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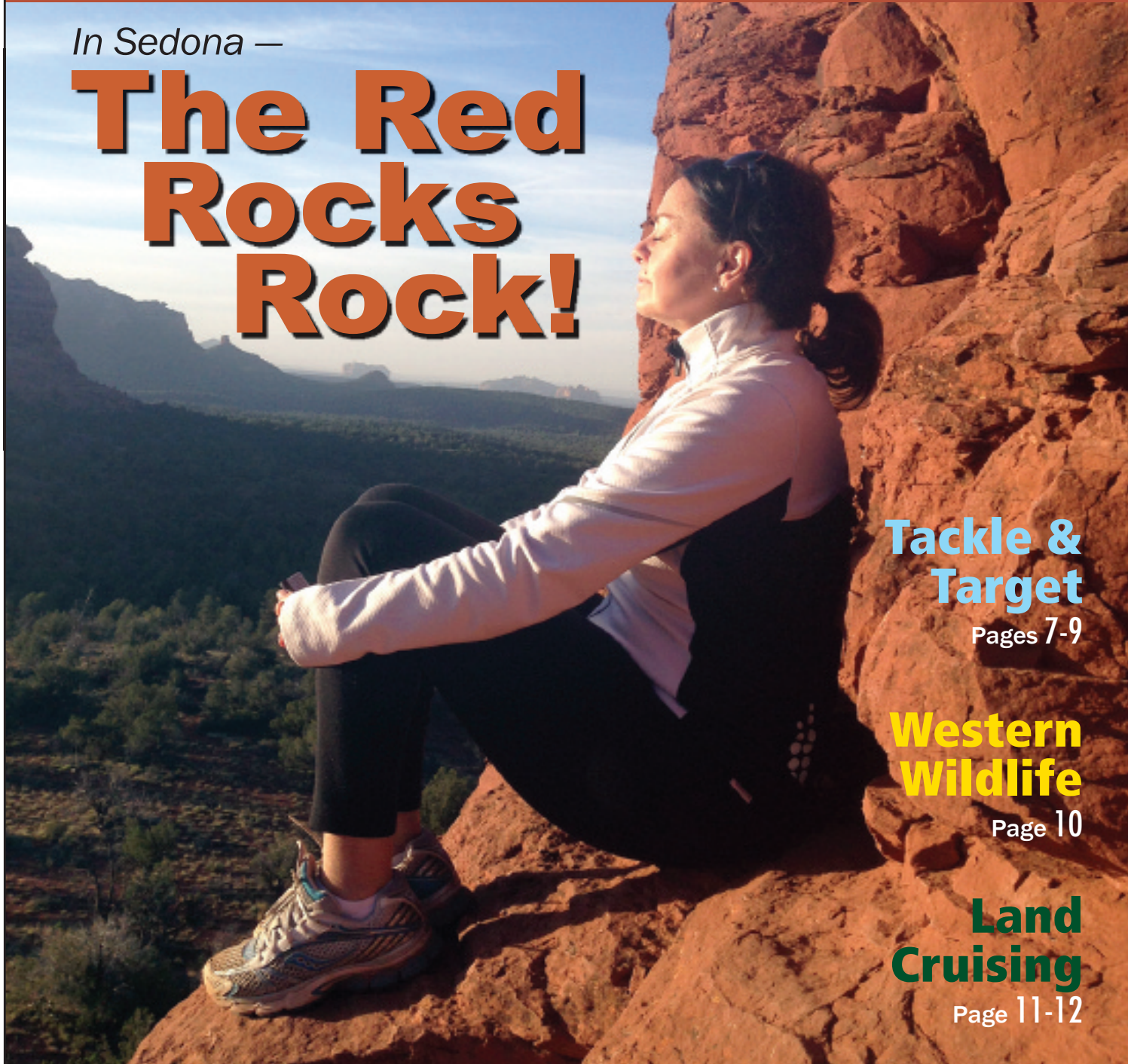
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National Safe-Boating Week Is May 18-24

Words Of Wisdom: The Value Of A Free Sticker

By Captain David Esparza



It's getting nicer outside every day and boating season is upon us. Many of you in the marine industry and boating world know me; my name is David Esparza, and I have been a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for 19 years and a volunteer with the Arizona Game and Fish Department as boating-safety instructor for 20 years. I have now worked at West Marine in Tempe for almost three years.

One of the first things that I wanted to talk to you about is National Safe Boating Week, May 18-24. National Safe Boating Week is an annual event that kicks off of a year's worth of promoting safety on the water. It takes place the week before Memorial Day weekend.

This year's slogan is "Ready Set Wear

It."

On Friday, May 17 wear your life jacket to work is the plan, but why would you do such a thing? Because when you do, you are leading the way towards a safer day on the water.

Set the example for others to follow, your fellow boaters, your children or your guest upon your boat. Boating accidents can be horrible and deadly; approximately 800 people a year drown across the country just because they are not wearing a life jacket or PFD, *personal flotation device*.

It's time for you to step up and be a leader by wearing your life jacket; your lead could



save a life — yours or someone's that you care about.

The other item that I would like to discuss is the value of a free sticker. The sticker is called a "Vessel Safety Check" sticker.

Bring your trailerable boat by West Marine, 1628 E Broadway, Tempe (the NW corner of McClintock and Southern) on Mondays, and I, as a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and certified vessel examiner, will give you a courtesy vessel safety check.

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will teach you how to get insurance discounts by taking a class and getting your boat inspected.

Now with all of these things that I have stated, what value do you put on a free sticker? Once your boat is examined and passes the inspection, you will receive an official vessel safety check sticker that can be displayed proudly on your vessel.

And if there is anything that you need for your boat, there will be an additional discount for any items that you would need on that day through West Marine. Let's all work together to make our Arizona waterways safer.

Remember: Be a leader, and know that your lead could save a life. "Boat Smart from the Start," always wear a life jacket and take a boating class.

For more information, call the Coast Guard Auxiliary at (480) 822-7855. Stop by the store and visit, and I am hoping to see you in a class or on the water.

Safe boating to you all!

Did Santa Bring You A PWC?

Take a boating-safety class before hitting the water!

By Ed Huntsman

RBS Specialist, Chief — Recreational Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard, District 8

Was Santa extra good to you this last holiday season? Did he fit down the chimney with a personal watercraft in tow?

If you got a personal watercraft (PWC) for the holidays, the U.S. Coast Guard urges you to take a boating-safety education class before you hit the water this summer.

PWCs are an affordable way for people to get

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PWC SAFETY — Some personal watercraft carry as many as four passengers, contain up to 300 horsepower engines, reach speeds of up to 70 miles per hour (110 km/h), carry 25 US gallons of fuel, and feature amenities such as sun pads and extra padded cruising seats. To prepare for a fun-filled PWC summer, take a safe-boating class.

Life Jacket Wear Is Simple Life-Saving Strategy For Safe Recreational Boating



CAT ABOARD — There is no denying the life-saving importance of sharing boating safety, including wearing a life jacket, while enjoying recreational boating activities with your family and friends — and yes, your pets aboard too. Personal flotation devices come in all styles, colors, and sizes to fit everyone from large adults to small children — and are available to fit dogs and cats too.

National Safe Boating Week launches with reminder for boaters to 'Wear It!'

As the weather starts to warm up, we're all anxious to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. Families and friends gather together to enjoy the outdoors, travel on vacation and spend time on the water — boating, fishing, sailing, and more. It's important to remember the safety precautions to take during all of these recreational water activities.

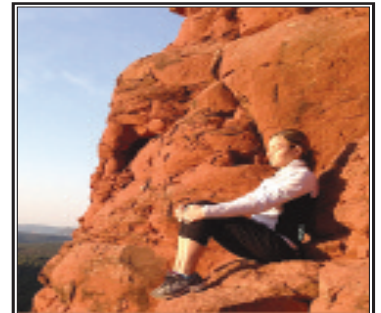
But, with approximately 500 people

drowning each year from recreational boating accidents, it is imperative to push the message of "Wear It!": Wear your life jacket at all times while you are on the water.

This year during National Safe Boating Week, and throughout the boating season, the National Safe Boating Council is working with their partner organizations to encourage safe and responsible boating, including the practice of always wearing a life jacket, and being alert and aware while on the water.

Safe boating saves lives — so, for this year's National Safe Boating Week

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Carolyn Sumner Robertson

ON THE COVER

Summertime In Sedona: 'And The Livin' Is Easy'

By Carol L. Allen

Sedona is not just a beautiful retreat from the blazing summer temperatures in the Valley of the Sun. No, it is much more than that: It is a place of peace and inspiration any season of the year.

