet flies (size 6 to 8 hooks) that work well include woolly buggers, wooly worms, streamers, and muddler minnows. Colors in purple, black, brown, and green work best.

### Dry Flies

Again, use small hook sizes. Best fishing times are at dawn and dusk, or any other time fish are rising to the surface to feed. Popular patterns include: Royal Coachman; Adams; Royal Wulff; Parachute Adams; or any gnat, mosquito, mayfly caddisfly, or stonefly adult imitations.

### Terrestrial Patterns

Use any grasshopper, ant, or beetle imitation. Pay attention to size when fishing hopper patterns.

### Lures

Smaller spinners work best. Some to try are: Panther Martins, Super Dupers, or Rooster Tails.

### Baits

Generally, bait will work to catch Apache trout if it looks natural. Use worms or grasshoppers. Some prepared baits can work at times.

### Where To Fish: State Waters (A state fishing license and trout stamp are required.)

- Lee Valley • Reservoir
- East Fork of the Black River
- West Fork of the Black River (campground)
- Upper West Fork of the Black River (near Big Lake)
- West Fork of the Little Colorado River at Sheep Crossing (below Mt. Baldy)
- West Fork of the Little Colorado River in Greer
- Upper Silver Creek

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## Lanterns Will Light Up Skies Above Lake Pleasant

Soon after sundown, on Saturday, April 14, friends, family and thousands of strangers will come together to share personal thoughts, wishes and goals as they set free lanterns on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant. A long-standing tradition, the lighting of (biodegradable) lanterns is a way of marking milestones, offering up wishes and goals, while celebrating in a festive, picturesque atmosphere.

This event marks the first time the Phoenix area's Westside will host a lantern festival and also a first to take place at an Arizona lake, with the 10,000-acre Lake Pleasant water surface certain to be aglow with thousands of lighted lanterns.

The event runs from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (lanterns to be released after sundown) and features live music, food trucks, kids'

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## Fatal Yuma County Off-Highway Vehicle Accident Is Reminder To Practice OHV Safety

The Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds all off-highway vehicle (OHV) drivers and passengers to wear the proper safety gear, including a helmet, in the wake of a fatal accident that killed a 77-year-old Wellton, Ariz., man recently.

### A Sad Outcome

The man lost control of the all-terrain vehicle (ATV) he was driving when he hit a rut in the roadway and was thrown from the vehicle, according to the Yuma County Sheriff's Office, which investigated the crash. The man was not wearing a helmet and succumbed to his injuries at a local hospital.

### Helmets Save Lives

"It's critically important for all OHV drivers and passengers to always wear a helmet," said Kim Jackson, AZGFD Off-Highway Vehicle Safety Education program manager. "Helmets save lives and all riders should make sure they are wearing one before heading out on the trails."

Helmets are required by law for all riders under the age of 18 regardless of the off-highway vehicle type. However, they are strongly recommended for all riders. In addition riders should remember to —

### Safety First

- Wear a seat belt at all times, if equipped.



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**HELMETS: IT'S THE LAW** — Although in Estonia in 2009, this ATV flip during an off-road race demonstrates what can happen (and quickly) to OHVs. This rider was wisely — and fortunately — wearing a helmet. They are required in Arizona for any rider under the age of 18.

- Only carry the number of passengers recommended by the manufacturer for your vehicle. Often many accidents are the result of too many people riding a machine that was designed for fewer passengers. Wear riding goggles, a long-sleeved shirt, pants, riding gloves and over-the-ankle boots.
- Never ride alone.
- Be prepared and equipped with a

map, a first aid kit, whistle and have basic tools on hand.

- Stay on designated trails.
- Take an OHV safety education course designed to teach off-road motorists how to ride safely and responsibly.

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ENJOYING THE HASSAYAMPA

# It's A Gorgeous Place, Especially When Water Flows

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

The Hassayampa River begins somewhere south of Prescott and flows through Wickenburg before joining the Gila River near Hassayampa, Ariz. It is around 113 miles long, but most of the time the Hassayampa is flowing, but you can't see it — the water is below the surface of the ground and the river looks like a very wide dry wash.

However, near Wickenburg are a couple (or three) places where you can enjoy seeing the waters of the Hassayampa flowing on the surface. The Hassayampa



This fox was in the picnic area at the Hassayampa Preserve.

is one of the few undammed rivers in Arizona.

### The Box Canyon

We took our new Arctic Cat Wildcat Trail to the Box Canyon of the Hassayampa River the other day and we loved it there. A good deal of the Hassayampa is a bit boring (sorry, but it is) because it's just a very wide sandy wash with very little scenery. But when you enter the places where the river cuts through mountains and makes canyons, it's absolutely gorgeous, especially because the water is flowing.

