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## Summer Signals The Start Of Boating Season



## Summer Entertainment Schedule Announced For Roosevelt Lake Marina

**FROM PATTY JOHNSON**  
CONNECTIONS MARKETING  
& COMMUNICATIONS

Roosevelt Lake Marina is launching into another great summer boating season this month! Memorial Day weekend is the kick-off to Arizona's boating season and we're ready for it at RLM.

We've scheduled live entertainment throughout the 2017 summer — including live music performances, as well as free entertainment every second Saturday of the month from May through September. Enjoy one of our feature bands or karaoke after a day on the lake — in the floating bar from 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. on those evenings.

Come out with your friends and family, and enjoy a fantastic summer on Roosevelt



Roosevelt Lake Bridge View

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### ON THE COVER

## So Many Watersports, So Little Time

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

If one were to fill a "bucket list" with all the Watersports he or she would like to try, it would no doubt overflow. Have you ever stopped to consider how many ways — besides traditional boating, waterskiing, wakeboarding, fishing, and swimming — there are to enjoy the water.

Starting just with categories, we have "in the water (e.g., snorkeling and water polo), "on the water (e.g., cable skiing, body boarding)", "under water (e.g., diving and spear fishing)", to name just a few. That list literally just scratches the surface.

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## There's No Time Like The Present To Prepare Your Watercraft For Boating Season

*AZGFD gives eight tips for ensuring your watercraft is ready for another year.*

The official start of the boating season is nearly upon us and many Arizonans are getting ready to pull their favorite watercraft out from storage in preparation for more fun on the water.

To ensure the season is hiccup-free, the Arizona Game and Fish Department recommends that all watercraft owners thoroughly inspect their vessel to help prevent problems



that could keep them off the water. To ensure you encounter only smooth sailing, watercraft owners should conduct the following inspections:

**1. Registration** — Make sure your boat-

ing registration is current. Those needing to renew their watercraft registration can do so 24/7 by visiting [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) and clicking on "Boat Renewals" or at their closest AZGFD regional office.

**2. Fuel System** — Check the system for any leaks or damages. Give special attention to any fuel lines and connections. Damaged fuel hoses could either be cracked, brittle or soft. Also ensure the engine exhaust and ventilation systems are functioning properly. Before starting your engine, open the engine cover and smell for the presence of fuel vapor. Leave the engine cover off when

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## Surfing In The Desert, Really? Yes, And Easier Than You Might Have Thought

Not many years ago, the idea of surfing in the desert was absurd. But today, with manufacturers' making boats that you can surf behind, this once far-fetched idea has become a reality.

Despite being able to surf behind a boat, this dream is still unattainable for most, with the average surf-capable boat ranging between \$80,000 and well over \$100,000. Wakes Founder and CEO, Brandon Fish (cover shot shows him surfing at Saguaro Lake), grew up in Arizona, caught up in the surf culture of the day.

Despite his dreams of being able to surf, location hindered him from obtaining this dream. Though he was able to visit both California and Hawaii, where he was immersed in the culture and sport of surfing,

it was never something he could take home with him.

Today, Fish has a vision to change all that.

He sees a future where surfing becomes as easy as buying a day pass at a ski resort. Fish's company is offering customers both day and season passes that will allow people to come and experience surfing behind these world-class boats at a fraction of the cost of owning one.

As it is now, to obtain this, a family has to own the boat, and have a vehicle that can transport the boat to the lake. This makes the surfing and wake boarding experience expensive, inconvenient, and time consuming.

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TOMMY WONG

### Boating

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## DOWNSTREAM May 2017 Events Calendar

### BOATING

**Through 5/7 LAKE HAVASU CITY:** 19th Annual Desert Storm Poker Run & Shootout – One of the top 5 poker runs in the nation, world-class, top performance boats with top speeds of 160+ MPH, Thursday Street Party, Friday boat parade and Poker Run, Saturday Shootout with more than 67 runs, 2-day Power in the Park beach party, 602-578-5975 or <http://www.golakehavasuu.com/events/details/1786>

**4 LAKE HAVASU CITY:** Desert Storm Street Party 2017 – Multi-million dollar presentation of high-performance racing boats displayed on McCulloch Bl. (Downtown), meet the drivers/owners, custom autos, tow vehicles, PWCs and a full range of marine electronics, products and accessories for sale, vendors, live music, entertainment, food, free, noon – 10 pm, 602-578-5975 or <http://www.golakehavasuu.com/events/details/1787/>

**2/29/2018 GOAT CRUISE:** Sign up now for this family fun goat cruise. Kids are welcome and nannies will be provided. Call Billy for reservations: (619) 523-3091.

**LEARN TO SAIL:** Current — If you know someone who would like to learn to sail, turn them on to the Arizona Sailing Foundation's Adult Beginning Sailing class.

**AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS:** Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — in the Caddy Shack at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; [www.arizonayachtclub.org](http://www.arizonayachtclub.org)

**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.us-sailing.org/training](http://www.us-sailing.org/training) and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

### CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**20 PATAGONIA:** Mariachi Festival – Patagonia Lake State Park. A variety of Southern Arizona Mariachi bands. Featuring authentic Mexican food, hot dogs, hamburgers, kettle corn & shaved ice! Visitors may bring their



Cinco de May – May 5



Mother's Day – May 14

own picnic basket and a Piñata for the kids! Don't forget to bring: Plenty of water, lawn chair, sunscreen, hat. In addition, Patagonia offers fishing, birding, boat tours, and nature walks. \$15-20/vehicle (up to 4 adults), 10 am, <http://azstateparks.com/parks/pala/events.html>