In early May, two lifelong friends of the editor — Carolyn Sumner Robertson of Calgary, Canada (shown here) and her sister Janine Sumner Keogh of Toronto, Canada (pictured on the cover) — visited Red Rock Country with a group of 12 women who participated in Exhale Adventures, a small venture

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Tlaquepaque Turns 40!

Since its inception in 1973, Tlaquepaque has played a significant role in putting Sedona on the map as a world-renowned arts destination. See story Page 12.





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Update your boating safety knowledge

PWC Courtesy

- ◆ Avoid congregating with other PWC operators near shore, which increases annoying noise levels.
- ◆ Avoid making excessive noise near residential and camping areas, particularly early in the morning. Excessive use in one area can be an irritant to people who are there to enjoy a quiet and relaxing time.
- ◆ Avoid maneuvers that cause the engine exhaust to lift out of the water because that increases noise levels.
- ◆ Do not modify your engine exhaust system if it increases the noise. Improperly modified exhausts will not make your PWC faster and may raise the noise to an illegal level.

Environmental Considerations

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

- ◆ Make sure that the water you operate in is at least 30 inches deep. Riding in shallow water can cause bottom sediments or aquatic vegetation to be sucked up into the pump and the environment.
- ◆ Avoid causing erosion by operating at slow speed and by not creating a wake when operating near shore or in narrow streams or rivers.
- ◆ Do not dock or beach your PWC in reeds and grasses. This could damage fragile environments.
- ◆ Take extra care when fueling your PWC in or near the water. Oil and gasoline spills are very detrimental to the aquatic environment. Fuel on land if possible.
- ◆ Never use your PWC to disturb, chase, or harass wildlife.

Other PWC Considerations

- ◆ Remember that everyone on board a PWC must wear a life jacket. A high-impact life-jacket is recommended.
- ◆ Keep hands, feet, loose clothing, and hair away from the pump intake area. Before cleaning debris away from the pump intake, be sure to shut off the engine.
- ◆ Keep everyone clear of the steering nozzle unless the PWC is shut off. The water jet can cause severe injuries.
- ◆ Frequently inspect your PWC's electrical systems (e.g., starter and engine gauge connections) to ensure there is no potential for electric spark. Gas fumes could collect in the engine compartment and an explosion could occur. After fueling, sniff the engine compartment to any evidence of gas fumes.
- ◆ Never exceed the manufacturer's recommended capacity for your PWC.
- ◆ Know your limits, and ride according to your abilities.

Statewide Boating Safety Education Classes

May 2013

| Host | Date and Time | Location | Cost | Registration |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| Arizona Game and Fish Department | May 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Arizona Game and Fish Dept. Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix | \$0 | (623) 236-7219 |
| Arizona Game and Fish Department | May 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Marine Max 1840 East Broadway Road Tempe | \$8 | (623) 236-7219 |
| Arizona Game and Fish Department | May 25 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Mohave County Library 1770 McCulloch Blvd Lake Havasu City | \$5 per family | (623) 236-7219 |

June 2013

| Host | Date and Time | Location | Cost | Registration |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| Arizona Game and Fish Department | June 15 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Arizona Game and Fish Headquarters 5000 W Carefree Hwy Phoenix | \$0 | (623) 236-7219 |
| U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary | June 15 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Marine Max 1840 East Broadway Road Tempe | \$15 | (480) 822-7855 |
| Arizona Game and Fish Department | June 22 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Mohave County Library 1770 McCulloch Blvd Lake Havasu City | \$5 per family | (623) 236-7219 |



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Carbon Monoxide Kills!

- ◆ Carbon monoxide disperses feely 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.

Teak surfing, platform dragging, and water-skiing within 20 feet of a moving watercraft can be fatal.



- ◆ Stay away from the exhaust ports—carbon monoxide builds up in areas near exhaust vents.
- ◆ DO NOT swim in areas where carbon monoxide may accumulate, such as the cavity between the swim platform and the stern of the boat.

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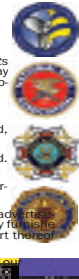
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Take Friends Out This Safe Boating Week And Show Them The Ropes

You can share six tips in fewer than six minutes.

This National Safe Boating Week, May 18-24, do something different. Take a friend out boating, sailing and fishing and show him/her a good time — and how easy it is to keep everyone aboard safe.

Giving your guests a short pre-departure talk about important safety gear and tips for safe operation could go a long way in making sure the day stays fun. The following list of six tips from the [BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety](#) takes fewer than six minutes to share with guests:

1. Most newcomers to boating have no idea how a boat handles once you're out on open water. Explain to your guests where the best/safest places are to sit during operation, how you'll handle wakes, and if your boat is on the small side, show them how a passenger's shifting weight can affect your boat's stability or exposure to waves.

2. With your VHF radio turned on, tell your guests how to call for help on channel 16. If you have a DSC-VHF radio, show them the red mayday button and explain how to activate it.

3. Bring out the life jackets and encourage your new-to-boating guests to wear one. If they are not worn, ensure they are easy to get to, such as under or next to their seat.

4. Point out the location of other important safety gear such as flares and fire extinguishers.

5. Show your guests on a chart where you're going, and let them know you've filed a float plan so others know the boat's whereabouts and when the group should be returning.

6. Let them know what to do if someone falls overboard — having a spotter is essential as is keeping a throwable device, also known as a type IV personal flotation device (PFD), handy at all times.

About The BoatUS Foundation

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national leader



promoting safe, clean and responsible boating. Funded primarily by the half-million members of BoatUS, it provides innovative educational outreach directly to boaters and anglers with the aim of reducing accidents

and fatalities, increasing stewardship of America's waterways and keeping boating safe for all. To make a tax-deductible donation to this 501(c)(3) nonprofit, go to www.BoatUS.com/Foundation.

Boaters Need To Be Their Own Best Lifeguards

Seven Swimming Safety Tips

Boating and swimming go hand-in-hand, but unlike a public pool or beach, boaters can't count on a lifeguard to watch over them. As this summer's sweltering heat wave drives more boaters to dive into the deep blue, the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety has these seven swimming tips:

1. Always ensure the engine is off. The best way to do this is to remove the key from the ignition, leaving it in plain view so everyone knows it won't start.

2. At marinas, stray electric current from poorly maintained boat electrical and shore power systems can kill swimmers. Three separate marina electrocution incidents over the July 4 holiday left four kids and one adult dead, and injured several others who had tried to come to their rescue.

3. Never dive in head first before confirming the water depth. Mistakenly diving into a shallow, mucky bottom may simply leave you bruised and looking more like the creature of black lagoon. However, diving head first into hard sandy bottom,



rock or underwater obstruction could put you in a wheelchair. Deploy a boarding ladder first and ease yourself in to confirm water depth.

4. Never swim alone. If you're in the middle of the lake and swimming alone, there's no safety backstop in case you have a problem — which could be nearby boaters unaware of you.

5. It's always a good idea to have a life jacket or floating seat cushion close by (and tied to the boat) that swimmers can easily reach while in the water, or simply hang a dock line over the side. And even if you're a good swimmer, wearing a life

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Why Memorial Day Weekend Could Spell Trouble For Some Boaters

For many of the nation's 80 million recreational boaters, the upcoming Memorial Day weekend marks the start of the summer boating season. Like a football game "kick-off," boaters will work to a frenzy to get their boats in the water by the May 27th goal line.

But what is different this time of year, reports Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), is that both the boat owner and their boat may need extra preparation.

"Each new season, we're rusty and we need to remind ourselves how we keep it safe by reviewing the nautical rules of the road, or taking care of important safety gear like inflatable life jackets or flares," said BoatUS Foundation President Chris Edmonston.

To help them, the Foundation offers both a free online safety course and "Boater's Toolbox," with an animated



TRAFFIC JAM — Adding to boaters' troubles on Memorial Day weekend could be the increased boating traffic. "Memorial Day is traditionally the second-busiest day of the year for requests for on-water assistance, after July 4th. If the weather holds, it could be a very busy boating weekend."

rules of the road section and instructional simulator games, information on life

jackets, safe and clean fueling, and required safety equipment at www.BoatUS.com/foundation. Edmonston also recommends getting a free Vessel Safety Check offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and US Power Squadrons.

You can request one or do an online "virtual" vessel safety check at www.safetyscan.net.

The number one reason for on water boat breakdowns this time of year is incomplete spring commissioning, reports BoatUS Towing Services. "Everyone is rushing to get back on the water, and after this winter, who can blame them?" said BoatUS Towing Services Vice President Adam Wheeler.