Follow Highway 93 to just north of Wickenburg, then turn right on Rincon Road. The pavement ends, then it's paved again in a couple of places. You'll cross the river a couple of times, and if you're in a 4WD or an ROV, I suppose you could



The Hassayampa Near Box Canyon

hop into the riverbed at any point. But we stayed on Rincon until we passed Wagon Box Trail.

### The Mountains Move In Closer

Shortly after that, road there is a large staging area on the right. There is plenty of room there for several trailers. A small road takes you right down to the riverbed from there.

For a little while you'll just be in sand and you can make good time. Then the



At the back of the Box, you can tell there is sometimes a waterfall. I read that there used to be a log leaning against the wall here so that you could climb up and explore the canyon farther, but it wasn't there in February.



When the Hassayampa is above ground, even the sandy areas are pretty.

to stop and have a picnic and just enjoy the beauty of the canyon.

I do wish we had brought trash bags though — seems like too many people just throw their cans and bottles on the ground. Next time we go we'll clean up a bit.

### More Exploring

There are a couple of roads that lead off on either side, giving you opportunity for further exploring, but on this trip we just kept going upstream until we came to a barbed-wire fence that spanned the entire channel. The surface water was gone by then anyway. We went back the way we came.

Our little adventure took just a couple of hours, and that was with many stops to look around and take photos. You can get a lot farther on the Hassayampa if you keep going downstream once you turn around at the fence. I suggest going on a weekday because even on a Thursday, there were people already settled in at the Box Canyon, and while we were there a group of over 20 ROVs sped past us.

### Be Aware When It Rains

When we went, there had been no rain for quite some time. Be aware that conditions will change with rain — it could get very dangerous. Flowing water is powerful, so check before you go. If you are hiking, check maps. The Box Canyon is marked on most maps and you should be able to find a road that will get you in there closer to the Box. Walking through sand is tedious.

### Hassayampa River Preserve

Another place where the Hassayampa often flows above ground is on the other side of Wickenburg from the Box Canyon. The address is 49614 U.S. Hwy 60, Wickenburg. It's just north of Allah — when you pass Cooke's Road on your right, watch for the signs — the Preserve is on the left side of the road.

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A good map will show you where all the little side roads go and help you find a road that is close to the Box area if you are going to hike down the river. (This one is from Mytopo.com.)

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riverbed starts to narrow and the mountains move in closer and you start to see water flowing. It's beautiful.

When you see a break in the bluff on your left with huge trees in it, stop and get out. Walk back there past those trees (the shade is so dense you really can't see back there), and you come to the Box Canyon, almost a slot canyon, really, and at the back there is a waterfall. The waterfall was dry when we were there, but there was still a small pool of water at the base of it.

### Absolutely Gorgeous

It was absolutely gorgeous in there. This was the perfect time to go (February) because it was nice and cool.

Farther down (actually, you're going upstream) you start to get into steep-sided canyons where you have to drive through the water. These are fun — shady, cool, and beautiful. There are many trails on the wider parts of the river and lots of places



The Hassayampa River Preserve has miles of trails that take you past beautiful ponds and through tall trees. (Trinity Anderson in photo)

## HASSAYAMPA

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### Birds And Other Wildlife

This is a great place to see birds and other wildlife. When we went there it had rained recently and the river was flowing really well. We saw ducks and all kinds of birds, and even a fox. This place has several miles of trails that meander all over, and you can follow the river or strike out for high ground for great views. It covers around 770 acres of gorgeous riparian habitat with huge trees, ponds, and flowing water.

The Nature Conservancy bought the property in 1986 and opened the Preserve to the public in 1987. In 2017, the Nature Conservancy entered into an agreement with Maricopa County to manage the Preserve. Entry fee is \$5/person or \$3 if you are a member of the Nature Conservancy. This is a super place to bring kids and a great place for strolling around. Most of the trails are easy.

### Hassayampa River Canyon Wilderness

This part of the Hassayampa was designated a Wilderness Area in 1990. Since it is a Wilderness Area, there are no motorized or mechanized vehicles allowed. The road to get to the area is a dirt road that requires a high-clearance vehicle at least.

From Wickenburg, you take Constellation Road to Williams Ranch. Access is across private land, so they suggest you ask first. There are detailed directions on many websites. I have not been to this Wilderness Area, but from what I under-



Little eddies in the Hassayampa Preserve make ideal places for ducks and other wildlife to rest.

stand there are lots of cows. When the river is running it must be beautiful.

### Several Hiking Trails

I have been on Constellation Road and it is a fun drive. We drove down it all the way to the end and saw lots of old mines, ruined buildings, and critters. On Todd's *Desert Hiking Guide*, it says to take a fork to the right at the three mile point on Constellation, and when you reach 8.5 miles (from when Constellation began) stay straight.

At 13.3 miles, stay right at a split and you'll see a sign that says "BLM Parking". Stay right at the fork and the parking area is just down the road. It's a total of 16 miles from the beginning of Constellation Road.

There are several hiking trails. Remember that this is a desert, so bring your own water and plenty of it. The Wilderness website says to avoid driving the 13 miles in at night. The dark makes it hard to see cliffs, washouts, rocks, and other



We visited the Hassayampa Preserve after a rain and the river was flowing very well, with many different streams spread over a wide area. The plank bridges were fun.

possible hazards on the road.

### Don't Drink The Water

Whatever you do, don't drink the water from the Hassayampa. In addition to being not very clean (remember the cows), legend has it that anyone who drinks from the Hassayampa will never tell the truth again.

Although the Hassayampa is not currently dammed, it was in the past. A gold rush near Wickenburg created a need for water for the miners and for farm fields, so they built a loose rock dam and skimmed on the spillway to save money.

### The Dam Overflowed

In February of 1890 it rained like crazy in the Bradshaws for three days, and

the water soon filled and overflowed the spillway and blocked it with trees and debris. Once the water started going over the dam, it was all over but the shouting.

On February 21, 1890, the dam failed. They say that when it came down the Box Canyon it was 80 feet deep! By the time it reached Wickenburg, the water was 40 feet tall. This disaster killed around 100 people.

### A Wonderful Place

The Hassayampa is a wonderful place and it provides a haven for many of the endangered Arizona animals that need riparian areas to survive. When you visit there, please be mindful of animals and of other people — leave no trace.



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# Western Wildlife



## Winners Honored At AZGFC Awards Banquet

Nineteen individuals and organizations were honored at the annual Arizona Game and Fish Commission Awards Banquet in mid-January, at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix. The awards recognize Arizonans who have contributed significantly to the conservation of the state's wildlife, its outdoor heritage, and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Among those honored was Elizabeth (Beth) Woodin, who served on the Arizona Game and Fish Commission in the 1990s and was president of the Arizona Heritage Alliance. Sadly, Ms. Woodin passed away earlier in the month and was awarded posthumously.

The complete list of award winners follows:

- Award of Excellence: **Lake Havasu Marine Association**
- Award of Excellence: **The Late Elizabeth Woodin**
- Youth Environmentalist of the Year: **Chase Godbehare**
- Media of the Year: **Kim Quintero**
- Media of the Year: **National Veterans Magazine**
- Conservation Organization of the Year: **Phoenix Varmint Callers, Inc.**
- Conservationist of the Year: **Clyde Weakley**



**CONGRATULATIONS!** — Wildlife Manager Field Supervisor Luke Thompson (fourth from left) accepts North American Model Commissioners Award from AZ Game & Fish Commissioners (left to right) Pat Madden, Chairman Jim Ammons, Kurt Davis, Jim Zieler, and Eric Sparks.

- Natural Resource Professional of the Year: **Erica Stewart**
- Volunteer of the Year: **Ron Adams**
- Educator of the Year: **Michael Eiertsen**
- Mentor of the Year: **Justin Stewart**
- Advocate of the Year - State: **Gov. Doug Ducey**
- Advocate of the Year - Federal: **Sen. Jeff Flake**

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## Leland 'Bill' Brake Appointed To Arizona Game & Fish Commission

Gov. Doug Ducey recently announced the appointment of Leland S. "Bill" Brake of Elgin, Ariz., as a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.



a board member and current chair of the Advisory Committee for the University of Arizona's School of Natural Resources (Wildlife and Range Management). He is also a board member and current chair of the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) for the Bureau of Land Management for Arizona, and is a board member and advisory committee member for the Audubon Society Ranch in Sonoita, Ariz.

### Wildlife Enthusiast

An avid wildlife enthusiast, Brake has promoted activities with various wildlife groups in coordination with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to encourage involvement of youth and women in wildlife programs.

Brake has owned and operated ranches in Gila, Navajo, Greenlee and (presently) Santa Cruz counties for 50 years and has served as past president and current board member of the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association, chairing its Wildlife Committee.