"But in their rush to be on the water again, they miss something, like a corroded battery terminal wire, or fuel line that needs replacing," he added. Fuel issues top the list for causes of boat break-

downs, followed by battery and charging system problems. BoatUS has a free spring commissioning checklist at www.BoatUS.com/seaworthy/spring_checklist.

Adding to boaters' troubles could be the increased boating traffic. "Memorial Day is traditionally the second-busiest day of the year for requests for on water assistance, after July 4th. If the weather holds it could be very a busy weekend," added Wheeler.

If you do need on water or on the road trailer assistance, the BoatUS Towing App, available for free at www.BoatUS.com/towing/app, can help speed response times as it provides precise location information. For more information about BoatUS Towing Services, go to www.BoatUS.com/towing.

REMINDING BOATERS

Clean! Drain! Dry!

Discovery of quagga mussels at Lake Powell highlights the need "not to move a mussel!"

The early spring discovery of 14 adult quagga mussels at Lake Powell is a crucial reminder to boaters to clean, drain and dry their boats after every use to help prevent the spread of these destructive invasive species.

According to a National Park Service (NPS) mussel monitoring update, the NPS identified 14 adult quagga mussels attached to moored vessels and dock structures at the Wahweap Marina in Lake Powell.

None of the adult mussels were close enough together to mate for successful reproduction. All of the mussels were physically removed from the lake.

"At this point, these monitoring results aren't evidence of an established, reproducing population of mussels," says Tom McMahon, invasive species program coordinator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "NPS dive teams are continuing to check boats, docks and cables, and biologists are continuing to gather and assess information. In the meantime, boaters



need to remember to clean, drain and dry their boat and equipment after every use."

According to the NPS mussel monitoring update, the first four mussels were found when a local marine service business noticed the small shells on a boat that had been pulled for maintenance and then notified the NPS.

"We really appreciate the report of this finding since it will help in the removal of the adult mussels before they can reproduce," said Mark Anderson, Glen Canyon ecologist, in the news release. "It's likely that the mussels were introduced via ballast or bilge water from a boat(s) that was not cleaned, drained, or dried."

Additional monitoring information and updates are posted on the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area webpage at www.nps.gov/glca.

McMahon emphasized that, under Arizona law, boaters who take their boats out of waters designated as having aquatic invasive species (this includes Lake Pleasant, Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and Lake Havasu) must take the following steps when leaving:

CLEAN. Clean/remove any clinging material such as plants, animals and mud from the anchor, boat, motor, and trailer.

DRAIN. Remove the plug and drain the water from the bilge, live-well and any

other compartments that could hold water. Drain the water from the engine and engine cooling system(s).

DRY. Ensure the watercraft, vehicle, equipment, or conveyance are allowed to dry completely.

If you are using your boat again in less than five days from the previous use, replace the bilge drain plug and disinfect the bilge by pouring in not less than one gallon of vinegar; the vinegar can be drained from the bilge upon arrival at home (vinegar can be reused several times).

If you're taking your boat out of a lake where it has been moored more than five days, refer to the boat-cleaning protocols for long-term users (view boat cleaning protocols in Director's Order #3).

Quagga mussels colonize rapidly on hard surfaces and can ruin boat motors and clog water intake structures, such as pipes and screens, thereby impacting pumping capabilities for power and water treatment plants.

For more information on quagga mussels and other aquatic invasive species, including links to the Director's Orders that list the species, the Arizona waters that have them, and the boat transport protocols from those waters, visit www.azgfd.gov/ais.



Joseph "Okie" O'Connor

In Memory Of 'Okie'

In a tragic drowning accident in Tempe Town Lake on April 20, the City of Tempe and many boating friends lost a dear friend and co-worker: Joseph M. "Okie" O'Connor. We join his many friends in sending our sympathy to his family and in celebrating his meaningful life.

Boating Education May Lower Your Insurance Premiums

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers two courses that may qualify for insurance company discounts that are designed to enhance skills and knowledge for the recreational boat operator as well as personal watercraft, canoe and kayakers.

Students can enroll in a one-day basic class or an advanced knowledge and seamanship course that covers 12 chapters of instruction. Regardless of the course, a boater education certification card will be issued after successfully completing the test.

While taking a safe boating course, Gregory Deen of Jacksonville, Ark., was told that after successful completion of the final test, his insurance company might offer a discount.

He checked and sure enough, Mr. Deen did receive a credit advantage on his premium. He actually received two advantages. The first with his insurance company and the second, but not least, he became a better and safer boater.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has provided safe boating classes since its beginning in 1939. Their purpose was, and as it are now, to improve safety on coastal and inland waterways for recreational boaters. All totaled, there are 11 different courses for students from 4 years old all the way through adulthood.

Subjects range from Boating Fun and Waypoints for up to 12 years, About Boating Safety and Boating or Sailing Skills and Seamanship. The Auxiliary also offers advanced courses in subjects such as Navigating with GPS, How to Read a Nautical Chart and Suddenly in Command for the first mate who might very well find him or herself having to take command in case of an emergency.

The slogan, "Safe Boating Is No Acci-

dent," encourages every boat skipper to become involved with the safe boating process by enrolling in one of these classes, but the process does not stop there. Safe boating is a family affair and together the learning process can not only provide the entire crew with valuable information, but become a fun and learning experience for all.

To find out more about any of the 11 safe boating courses go to: http://cgaux.org/boating/class_finder/index.php for the nearest Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Education Class.



R & R Werner

PHOENIX SAIL & POWER SQUADRON — Shown here is a group of determined personnel ready to support Sportsman's Warehouse endeavor. Sportsman's Warehouse sent out an advertisement stating that they were going to support a safe-boating activity. They encouraged their patrons to take advantage of a great training/learning event and the ability to get a free VSC (Vessel Safety Check). According to Ron and Rose Werner, "This event was an opportunity for us to show support for a vendor that has supported us for several years."

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skiing, wakeboarding, or just cruisin'. In addition, belonging to the Boat Club is an excellent way to teach your kids the fun of watersports.

Maybe, in the future, you will want to commit to buying your own boat, but, as

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Worth checking out when you are at Bartlett are the jet skis and other boats to rent. One of our favorites at AZBE/WOT is the 20-passenger party boat. Two other plusses this spring are that all the campgrounds are open, and the lake level is at its highest in three years.

Take a look: blmboatclub.com or bartlettlake.com or give them a call: (602) 316-3378 or (480) 221-0503.



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6. Never swim under a boat's swim platform or near any boat with the engine running. You could strike the running gear or fall victim to carbon monoxide poisoning — it only takes a few whiffs of CO to leave swimmers incapacitated or unconscious. Also stay away from generator exhaust ports.

7. When boats and swimmers collide, boats always win. You're simply asking for trouble if you swim in navigation channels or marinas. Also never swim in area with strong river or tidal currents, which can swiftly sweep swimmers away from the boat.

For more information on boating safety programs from the BoatUS Foundation, such as the free Online Boating Safety Course or free Kid's Life Jacket Loaner Program, go to www.BoatUS.com/Foundation.

About The BoatUS Foundation

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national leader promoting safe, clean and responsible boating. Funded primarily by the half-million members of BoatUS, it provides innovative educational outreach directly to boaters and anglers with the aim of reducing accidents and fatalities, increasing stewardship of America's waterways and keeping boating safe for all. To make a tax-deductible donation to this 501(c)(3) nonprofit, go to www.BoatUS.com/foundation.

New JBL Marine Stereo Offers Simple Install

Adding to its range of all-environment multimedia stereo receivers, Prospec Electronics introduces the JBLPRV170. This new stereo features Bluetooth® audio streaming and AM/FM radio.

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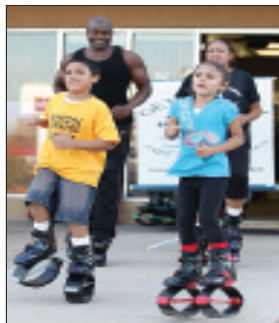
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AZGFD Advises Arizona Anglers

Tip Of The Week

For a vacation or short getaway from the heat, there's hardly a better place to fish during the late-spring-summer than Show Low Lake by the city of Show Low, which is located 175 miles northeast of Phoenix and 195 miles north of Tucson. The area offers opportunities for hiking, camping, cycling and horseback riding (and in the winter, downhill and cross-country skiing).

The lake is a fishing hot spot. It was stocked several weeks ago with 1,250 super-catchable rainbow trout averaging 15 inches and was heavily stocked the week before with 4,000 rainbow trout. The lake was scheduled to receive even more: 4,972 rainbow trout. Anglers are catching the larger trout on worms, Power Bait and lures.

Recent surveys also found many one- to three-pound walleye (with some up to nine pounds), several channel catfish over 10 pounds, and moderate numbers of one- to two-pound smallmouth bass.