### Agricultural Consultant

He has served as an agriculture consultant for DuPont Agriculture, which brings innovative science and solutions to meet the challenges faced by farmers. He has also served as chief operating officer and president for distribution of heavy fuels and asphalt for HollyFrontier, which manufactures and markets a variety of asphalt-related products to private sector customers and government agencies.

### Active In Community

Brake is active in the community. He is

### Associations, Clubs, Posse

He has served as past chairman and board member for the Arizona Rock Products Association, past board member of Associated General Contractors of Arizona, and is a member of the Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD). He is also a supporter and past member of Safari Club International and is president of the Phoenix Chapter of the University of Arizona Alumni Association. He is a longtime member of the Society of Range Management, Arizona Chapter, and is a lifetime member and past president of the Maricopa Mounted Sheriff Posse.

### One Of Two Finalists

Brake was one of two candidates forwarded in November by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Appoint-

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# National Veterans Magazine Receives Media Of The Year Award

*The publication was one of two winners in this category for 2017.*

**FROM MARK FIELD**

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission named *The National Veterans Magazine* as one of the recipients of the Media of the Year for 2017 designation.

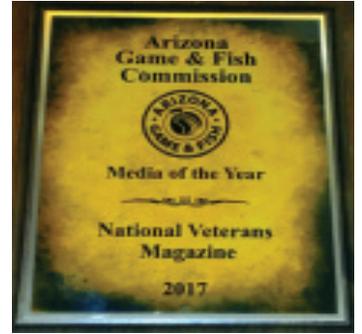
The basis for the award was the ongoing coverage of fish therapy as a therapeutic healing for veterans with PTSD and TBI. It is not about the fish, but about the persons connecting with the incredible nature that Arizona offers and finding peace within themselves. Teach a man to fish and heal his soul forever.

Other impactful stories included Bartlett Lake's Day on the Lake for people with disabilities. The Day on the Lake program is the only adapted water sports program for those with physical

and neurological disabilities offered in Arizona and sponsored by Barrow Neurological Institute.

In September 2017, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission selected award recipients from nominations submitted for the annual commission awards. The *National Veterans Magazine* was selected by the Commission to receive one of the Media of the Year awards for its support and promotion of Arizona's fishing and outdoor heritage.

"On behalf of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, I'd like to thank you and share our sincere appreciation for your continued support of Arizona's wildlife and outdoor heritage. Once again, congratulations on your Media of the Year award." — James R. Ammons, chairman, Arizona Game and Fish Commission



## Arizona's 'Conserving Wildlife' License Plate Benefits Habitat, Education, Youth

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation's (AZSFWC) "Conserving Wildlife" license plate ended 2017 surpassing the prior year both in license plate sales and grant awards from the proceeds.

Last year, AZSFWC, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, awarded 16 different grants totaling \$170,665 in funding. Putting this into perspective, it means 10,039 Conserving Wildlife license plates were purchased or renewed to fund those projects. Since 2012, the organization has awarded 100 grants totaling more than \$520,900.

### Grant Proposals

Every time someone purchases or renews one of these specialty license plates through the state of Arizona, AZSFWC receives \$17 of the \$25 cost. These funds are placed in a dedicated account and each



quarter AZSFWC assesses grant proposals from qualified organizations.

### Benefits Many

Grant money benefits conservation education efforts, youth recruitment and retention, and important habitat projects. Three notable projects were landscape-scale habitat efforts requiring significant coordination by AZSFWC member organizations with other partners, including federal and state agencies (such as the Ar-

izona Game and Fish Department), other nongovernmental organizations, private landowners, and volunteers.

### National Wild Turkey Federation

A National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTFF) project continues with a multi-year landscape restoration in the Pinaleno Mountains (Mt Graham) in southeastern Arizona. The Pinaleno Ecosystem Restoration Project will reduce dense timber stands in this part of the Coronado National Forest and will directly benefit both Gould's turkeys as well as the endangered Mount Graham red squirrel. This project began in 2013 and is projected to continue through 2020.

### Arizona Elk Society

An Arizona Elk Society (AES) project

is another long-term, landscape-scale habitat effort in the Coconino National Forest near Clints Well in north-central Arizona. The Long Valley Meadow Restoration Project has several partners restoring a forest meadow as well as enhancing the drainage, water table and waterway.

### Arizona Deer Association

An Arizona Deer Association (ADA) project is a landscape-scale habitat project near Payson in the Tonto National Forest. The Round Valley Grassland Restoration will remove juniper and other woody plants that have taken over former grasslands. The project will begin in 2018.

### Start Recipients

To see a list of past grant recipients and

See **LICENSE PLATE**, Page 19

## Arizona Elk Fly To West Virginia

*Partnership between states bolsters ongoing restoration project.*

In late February, dozens of elk from Arizona established a permanent change of residency more than 2,000 miles away.

The healthy, strapping animals were captured in February through a partnership between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. The Arizona Game and Fish Commission approved the capture and transport as part of



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### BRAKE

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ment Recommendation Board for Gov. Ducey's consideration. His appointment pending Senate confirmation.

### U. Of A. Grad

Brake earned a Bachelor of Science in Range Management, with a minor in Wildlife Management, from the University of Arizona.

### AWARDS BANQUET

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- Business Partner of the Year: **OneAZ Credit Union**
- Buck Appleby Hunter Education Instructor of the Year: **John and Linda Vedo**
- Wildlife Habitat Steward of the Year:

### Double O Ranch

- North American Model Commissioners Award: **Luke Thompson**
- Chairman's Award: **Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club**

For more information about the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and the Commission Awards, visit [www.azgfd.gov/commission](http://www.azgfd.gov/commission).



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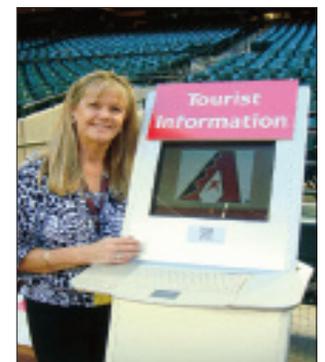
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## LOH Continued Success

Since January 1, 2018, 75 furlfriends have been adopted, and Lost Our Home has Helped over 20,000 animals since 2008.

## Long Timers

At press time, here are some cats who have been here for a long time: Mochi (670+ days at the shelter), Tabasco (590+

days at the shelter), Elizabeth (500+ days at the shelter), Patty (380+ days at the shelter), Charlie (320+ days at the shelter), and Bonnie (260+ days at the shelter).

At press time, here are some of the long-timer dogs: Denzel (35+ days at the shelter), MeeMaw (35+ days at the shelter), PaaPaw (35+ days at the shelter), Queenie (20+ days at the shelter), and Mick (20+ days at the shelter).

## Calling All Dog Lovers

Beat the heat and get treadmill trained with Gina Page ginapage.loh@gmail.com! Since it's not always practical for us to exercise our dogs outside due to weather or time constraints, a treadmill is a great tool to help get our pups active and maintain or improve their physical condition and mental health.

## Calling All Cat Lovers

We have volunteer openings at the Priest and Elliot PetSmart in our adoptable cat rooms. Responsibilities include cleaning, feeding, talking to potential adopters, and socializing the cat/kittens. What better way to help us find homes for our amazing cats and kittens? If you are interested or have any questions, please contact: fan-chordog@cox.net.

## SOS: Become A Foster

Consider opening your heart and home to a foster dog or cat! If you are interested in saving a life, please contact fostering@lostourhome.org.

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## ELK

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West Virginia's ongoing restoration project at its August meeting.

## 50 Cows, 10 Bulls

The roughly 50 cows and 10 bulls, captured east of Flagstaff, were quarantined for a a little over a month before being loaded on livestock trailers and transported to the 24,245-acre Tomblin Wildlife Management Area in southwest West Virginia, where they join nearly two dozen elk received in 2016 from Kentucky.

The elk were captured from a robust population in the northern portion of Game Management Unit (GMU) 5B, which is designated as part of the Winter-Range Elk Management Zone. The department's recent population surveys and modeling indicate an increasing trend in

elk numbers within the capture area. The removal of the elk contributes to maintaining a stable population and will not change the number of hunt permit-tags available to hunters in this area.

## An Immense Undertaking

The project was an immense undertaking involving staff and volunteers from both state wildlife agencies, representatives from the Arizona Elk Society and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), and capture crew from Quick-silver Air Inc. The department also coordinated with three major private landowners and the Hopi Tribe in advance of the capture.

West Virginia's agency, in cooperation with RMEF, covered the costs associated with the capturing and processing of the elk. All costs incurred were paid for with wildlife restoration funds, which are gen-

erated by sportsmen who support conservation through their purchase of hunting, fishing and other outdoor equipment, or by donations to RMEF.

## The Capture Process

From first light until late afternoon, the capture process was repeated several times over the course of two days. A fixed-wing aircraft and three teams of spotters with binoculars would locate groups of elk -- preferably within a five-mile radius of the staging area at Raymond Wildlife Area -- and provide coordinates to the helicopter capture crew.