The Reel Deal

Our Fishing Report editor, Nick Walter, was in Kingman for a Game and Fish Commission, so other staff members filled-in for this report. Overall, not a lot has changed in the state-wide fishing scene since last week.

Recently, nighttime crappie fishing with lights has been effective, and striper fishing is picking up in fisheries such as Lake Pleasant. At Bartlett Lake — where Nick fished late last week with Gary Senft, a Bass Pro at the Mesa Bass ProShops — bass still were in a lethargic biting mood as many were recovering from their spawn. Bass were biting around shoreline structures on 6-inch Zoom lizards in watermelon colors and Roboworms.

In the high country, trout stockings are in full swing and all the rim lakes and streams are open. Many anglers are limiting out in a matter of hours using Power baits, salmon eggs and small size-0 spinners. See the spring-summer trout-stocking schedule.

Coolidge Dam/San Carlos Lake

Also, you may have seen reports on fishing forums of dead fish at Coolidge Dam/San Carlos Lake. Arizona Game and Fish does not manage this fishery; however, the San Carlos Apache Tribe tells us that last weekend, as water was being released from the dam, electricity went out for four days and the gate could not be shut again.

Thousands of fish died. Those fish have been cleaned out, San Carlos Apache Tribe tells us, but because of muddy conditions, the area may not be fishable.

PFD Exchange

Finally, and importantly, National Safe Boating Week is May 18-24. In Lake Havasu City, from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 18, at the beach at Rotary Park, there will be a life jacket exchange. A used, type-3 life jacket can be exchanged for a new type-3 PFD (no type-2s.)



LAKE POWELL

If You Haven't Tried Fishing Here, Now Is The Time

By Wayne Gustavson
<http://www.wayneswords.com>

One week after the spring fishing peak and fishing is still good. A lingering cold front has slowed fishing for bass slightly but stripers continue to eat bait in the southern lake.

One disturbing note is that lake level is still going down, making it uncertain that the lake will rise much during the normal runoff period. There is still time but the runoff is slow to start. A lower lake leaves brush out of the water and causes access problems at some ramps. Hite ramp is closed but other ramps at main access areas are in full operation.

The bass spawn is still on with many occupied bass nests seen in shallow rocky areas. The cooler weather has caused some nests to be abandoned but males will return to the nests with the warming trend scheduled for this weekend when daytime air temperatures are forecast to be near 80 degrees.

Walleye Peak

Walleye fishing is at its peak with many fish caught deep on live worm harnesses and bottom bouncing rigs. Bass anglers are finding success by casting soft plastic jigs tipped with a piece of night crawler and worked slowly along the bottom from 12-26 feet. Walleye are caught lakewide but are more abundant on the north end in the cloudy water.

Crappie Throughout Lake

Crappie are still found in the backs of the canyons. There are more fish caught in the remote areas of the San Juan and in-



BIG ONES — Stephen Maurer was fishing with his dad in the Escalante Arm, trolling and casting for stripers. He cast a gold deep-diving crankbait and caught a 37-inch striper. This is the fifth striper over 10-pounds caught this season and there are still more big ones out there to catch.

flow areas near Hite. But crappie are caught throughout the lake in muddy water near the backs of canyons.

Stripers: Big News

Stripers are still the biggest news on the fishing scene. Catches from the dam all the way uplake to Rock Creek are phenomenal. Many stripers have been tagged in this area for a contest sponsored by Cabelas. You must be pre-registered to win cash and merchandise. Register here: <http://www.cabelas.com/browse.cmd?categoryId=107520480>

Some tag returns have already been re-

ported but there are many more tagged stripers waiting to be caught. Most tagged stripers are in the southern lake where striper fishing is hot but there are also a few near Bullfrog.

Stripers are being caught on cut bait by chumming along the canyon walls and fishing with a small piece of anchovy or sardine. These 3-4 pound stripers are educated and can quickly steal bait visibly attached to a hook.

Those that use invisible fluorocarbon leaders catch fish that steal bait from

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URBAN FISHING REPORT

Cats Are Biting Big Time

The most recent catfish stocking at press time was the week of April 29 - May 4 at all Phoenix and Tucson area Urban waters. Cats from previous stockings have been biting very well on worms, stink baits, and hot dogs or shrimp fished on the bottom.

Catfish have been active throughout the day with mornings and evenings best. Worms (night crawlers) have been the top bait for three Urban category Big Fish-of-the-Year entries, all in March.

Robert Foy hauled in an 8.2-pound, 22-inch largemouth bass from Red Mountain. Kyle Johnson harvested a 26-inch channel catfish out of Kiwanis Lake that went 8.3 pounds. Tucson's Kennedy Lake gave up a 13 pound, 28-inch common carp to Roy Castleman. Check out these and other big

fish entries at http://www.azgfd.gov/h_f/edits/big_fish.shtml.

Sunfish Spawn

Bluegill and other sunfish species are beginning to spawn at all urban waters, which causes them to become more aggressive and active. Best baits for the feisty, 5-8 inch bluegill are worms or mealworms fished under a small bobber or on the bottom using a small split shot.

Bass Action Slows

Action for largemouth bass has slowed as they move into the post-spawn period over the next few weeks. Please exercise catch and release for largemouth bass and remember the minimum keep-able size for bass is 13 inches.



Green Valley Lakes

At Green Valley lakes (Payson) fishing is good for trout in the 11-13 inch range. Try Power Bait or worms off the bottom. Trout stockings at this higher elevation Urban lake were set to stop for the season in mid-May. Also at Green Valley, there is a good bite going on for crappie and bass. Use small jigs and plastic worms.

Governor Signs SB 1223 (License Simplification)

Game and Fish plans to seek public input on license structure and fee concepts.

Governor Jan Brewer on May 7 signed into law Senate Bill 1223, a bill that allows the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to set future hunting and fishing license structure and fees directly through a streamlined, customer-focused process.

The bill, which is supported by 24 sportsmen's organizations, gives the Game and Fish Department the ability to operate more like a business and react to changing market conditions and customer needs in a timely manner. It previously passed the Arizona House, 43-10, on April 15 and the Arizona Senate, 26-2, on March 6.

The department has now presented its proposed public outreach process to the Game and Fish Commission at the commission's meeting on May 11.

Next, the department will engage in a public outreach effort, including statewide public meetings, to solicit input on a conceptual license structure and fees.

"It's important to keep in mind that the license structure and fee concepts that will be shown at the public meetings will only be that — concepts," said Deputy Director Ty Gray. "They are not recommendations at this point, but are meant to serve as a starting point for discussion. We want to know what constituents think and what input they might have."

The remaining public meetings are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on the following dates:

Monday, May 20, Phoenix, Arizona Game and Fish Department headquarters, 5000 W. Carefree Highway (Note: This meeting will also be webcast at www.azgfd.gov/webcast)

Monday, May 20, Mesa, Arizona Game and Fish Department Mesa regional office, 7200 E. University Drive

Tuesday, May 21, Tucson, Arizona Game and Fish Department Tucson regional office, 555 N. Greasewood Road

Wednesday, May 22, Yuma, Arizona

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RECORD! — Eddie “Flathead Ed” Wilcoxson was asleep on the fold-out cot of his 24-foot pontoon boat on April 12, when what would become a state record flathead catfish began taking drag at Bartlett Lake. About 35 minutes later, at 2:37 a.m., Wilcoxson, 56, boated what Arizona Game and Fish Department officials verified is a 76.52-pound flathead catfish. It measured 53.5 inches in total length with a 34.75-inch girth. It also became the heaviest recorded fish of any species in state history, topping the 74-pound flathead catfish caught in 1988 out of the Colorado River by Walter Wilson of Bard, Calif.



LAKE POWELL

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hooks on monofilament line. Never attach a hook directly to braided line when bait fishing.

Some stripers are still hanging out at the back of the canyon in murky water. These fish are best caught by trolling or casting medium to deep diving hard plastic baits. The magic bottom depth is 25 feet where water is stained.

Hard To Miss Now

Stephen Maurer and family were casting tubes and cranks in the back of the Escalante Arm this week to catch many

stripers up to 9 pounds. Maurer used a large gold deep-diving crankbait to land a 23-pound, 37-inch striper.

If another option is needed yearling stripers are eating plankton suspended at 25-30 feet in open bays near slick rock cliffs and coves. These smaller, but fatter, fish can be caught on bait or by casting and trolling small jerk baits where big schools of fish are graphed.

It is really hard to miss now when fishing at Lake Powell. If you have not yet tried fishing here but really would like to do it - This is the Time.

Note: At press time, lake elevation was 3,596 and water temperature was 59-65F.

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Arizona Wildlife magazine, Arizona's award-winning magazine about wildlife and outdoor recreation.

The contest accepts entries through Aug. 2 at 5 p.m. MST. Cash prizes will be awarded. Prize money is funded through publications sales. As always, the contest

is free to enter. It's also easy: People can enter via email or through a file-sharing website. Contest rules are posted at www.azgfd.gov/photocontest.

A Test Of Skill

Photographing wildlife is a test of skill,

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Bobcat Attacks Show Low Woman

Officials urge vigilance for potential presence of rabies in other mammals.

Following a bobcat attack on a young woman in a neighborhood behind the Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse in Show Low, Arizona Game and Fish Department officials are advising area residents to be alert for any wild animal or pet that appears to behave oddly, indicating the potential presence of rabies.

A Navajo County deputy sheriff responded to the attack call Sunday evening, April 28. At the same time, another deputy sheriff nearby observed a bobcat behaving in an aggressive, abnormal manner and destroyed it. The carcass was collected and shipped to the Arizona State Health Laboratory for necropsy and rabies testing, which confirmed the animal was rabid.

The woman was attacked about 10:30 p.m., receiving several bites and scratches on her thigh. She was treated at Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center and

subsequently released, receiving rabies vaccines and anti-rabies serum as a precaution, pending outcome of the tests.

"Bobcats rarely attack people, but when they do, the animal is often rabid," says Bruce Sitko, department spokesman. "While we don't expect a larger outbreak of the virus in the local area, we want to err on the side of caution in alerting residents to watch and report any abnormal behaviors in other wild or domestic animals, as this bobcat may have had contact with them."

Rabies Can Be Fatal

Rabies is a viral disease that attacks the central nervous system and is always fatal once symptoms appear. The virus can be transmitted to people or animals through bites from infected animals or exposure to infected saliva through open wounds or mucous membranes.

In recent years, the occurrence of rabies has been uncommon in Navajo County. According to Arizona Department of Health Services records, the last confirmed case of any animal testing positive in Navajo County was a bat in 2011. In 2010, three bats tested positive in the



county. The last case of a bobcat testing positive for rabies anywhere in Arizona was a single incident in 2011.

To report incidents, contact the Navajo County Animal Control office at (928) 524-4266, Show Low Animal Control office at (928) 537-4365 or the department at (928) 367-4281 during regular business hours. After hours, call 911 and the dispatcher will assist in contacting the proper authority.

Advice To Avoid Rabies

Health Services and department officials recommend the following to protect individuals and pets from rabies:

- Do not pick up, touch or feed wild or unfamiliar mammals. If someone is bitten or scratched, or has had contact with an animal, report it immediately to animal control or health officials and consult a physician as soon as possible.
- When enjoying outdoor activities, such as hiking or camping, avoid wild mammals, especially those that are behaving abnormally. Such behavior from the animal might include showing no fear; unusual vocalizing; staggering and/or acting sickly; and nocturnal mammals active during daytime.
- Campers should keep pets under control and maintain a clean camp to discourage visits from unwanted wildlife.
- Do not leave uneaten food out when retiring for the evening.
- Keep pets on a leash and do not allow

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Bald Eagle Breeding Closure Areas Lifted On Some Lakes, Rivers

The Arizona Game and Fish Department and its partners are lifting some of the closures at lakes and rivers statewide that are put into place annually to help bald eagles during the breeding season.

The closures at the following four sites have been removed, effective immediately, because the bald eagles in these areas failed to produce young and will not breed this late in the spring: Lake Pleasant, Verde River near Chasm Creek, Tonto Creek inlet to Roosevelt Lake, Tonto Creek from Gisela to 76 Ranch



All other previously announced closures remain in effect because bald eagle breeding activities are still continuing in those areas. The public should contact the local land management agency to ensure the area they are visiting is open for recreational use.

Each year, land and wildlife management agencies close bald eagle breeding areas for part of the year, beginning in December, to protect the state's bald eagles. Outdoor recreationists are asked to help protect these important breeding areas by honoring the closures.

Bald eagles are particularly sensitive to human disturbance during the breeding season and public cooperation with the closures is an important part of helping to conserve the species. Human activity near active bald eagle nests can cause a breeding pair to leave its eggs uncovered, leading to a failed breeding attempt. Human presence can also cause a young bird to prematurely leave the nest.

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



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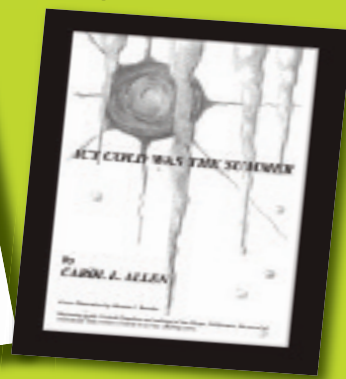
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From The Director: An Invitation To Enjoy

As many of you know, our 28 Arizona State Parks are all open and still attracting more than 2.2 million visitors to Arizona. Even with high gas prices' slowing campers in the rural western states, especially those with RVs, State Parks' visitation is holding steady.

Because Arizona State Parks is treated like a business, we have had to reduce a few hours, make some parks seasonal, and have increased our reliance on communities and Friend's Groups. Not surprisingly, we've seen an increase in our revenues and a decrease in our operational costs. The winds of positive change are definitely blowing our way.

The support we see every day from the public is stronger than it has ever been. I believe the aggressive efforts by the residents and visitors to protect the system of Arizona's State Parks reflects the sentiments of the majority of Arizona's residents.

Today, I'm inviting every Arizonan to get out and enjoy the Parks. The weather is perfect throughout the state.

Arizona State Parks has a new program called 'Family Camping.' This program shows how easy and affordable camping can be. We give you a tent and fishing poles to use, and we even show you how to set up the tent and set your hook.

We are "Camping Central" for campers looking for information. Call us during the week or check out our Web site 24 hours a day for ideas, camping tips and maps.

Some of Arizona State Park's best qualities are our flush toilets, hot showers and easy access. Every one of our Parks is handicap accessible, and a compact car won't have any trouble as our roads are paved.

Campers will be surprised to find upgraded areas like white sand on the Colorado River park beaches, huge shade trees, and new campground loops.

The skills of our Rangers to manage volunteers and projects that enhance the Parks are one of our greatest assets. Our Rangers are experts at their Park and many of them are law enforcement officers. Our Parks are safe, convenient, affordable, and they provide untold opportunities to develop memories that last a lifetime.

See you at the Parks!
Bryan Martyn
 Executive Director, Arizona State Parks

Get Out Of The Heat To Fool Hollow Lake

Visit this recreation area for summer interpretive programs.



Fool Hollow Lake

Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area in Show Low, Ariz., will hold summer interpretive programs May 25 through August 31. These summer interpretive programs will include nature walks, programs about wildland firefighting and lecture programs ranging from the Old West to animal conservation.

These programs are coordinated and presented by the US Forest Service in conjunction with Arizona State Parks, Arizona Game & Fish Department, Show Low Historical Society, and many others.

Most programs take place at the Amphitheater/Interpretive Area. Nature walks start at the east boat ramp. Both locations are on the campground side of the lake.

Contact the Ranger Station for further details. Scheduling and topics are subject to change.

May 25: 7:30 pm, Smokey Bear! — National Forest Service

May 31: 9 am, Nature Walk

June 1: 7:30 pm, Night Noises (Wildlife Sounds After Dark) — AZ Game & Fish Department

June 7: 9 am, Nature Walk

June 8: 6 pm, Wildlife Rescue & Conservation — Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation

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June 14: 9 am, Nature Walk

June 15: 6 pm, Wildland Firefighters

June 21: 9 am, Nature Walk

June 22: 6:30 pm, Chronicle of the Old West (Cattle Drive/Cowboys) — Dakota Livesay

June 28: 9 am, Nature Walk

June 28: 7:30 pm, Wild Bird — White Mountain Audubon Society

June 29: 6:30 pm, Underwater Town (Adair) — Show Low Historical Society

July 5: 9 am, Nature Walk

July 6: 6 pm, Wildlife Rescue & Conservation — Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation Foundation

July 12: 9 am, Nature Walk

July 13: 6 pm, Reptiles & Amphibians — Perfect Paws Pet Shop

July 19: 9 am, Nature Walk

July 20: 6:30 pm, Chronicle of the Old

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Summer/Fall Camping Reservations Open For Lyman Lake

Lyman Lake State Park in northeastern Arizona is a stunning 1,500-acre lake at an elevation of 6,000 feet with no size restrictions on boats, making it a popular water-skiing destination. The park re-opened on May 3 for the summer and fall season.