After a short pursuit, a hand-held net gun would be fired to entangle the desired elk, then two crew members (or "muggers") would step off the helicopter, blindfold the elk and administer a mild sedative to keep it calm, immobilize it with hobbles to facilitate handling and transport, and remove the net.

Once secured in a transport bag, the elk were flown from a sling below the helicopter to the staging area, where several wildlife managers, biologists, veterinarians and others would evaluate the health of the animal, administer antibiotics and attach an identification tag and GPS tracking collar.

The crew then would remove the blindfold and hobbles -- and stand back

and watch the elk bound into a holding pen with other quarantined animals.

## Historic Conservation Project

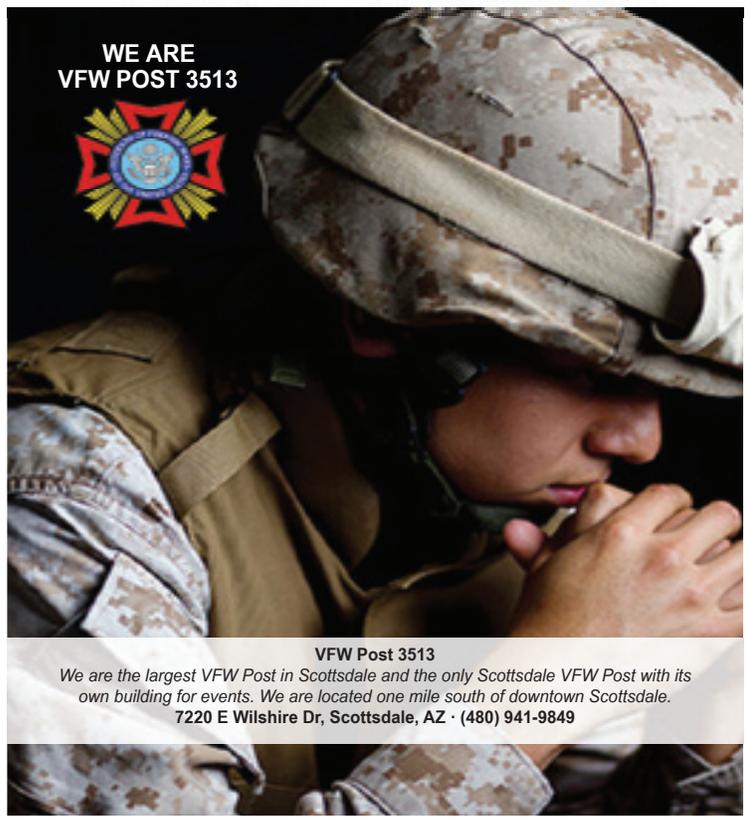
This historic conservation project marked only the second time Arizona has provided elk to another state. In 2000, Kentucky's elk restoration project received a boost with 26 animals that were captured near Raymond Wildlife Area. At the time, Kentucky hoped to build a state-wide herd of between 7,200 and 8,200 elk. Today, officials estimate there are between 10,000 and 15,000 elk in the Blue Grass State.

## Arizona Has Also Benefitted

Arizona benefitted from the same kind of out-of-state generosity back in February 1913. In an effort to reestablish an elk population, sportsmen released 83 elk from Yellowstone National Park into Cabin Draw near Chevelon Creek in GMU 4A, just east of where this week's capture took place.

Two other transplants of elk from Yellowstone -- one south of Alpine and another north of Williams -- were considered successes, as Arizona's elk population today numbers about 45,000 post-hunt adults.

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## LICENSE PLATE

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funded projects, visit <http://azsfwc.org/license-plate-fund-projects/>.

## Where To Purchase License

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## About AZSFWC

AZSFWC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with 42 member and affili-

ate organizations representing more than 10,000 sportsmen and sportswomen. Its mission is to educate and inform sportsmen, wildlife conservation organizations, and the general public on important issues related to wildlife and wildlife habitat, and to provide, via grants or other sources, funding to conserve Arizona's wildlife populations through habitat enhancement initiatives.

For more information about AZSFWC, visit <http://azsfwc.org/about/> or contact AZSFWC Administrator Tracy Unmacht at [info@azsfwc.org](mailto:info@azsfwc.org) or (602) 361-6478.

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## TROUT

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## CONCEALED CARRY

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up the outline of a pistol in your pocket. Get one that covers the trigger completely and stays in your pocket when you pull the gun out. You can order them online for the exact pistol you carry, even if you have a laser on it.