The park will be open for day-use only through May 23. Starting on May 24, the park will be open for day-use and camping until November 4. However, you can make your camping reservations now for that time frame. The park will then wind down its season from November 5 through December 3 with day-use only.

Summer days at Lyman Lake State Park are perfect for fishing, water-skiing, camping and hiking. The park features 61 camp-

ing sites with shade ramadas, picnic tables and grills. Campsites range from \$20 to \$30 a night.

There are also four air-conditioned camping cabins (\$55) and four (16-foot round) yurts (\$40). The four one-room log camping cabins overlook the lake with covered wood porches and comfortable features. They are accessible by car and RV and equipped with electric hook-ups outside.

Although relatively new to Arizona, yurts have been home for millions of people in Central Asia for several millenniums. On clear nights, yurt campers can lie in their sleeping bags to view the abundant display of stars visible through the open



Lyman Lake

roof or during wet seasonal storms the yurt offers room for the whole family to sit in

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Sedona's Jewel Case Of Art And Culture Turns 40

It is hard to believe that this year Tlaquepaque Arts & Crafts village is turning 40! Maybe that wouldn't be so remarkable in another city where arts and culture have been celebrated for decades or even centuries. Sedona, however, which had a population of 2000 in the early 1970s, and only became incorporated as a city in 1988, quickly became renowned as a vibrant arts community.

Since its inception in 1973, Tlaquepaque has played a significant role in putting Sedona on the map as a world-renowned arts destination.

Tlaquepaque Arts & Crafts Village would become not only a world-class shopping destination, but also would serve to anchor the artistic energy and diverse culture of Sedona. In the last four decades, Tlaquepaque has been visited by millions the world over and has become a landmark Arizona and Southwest treasure.

It stands as testimony to the fact that people who have taken time to explore



Tlaquepaque in the last 40 years have loved and appreciated the arts. And they continue to support the highly accomplished artists, world-class galleries, gifted artisans, craftspeople, entrepreneurs and restaurateurs who have, over the years, set up shop inside these beautiful walls.

This extraordinary story sprang from the vision of one remarkable man, Abe Miller.

You are invited to peruse the Discover Tlaquepaque! Magazine. It's our third issue and is filled with reminiscences from folks who were here from the beginning, who — with Abe — took a risk and decided to become a part of something exciting and fresh — a living arts village like

no other.

Abe Miller's humility, tenacity and adherence to the authentic expression and dream of building an arts community, fashioned after a Mexican village, is the stuff of legends. He was truly as one of the greatest developers who understood that it was important to also protect and nurture the soul of a place.

To that end, Miller had a deep and abiding love of the land Tlaquepaque sits on. Just visit this place and marvel at the beautiful sycamore trees, preserved and tended to with loving care all these years. They were part of a promise to steward the beauty of the land and the abiding legacy of Abe Miller.

It has been my pleasure to be a part of his enduring legacy. We will continue to share Tlaquepaque through our festivals, events, weddings and community gatherings. We look forward with humility and appreciation to the decades ahead and promise to continue to fulfill the dream of its founder.

Please visit us again soon!

Best wishes,
Wendy Lippman
Resident Partner and General Manager

Home to more than 45 shops and galleries and four restaurants, Tlaquepaque, the Art and Soul of Sedona, is located at 336 State Route 179 in Sedona, Ariz. It is open daily at 10 a.m.

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A Grand Canyon Celebration Of Art

Plan ahead for a palette of pleasure from Sept. 14 through Jan. 20.

The Grand Canyon Association and Arizona Public Service are pleased to announce the 5th Annual Grand Canyon Celebration of Art at Grand Canyon National Park. This event features twenty-six artists from around the country who have created a studio piece for the exhibition and will paint plein air during the week before the

exhibit opens.

Visitors will have the opportunity to watch the artists paint as they seek to represent the shifting light and shadow, amazing land forms, and vibrant colors of this vast landscape. Artists will be at the North and South Rims and, again this year at Phantom Ranch and Indian Garden Sept. 14-20.

Long before there was color photography, artists like Thomas Moran and Gunnar Widforss contributed to capturing the beauty and mystery of Grand Canyon through art. It was their paintings that helped communicate to the world the need for preservation of such a special place.

In 2009, the Grand Canyon Association rejuvenated this idea and brought artists to the South Rim for a week of painting and appreciation of art in the canyon. Today, Celebration of Art exposes tens of thousands of people to live-artist renderings at Grand Canyon. It has become the model for outdoor art events in National Parks.

Event Schedule

Plein Air at Grand Canyon: Sept. 14-20, North and South Rim, Grand Canyon National Park

Quick Draw and Auction: Friday, Sept. 20, 9 am – noon

Buyer's Preview and Reception: Fri-



NSP/Kristen Calderon

PLEIN-AIR PAINTING — The Grand Canyon Association and Arizona Public Service are pleased to announce the 5th Annual Grand Canyon Celebration of Art at Grand Canyon National Park. This event features 26 artists from around the country who have created a studio piece for the exhibition and will paint plein air during the week before the exhibit opens.

day, Sept. 20, 5-7 p.m., Kolb Studio
Grand Opening Reception and Sale: Saturday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kolb Studio

Exhibit and Sale: Sept. 21– Jan. 20, 2014, Kolb Studio

Please visit our website for information and updates at <http://www.grandcanyon.org/celebration.asp>.

Proceeds from this event will support See ART on page 14

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Coyotes Curling Club Has Two Great Summer Curling Opportunities For You

By Darryl Horsman
theskip@coyotescurling.com

First of all, the Summer League has been announced! We are looking for a minimum of 32 curlers who want to get out of the heat and have some fun curling, regardless if you are a newbie or veteran of the game. With the exception of two dates, the nine-week league will be at 10 a.m. on Saturdays (See schedule below). This leaves you the rest of the day and all day Sunday to enjoy your weekends.

As you know, we are working at building our own dedicated facility. We are confident that there shouldn't be any trouble filling the league, but in an effort to ensure we do not spend funds needlessly, we are asking those who would like to curl in the Summer League to let us know of their intent now.

We will be offering league curlers two options:

- \$200 per person includes nine weeks of league play (6/15 to 8/10)
- \$225 per person includes one learn-to-curl class on June 8 plus nine weeks of league play.

Please let Shawn Tait know by e-mail (shawntait@coyotescurling.com) if you are interested. Registration forms can be e-mailed to you or are available online. Both options are a great value and we have the necessary equipment needed to curl. Get your own four-person team out, come out as a couple, or come out on your own. No matter how you get here, just get here and you'll have a great time curling!

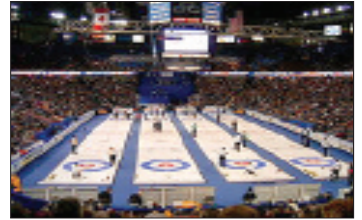
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| 6/8 | Saturday | 8:00 p.m. | 10:00 p.m. |
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| 6/22 | Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. |
| 6/29 | Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. |
| 7/6 | Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. |
| 7/13 | Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. |

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| 7/21 | Sunday | 5:30 p.m. | 7:30 p.m. |
| 7/27 | Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. |
| 8/3 | Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. |
| 8/10 | Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. |

The second cool curling option is we are hosting a public Learn-To-Curl class June 8 from 7:15 p.m.-10 p.m. From 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. there will be an off-ice tutorial that covers the history of the game, how to play, and what to look forward to out on the ice.

From 8 p.m.-10 p.m., we take to the ice and teach you how to curl Olympic style. The club provides all of the brooms and sliders needed to curl. The rate to curl per person is \$30. Registration forms for the class are online and will be taken first come, first served, so don't delay in coming to throw your first curling rock or hone your existing skills.

Good curling!



AN ANCIENT SPORT — Curling is thought to have been invented in medieval Scotland, with the first written reference to a contest using stones on ice coming from the records of Paisley Abbey, Renfrewshire, in February 1541. Two paintings (both dated 1565) by Pieter Bruegel the Elder depict Dutch peasants curling — Scotland and the Low Countries had strong trading and cultural links during this period, which is also evident in the history of golf.

BOATING

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(May 18-24) and throughout the boating season, remember to "Wear It!"

Last year, the National Safe Boating Council created a video PSA, "Casting Off," sharing the experience of three friends and a dog as they get ready to spend the day on the water and the significance of a simple reminder to wear a life jacket.

This tongue-in-cheek video PSA shares the life-saving importance of sharing boating safety, including wearing a life jacket, while enjoying recreational boating activities with your family and friends — and yes, your pets aboard too.

"Accidents on the water can happen much too fast to reach and put on a stowed life jacket," said Virgil Chambers, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council. "It's important that everyone wears a life jacket while on the water. There's no reason why you, your family

and friends, can't have fun on the water while also choosing to always wear a life jacket."