### Slacks, Skirts, And Shirts

Another option for ladies who wear mostly slacks and jeans is an ankle holster. A small gun is ideal for one of these, and they really don't show, especially with jeans and sturdy slacks. There are a wide variety of ankle holsters available, and they're comfortable to wear and readily accessible. Again, pay attention to the retention system on your ankle holster

and try to find one that allows you to take the gun out of the holster quietly.

If you often wear skirts, there are many thigh holsters available and this is another great way to carry a small pistol. Many have room for spare magazines as well. Some are attached via something that looks very much like an old-fashioned garter belt, but some are simply wrapped around the thigh and secured with Velcro. The gun itself is simply slipped into a snug pocket, so there is no noise when you retrieve your weapon.

There are snug-fitting shirts to which that you can attach pistol pockets, under the arms or on the sides. These tend to be quite hot to wear here in Arizona, and they also keep your gun under your regular clothing, which makes it a little more difficult to access.

## LANTERNS

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events and some of the most amazing views that the greater Phoenix area has to offer. No coolers allowed; however blankets and lawn chairs are welcome.

Tickets for Lanterns at the Lake are \$25.00 and can be purchased online at [www.pleasantharbor.com](http://www.pleasantharbor.com). Lanterns at the Lake tickets do include entry into Pleasant Harbor. However, attendees must present proof of ticket purchase upon arrival at gate entry.

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### Event Information

**What:** Lanterns at the Lake

**When:** Saturday, April 14, 2018

4:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Where:** Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant  
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### These Work Well In Cooler Weather

One option for cooler weather is a vest or jacket designed for concealed carry — they usually have a nice pocket inside the front where you can stash your gun and not have it print. These are great when weather allows.

Another thing you might try is one of the elastic bands that wraps around your middle just above your waistband. These have pockets designed to hold even a full-sized pistol and extra magazines. They do make you quite a bit thicker in the mid-section, especially with a large pistol, but if you are in the habit of wearing loose blouses or t-shirts, this might work for you. The downside to these is that they can be pretty sweaty in the summer.

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### Google For Ideas

A quick *Google* search will find you an incredible variety of options for concealed carry, and many of them are very pretty and lacy. But, the best option for you is one that you will wear day in and day out, and that might mean that you need several different ways to carry depending on what you are wearing that day.

This is no different for men — most of us have a lot more holsters than we care to admit. So, do some research and try a bunch of holsters until you find the ones you like. Make sure they retain your weapon securely, can be accessed quietly, and don't proclaim to the world that you are carrying a gun. It may take a bit of trial and error, but you have so many options you're sure to succeed.

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## HAVASU SHOW

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4," says Bob Brown, show organizer.

### Not A 'Conventional' Show

Unlike conventional boat shows which occupy indoor land-locked venues, the Lake Havasu Boat Show, co-sponsored by Jet Renu and Mohave State Bank, is all outdoors and on-the-water. The Windsor 4 area borders the famous London Bridge Channel and the northern basin of Lake Havasu, and that immediate water access will again be put to good use.

### Windsor 4 Is First Class

"Windsor 4 has a first-class seven-lane launch ramp, courtesy docks and two large white-sand beaches," said Brown. "There will be a variety of demo boat models at the courtesy docks including pontoons, wakesport boats and family sportboats.

For those interested in checking out

and test riding on some of the newest jet boats, personal watercraft, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, that activity will be happening from the main beach. There's no boat show in the country that offers more boater interaction with product for consumers."

### Boat To The Show

Something else boaters will find appealing is the ability to 'boat-to-the-show' with their own boat. There's a finely manicured 600-foot long white-sand beach directly adjacent to the boat show London Bridge Channel's northern shore. Boaters can pull their boats up on the beach for no charge and walk directly into the boat show. Normal boat show admission prices do prevail.

### High Performance/ Exotic Equipment

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commented Brown, "including a lot of the latest 2018 models. And if you're into high performance and exotic marine equipment, no place in the western

United States will have as many custom boat manufacturers present plus Mercury Racing with their full complement of engine and propulsion models."

### Details To Know

The 27th Annual Lake Havasu Boat Show, presented in conjunction with the Lake Havasu Marine Association, opens to the public on Friday, April 6 at noon. Saturday and Sunday, gates open at 9am.

Admission is \$8.00 for adults and kids six and under are free, and parking is also free. The Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 is located at 171 London Bridge Road, next to the Hampton Inn.

Exhibitors interested in participating at the boat show should call 951-501-0210 or email [info@lakehavasubootshow.com](mailto:info@lakehavasubootshow.com).

More information is available on the website at [www.lakehavasubootshow.com](http://www.lakehavasubootshow.com)

## EXPO

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ing some new brands this year.

### More Not To Miss

Don't miss the always popular cowboy mounted shooting competition. See OHV and ATV exhibits. Give kayaking

a try at the "Lake Paddlemore" kayaking pond. Hike a field course and learn cool camping tips. Learn about boating and how to stay safe on the water. Talk to experts about Arizona's wildlife, fishing, hunting and more. Visit with more than 100 exhibitors, including outdoor recreation and conservation groups, government agencies, and commercial vendors

of outdoor products and services.

### Auction Benefits Wildlife

The department will auction off its annual collection of wildlife assets at the Expo. Sets of antlers, hides, skulls and head mounts, as well as wildlife artwork and taxidermy – all seized during law enforcement investigations, obtained from animals killed in vehicle collisions, or acquired through donations – will be put on the auction block both days. Funds generated from the auction are used to

purchase equipment and technology used in the investigation of wildlife crimes and to protect the state's wildlife resources.

### More Features

Concessionaires will have food and beverages available for purchase, and many accept only cash – ATMs will be on site. There is a nominal charge for ammunition at some of the target shooting venues.

### Need-To-Knows

Expo hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 25. The Outdoor Expo is easy to find, located on Carefree Highway, about 1/2 mile west of I-17 in Phoenix.

Did you know that The Arizona Game and Fish Department receives *no* Arizona general fund tax dollars? We hold the state's wildlife in trust for the public without a dime from Arizona taxpayers.

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## PADDLE FEST

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From Carefree Highway, head north on Castle Hot Springs Road past the main entrance to the stop sign and turn right to enter the park.

**More information:** <https://www.maricopacountyparks.net/things-to-do/activities/paddle-fest/>

## DRAGONS

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## DECK LIFTS

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## SLIDE ANCHOR

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of quagga mussel intercepts discovered at California Border Protection Stations cited anchors as the source of contamination during routine inspections.

## LHMA Sees The Need, Acts

The Lake Havasu Marine Association — which has been involved in educating over 31,000 recreational boaters about aquatic invasive species prevention methods since 2013 with a grant from U.S. Fish and Wildlife — immediately saw the need for additional emphasis of the importance of cleaning boat anchors with their successful "Sticker A Mussel" campaign.

Lake Havasu Marine Association president and CEO, Jim Salscheider, contacted Dvorak to see what could be done to help mitigate the problem. Within in matter of days an action plan was devised, and was included in the Marine Association's annual grant proposal to U.S. Fish and Wildlife for an additional \$12,000 to fund the program.

The extra funding was used to help defray some of the cost in manufacturing and attaching a prominently displayed engraved metal label affixed to the 'box anchor' reminding boaters to 'clean, drain and dry' after every use.

"Although it sounds like a relatively

simple task to attach a metal label to a box anchor," commented Dvorak, "it wasn't. We needed to investigate what was the optimum material to use, how to protect it from corrosion and the best way to permanently attach it."

## Process Moves Quickly

Once the federal grant was approved, the process moved quickly. The overseas manufacturer of the 'box anchor' prepared several prototypes which were reviewed by Slide Anchor and various governmental agencies for appropriate messaging. Meanwhile, the Lake Havasu Marine Association created a new local-awareness educational campaign built around anchors.

"We designed, produced and installed over twenty new billboards at strategic locations along the lower Colorado River from Parker, AZ to Needles, CA in less than eight weeks," said Salscheider. "Our goal was to shine a light on anchor awareness and education, featuring 'Popeye' as our messaging vehicle. The campaign worked. During this past summer and early fall, quagga mussel contaminated anchor related intercepts at the California border stations reduced dramatically."

## Shipment Arrives

On December 4, 2017, the first shipment of 'labeled' box anchors were de-

livered to the Slide Anchor headquarters in Lake Havasu City. "We had our first 1,200 box anchor units ready to ship to our many boating retail outlets before the new year," said Dvorak. "I anticipate about another 7,000 units to arrive ... so we'll be able to fill the retail pipeline for new labeled box anchor purchases when the spring boating season begins.

## Little Label Is Effective Reminder

"I'm confident that this investment in quagga mussel education will contribute to better boating for everyone in the future. If a little label like this is an effective reminder to boaters to do the right thing, I hope other companies will join the 'clean, drain and dry' movement and help keep our waterways free of aquatic invasive species."

## More Information

For more information about 'box anchor' and other Slide Anchor products, please go to: <http://www.slideanchor.com> or call 928-855-1108. Slide Anchor is located at 1771 Industrial Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403.

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