Here are a few boating safety tips to keep in mind this boating season:

1. No matter what activity you have planned — boating, fishing sailing, etc. — always remember to wear a life jacket every time you are on the water.
2. Make sure your life jacket is U.S. Coast Guard-approved and properly fits. Double check that your life jacket is appropriate for your favorite boating activities.
3. Life jackets meant for adults do not work for children. If you are boating with children, make sure they are wearing properly fitted, child-sized life jackets. Do not buy a life jacket for your child to "grow into."

For more safe boating tips, watch this video as three friends and their dog get ready to spend the day on the water and are reminded by the women in their lives

about the importance of boating safety and life jacket wear: <http://www.youtube.com/embed/tSoyoGzSgRc>.

"A life jacket can't save your life unless you "Wear It!," continued Chambers. "With today's variety of comfortable, stylish life jackets, there's a life jacket for everyone — even our four-legged friends! No matter the water activity or life jacket style chosen — and always remember to "Wear It!"

U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in three-fourths of recreational boating fatalities in 2010, and that 88 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets. That's why boating safety advocates continue to push for increased and consistent life jacket wear on the water.

Please be sure to also check out the North American Safe Boating Campaign on our social networks:

Facebook [<http://www.facebook.com/SafeBoatCampaign>]

Twitter [<http://twitter.com/!Boating-Campaign>]

YouTube [<http://www.youtube.com/user/OutreachNSBC>]

Safe Summer Pledge [<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/camp-pledge.htm>]

About The North American Safe Boating Campaign

The North American Safe Boating Campaign unites the efforts of a wide variety of boating safety advocates, including NASBLA, the Canadian Safe Boating

Council and the many members of the National Safe Boating Council. The campaign is produced under a grant from the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. Partners hold local events, teach classes, distribute educational materials and perform free Vessel Safety Checks, among other activities.

About The National Safe Boating Council

The National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) is the foremost coalition for the advancement and promotion of safer boating through education, outreach, and training. The NSBC accomplishes this mission by promoting outreach and research initiatives that support boating education and safety awareness; improving the professional development of boating safety educators through training; and developing and recognizing outstanding boating safety programs. To learn more about the NSBC and its programs, visit www.SafeBoatingCouncil.org.

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• Do not disturb roosting bats. If a bat is found on the ground, don't touch it. If the bat is found in an urban area, report it and the location to the local animal control officer or health department.

GOVERNOR

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Game and Fish Department Yuma regional office, 9140 E. 28th St.

Wednesday, May 22, Flagstaff, Arizona Game and Fish Department Flagstaff regional office, 3500 S. Lake Mary Road

Thursday, May 23, Kingman, Arizona Game and Fish Department Kingman regional office, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road

It is anticipated that additional public

ART

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the goal of funding an art venue at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. This permanent home will ensure that future generations of park visitors will be able to view the stunning art collection in the Grand Canyon National Park Museum and Grand Canyon Association Collections.

meetings will be held in each region. Those meeting locations and dates will be posted at www.azgfd.gov/LicenseSimplification as soon as they become available. Interested individuals are encouraged to monitor that webpage.

For those who can't attend the public meetings, input/comments will be accepted at LicenseSimplification@azgfd.gov.

For more information about SB 1223, visit www.azgfd.gov/LicenseSimplification.

Father's Day
June 16, 2013



DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid-May

BEYOND ARIZONA

FUR AND FEATHER ANIMAL ASSISTANCE, INC.: Ongoing — A permanent residential facility for dogs and cats designed for comfort, well being, and CARE for LIFE. Where Every "One" Deserves a Chance. 575-772-2661 Laurie Beauchamp, 575-772-2543 Sharon Bostick, PO Box 555 Pie Town, NM 87827, e-mail to: furandfeatheranimalassistance@gmail.com

ALABAMA: May 20-24 --The 2013 Boats US Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship presented by Cabela's will be returning to Florence, Ala., for the next five years and details for the 8th annual event are taking shape. Collegiate anglers from across the country should block off the entire week of May 20-24 on their calendars for another record-setting event.



BOATING

YUMA: June 29 — 3rd Annual Territorial River Regatta — on the Colorado River, a family-friendly floatdown, launches at confluence of Gila & Colorado beginning at 9 a.m., debarkation at West Wetlands Park, 928-343-1715 or 928-276-4803 or <http://www.caballeros.org> or <http://www.territorialriverregatta.com>

PARKER: June 8 — 36th Annual Great Western Tube Float — Patria Flat, float 5 miles down the Parker Strip as singles, groups, or teams, prizes and awards at Blue Water Resort & Casino Beach, registration at 7 am, float at 9 am, 928-669-6511 or <http://parkertourism.com>

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 visiting www.ussailing.org/training and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FLAGSTAFF: June 29 — Wildflower Walks - The Arboretum at Flagstaff, a special wildflower walk that will focus on the native species in bloom at this time of year, sign-up upon arrival, 9:30-11:30 am, 928-774-1442 or <http://www.thearb.org>

MORMON LAKE: June 8 — Outdoor Festival — Mormon Lake Lodge, part of National Get Outdoors Day, activities including fishing, archery, air rifle shooting, wildlife viewing with more than 60 exhibits and displays, see a live snake display and learn about how to catch, clean and eat crayfish, lots of outdoor information and family fun, free, 10 am - 3 pm, 928-354-2227 or <http://www.mormonlakelodge.com/>

PHOTOS

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and Arizona abounds with opportunities to practice. A great egret spreading its wings for balance on a slender branch won last year's contest. The image was not just beautiful — it captured a particular moment in the life of an animal.

Such moments are happening all around us, all the time. The key is being

PINETOP-LAKESIDE: June 1 — Walk for the Woods on National Trails Day — White Mountain Nature Center, fun hikes to support area land acquisition, food, live wildlife and GPS geocaching, free, 8 am, 928-358-3069 or <http://www.wmnaure.org>

PINETOP/LAKESIDE: June 1 — 21st Annual National Trails Day Celebration — Woodland Lake Park, come join our local hiking and trail development organization TRACKS for a day of hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and interpretive activities in the White Mountain Trailsystem, free, 8 am, 928-368-6700 or <http://ci.pinetop-lakeside.az.us/>

FOOL HOLLOW LAKE: Through Aug. 31 — Interpretive programs offered by Arizona State Parks; see story on page 11 of this issue.

LYMAN LAKE STATE PARK: Through Dec. 3 — Camping reservations accepted; see story on page 11 of this issue.

GRAND CANYON: Through Jan. 20, 2014 — Celebration of art; see story on page 12 of this issue.

TUCSON: Through May 23 — Annual Mt. Lemmon Hill Climb— Mt. Lemmon, road bike ride, followed by an optional lunch at Summerhaven, includes four sag stops, round trip to Ski Valley is 56 miles, with 6,600 feet of elevation gain and 4.5% average grade, \$10-15, <http://www.bikegaba.org>

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

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

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

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

FISHING

PINETOP-LAKESIDE: June 16 — 26th Annual Father's Day Fishing Contest - Woodland Lake Park, registration begins at 10 am, prizes, trophies, hot dogs, sponsored by VFW 2364 and Ladies Auxiliary, 928-367-4290 or <http://ci.pinetop-lakeside.az.us/>

YELLOWTAIL DERBY: Through June 9 in San Diego

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

ready to answer opportunity when it knocks. By staying alert for that special wildlife encounter, anybody might capture an image worth the top prize.

The judging process is "blind," meaning entries are assigned a number and evaluated anonymously. Personal information is not attached to images or revealed during judging. Photos are evaluated solely on creativity, photographic quality, effectiveness in conveying the unique character of

GRAND CANYON: Through June 10 -- The National Park Service Comprehensive Fisheries Management Plan Environmental Assessment (EA) for waters between Glen Canyon Dam and Lake Mead within Grand Canyon National Park (Grand Canyon) and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (Glen Canyon) is available for public review and comment. Comments will be accepted through June 10. <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grca>

HUNTING

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

PUBLIC INPUT ON LICENSE STRUCTURE FOR HUNTING/FISHING: Through May 23 — AZGFD; see story on page 8 of this issue.

WATERSPORTS

Diving:
SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: Ongoing — Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake Open Water Certification Dives, San Carlos, Mexico; Lake Pleasant, and more; Saguaro can plan your diving vacation for small groups or just one person. How about Grand Cayman, Curacao, Cozumel, Belize, Roatan, Bonaire, Turks & Caicos Contact Saguaro Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguarosports.com

Frozen Watersports:
SUMMER CURLING LEAGUE: June 8-Aug. 10 — See story on page 14 of this issue.

Swimming:
CHINO VALLEY: June 2 — 3rd Annual Town of Chino Valley Adult & Youth & Relay Sprint Triathlon & Duathlon - Aquatic Center, for all ages and abilities, Adult Mini Triathlon: 150 yd pool swim, 7.5 mi bike, ½ mi run; Adult Maxi Triathlon: 300 yd heated pool swim, 22 mi bike, 3mi run; Adult Tri Relay —Maxi distances Maxi Duathlon : ½ mi run, 21mi bike, 3 mi Run; Youth Triathlon: 100 yd. swim, 3mi bike; 1/2 mi run, 7:30 am, 928-636-9780 or <http://www.trifamilyracing.com>

TEMPE: May 19 — 12th Annual Tempe International Triathlon — Tempe Town Lake, the oldest triathlon at Tempe Town Lake and is an Arizona Classic, offers a completely shaded transition area, a beach start, custom finisher medals and women's specific sized tech T-shirts, swim 1500 meters, bike 24.9 miles, run 10 km; or swim ¼ mile, bike 10 miles, run 3.1 miles, 6:30 am, 928-607-6737 or <http://www.trifind.net>

WILDLIFE-RELATED

PRESCOTT: June 23 — Zoo by Moonlight — Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, bring a flashlight and see the nocturnal residents, \$5, 8-9:30 pm, 928-778-4242 ext. 16 or <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

SUPERIOR: June 9 — Learn Your Lizards — Boyce Thompson Arboretum, educates participants how to identify common species such as Western whiptails, Tree Lizards, Side-blotched and Greater Earless, family-friendly walk, meet at the visitor center, \$3-7.50, 8:30 am, 520-689-2811 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>

PRESCOTT: June 8 — Breakfast with the Galapagos Tortoise - Heritage Park Zoolog-



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ical Sanctuary, includes a continental breakfast for participants in front of the tortoise, a special feeding and talk by keepers, and a craft relating to the tortoise by the Education Department, 9 am, <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

PRESCOTT: Nocturnal Nature Nights: June 1-Aug. 31 — Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, enjoy the Zoo in the cool of the evening, open Saturdays until 8 pm, <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

SIERRA VISTA: June 1 — Hummingbird Banding at San Pedro House - San Pedro House, get an up-close look at the catch, band, weigh, measure and release by licensed banders of the tiny birds for research purposes, 4-6 pm, 520-432-1388 or <http://www.sabo.org>

WILDLIFE CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST: Through Aug. 2 — AZGFD; see story on page 10 of this issue.

PRESCOTT: May 24 — Zoo By Moonlight - Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, visitors are encouraged to bring their flashlights and see the nocturnal animals of the Zoo, 6-9 pm, <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

GRAND CANYON: May 18 — 6th Annual Celebrate Wildlife Day — activities celebrating the park's wildlife including endangered species, join Grand Canyon Rangers and wildlife biologists for special programs, interactive exhibits, hands on activities and live animals from Arizona Game and Fish's Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center of Phoenix, 10 am - 5 pm, 928-638-7789 or 928-638-7645 or <http://www.nps.gov/grca/nature-science/wildlife-day.htm>

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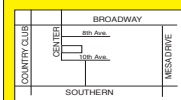


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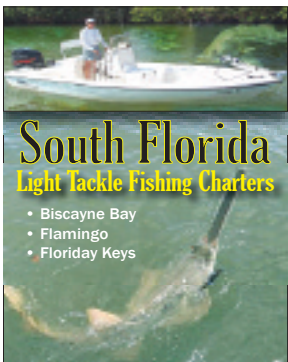


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PWC

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out and enjoy the numerous waterways that are available to boaters. "Operators need to keep in mind though, that personal watercraft are like any other watercraft. Whether it be a fishing boat, ski boat, or PWC, the key to safe and prudent use lies with the operator," says Ed Huntsman, recreational boating-safety program manager for the U.S. Coast Guard's Eighth District.

Personal watercraft are easy to trailer, store, and maintain and have opened recreational boating to many who otherwise would be left at the dock or on the shore. The typical buyer is around 40 years old with a family and looking for a three-passenger boat that can tow a water-ski.

According to the National Marine Manufacturer's Association, more than 75 percent of all PWCs sold in the U.S. recently are three-passenger vessels.

"Personal watercraft are being used more often these days as family boats," says Huntsman. "Whenever friends or

family are getting ready for a day on the water, I always give them the following safety tips:

Take a boating safety education class.

Life jackets save lives, so wear them.

Maintain an awareness of where you are and what you're doing, especially after being in the sun all day and being bounced around by wind and waves."

Adding alcohol into the mix significantly increases your chances of having a good day on the water go bad, adds Huntsman. "Sober boating saves lives, so don't drink alcohol or use illegal drugs — keep a good day good," he says.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, BoatU.S., Power Squadron, and your state's boating enforcement agency all offer boating-safety education courses, which, in many cases, are free.

To learn more about boating safety classes, visit your state boating agency or the BoatU.S. Web site at www.boat.us.org

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SEDONA

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Carolyn Robertson wrote about part of her memorable Red Rock experience: "Each morning in Sedona around 5:45 a.m. we climbed to the top of Boynton Canyon to sit on the gorgeous red rocks as we participated in a meditation session during sunrise. The canyon is known as a "vortex" that offers healing and spiritual energy. The photo was taken just after sunrise on May 5.

"We also noticed that there were 'heart-



shaped' rocks throughout this canyon. Some people would pick up one that they found and place it in a tree. We also [saw] prickly pears that were heart shaped. I found this noticeable presence of 'hearts' another little gem about this magical hike."

Not just another "pretty face," Sedona is a welcoming and calming retreat for visitors from all over the world and is truly a gem in Arizona's crown — from her ruby-red rocks to her emerald foliage and her sapphire skies.

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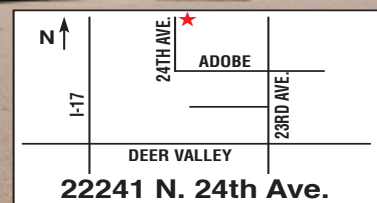
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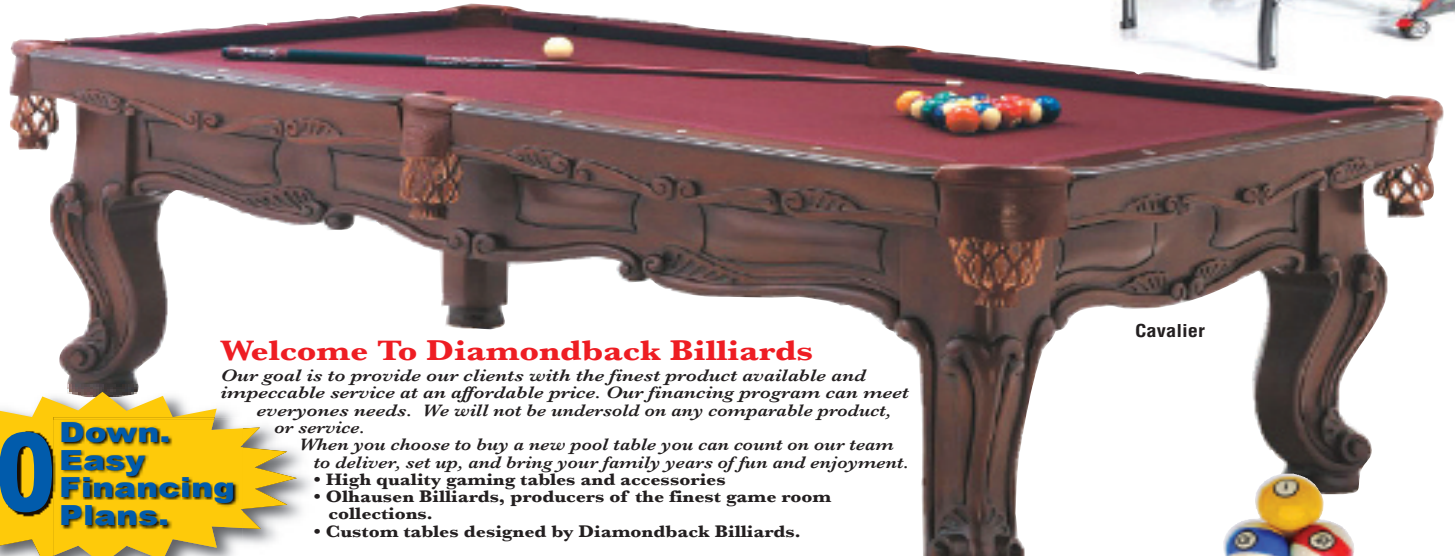
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