**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

**6 PHOENIX:** The Stella Artois Derby Day-Club - Turf Paradise. The biggest Kentucky Derby Party in Arizona. The Stella Artois Derby DayClub with live racing & betting returns. Place your bets on-site for the Kentucky Derby, which will be broadcast live at the track and in the Derby DayClub at 3:24pm. \$25-500. <http://www.thepoloparty.com/derby>

**6 SEDONA:** Cinco de Mayo Fiesta – Tlaquepaque. A colorful Fiesta saluting a rich heritage. Cheer and whistle to the music of mariachi musicians, clap to the steps of Folklorico dancers and savor traditional Mexican food. 11 am – 5 pm. 928-282-4838 or <http://www.tlaq.com>

**13 MARANA:** 4th Annual Marana's Mother's Day 5K - Gladden Farms Park. Features a family fun walk/run. Every participant receives a raffle ticket. Snacks and refreshments provided. Moms get a rose at the finish line. 8 pm. <http://www.discovermarana.org/events/maranas-mothers-day-5k/>

**27-29 SHOW LOW:** Show Low Men's Memorial Day Softball Tournament - Show Low City Park. Senior Field and Ponderosa Field, Saturday & Monday, 40 team limit. 928-532-4140 or <http://www.showlowchamber.com/>

**29 ANTHEM:** 2017 Anthem Memorial Day Ceremony – Anthem Community Park. The event will include a keynote address, P.O.W and M.I.A ceremony, tribute to the veterans commemorated at the Memorial, musical performances, event closes with "Taps," seating is limited, lawn chairs are welcome.

10 am, <http://www.onlineanthem.com/anthem-veterans-memorial>

**29 CONCHO VALLEY:** 12th Annual Concho Memorial Day Parade and Picnic – Highway 61. Parade at 10 am, official flag raising ceremony at the park followed by a town picnic with food and music. Free. 10 am – 2 pm. 928-245-3238 or <http://www.conchoan.org>

**29 PAYSON:** Memorial Day Patriotic Program - Green Valley Park. Patriotic music, flag raising, speakers. 9:30 am. <http://www.paysonrimcountry.com/event-calendar>

### FISHING

**6 PAYSON:** Wild West Bass Tournament - Green Valley Park. Bring your kids and watch as the top 10 anglers bring their "catch" to the final day weigh in. Enjoy games, music, food and fun. Get autographs, learn from the pros and enjoy the festival atmosphere. 2-5 pm. <http://www.paysonrimcountry.com/event-calendar>

**13-14 LAKE HAVASU CITY:** 35th Annual Western Outdoor News Lake Havasu Stripper Derby – London Bridge Resort, 2/ person teams, cash prizes, the largest of its kind anywhere in the West, perfect for novice and family teams. <https://www.wonews.com/c-29-lake-havasuu-stripper-derby-may-14-15-2017.aspx>

**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

**Diving 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)

**Swimming 2 QUEEN CREEK:** 3rd Annual Lemonade Days - Founders Park, family friendly day of play with interactive games and activities, **water fun in the splash park**, food and live entertainment featuring Craig Campbell, Arnold Palmer's putt-putt driving range, 2017 State Cornhole tournament, Arizona's largest lemon squeeze, a free Summer Splash event for kids from 9 am – noon in the splash pad area, Lemonade Days \$10, noon - 9 pm, <http://www.lemonadedaysaz.com>

### WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

**SIERRA VISTA:** 4th Annual Southwest Wings Spring Fling - a series of workshops and outings for serious birders who want an intensive birding experience, focuses on birds in the area present during the spring nesting season, birders may see species like the Elegant Trogon, Violet Crowned Hummingbird and up to 5 species of owls, guided trips to some of the most famous birding spots in the U.S. including the San Pedro River, Garden, Sawmill, Sheelite, Huachuca, Ramsey, Carr, Miller, Madera and Ash Canyons, California Gulch, Patagonia and the Chiricahuas, <http://www.swwings.org/>

**CLARKDALE:** Raptor on the Rails - Verde Canyon Railroad, An eagle in flight is breathtaking, a face-to-face encounter with a raptor is also an astounding event, Scottsdale's Liberty Wildlife shares the majesty of a rescued bald eagle and other rescued raptors with visitors at the depot and on the train on select days, the only train who has an Eagle riding once a month, Sonora LOVES riding the train, everyone has the opportunity for personal interaction, 1 pm, <http://verdecanyonrr.com/>



Memorial Day – May 29

**13 PAYSON:** 23rd Annual Payson Wildlife Festival – Green Valley Park. Wildlife-based activities, parents and kids can fish, play games and get a close-up look at wildlife including birds of prey, rattlesnakes, Gila monsters and alligators, booths from a variety of conservation groups, coop between Arizona Game and Fish Dept., Mogollon Sporting Assn, US Forest Service & Parks & Rec. Free. 9 am – 3 pm. 928-947-5242 ext 7 or <http://www.paysonparks.com> or <http://www.paysonrimcountry.com>

**13-19 PORTAL:** Spring Migration Bird Tours — Southwestern Research Station, Concentrates on spring migration and endemic birds of the Sky Islands, you may see more passage migrants such as Hermit Warbler, Townsend's Warbler and Cassin's Vireo. 520-558-2396 or <http://research.amnh.org/swrs/visitor/package-tours>

**27 TAYLOR:** Taylor Trapper Days — Town Hall. Activities include a patriotic program,

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For a complete list of Arizona events, visit [www.visitarizona.com/events](http://www.visitarizona.com/events)



# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## Update your boating safety knowledge

Our waterways are ready, but are YOU? Brush up on your boating skills by taking one of the many Boating Safety Education classes or take one online at [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

May 2017				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	May 13 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Biscuit Tank at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	May 20 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	May 20 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility – Green Bldg. 2176 McCulloch Blvd. N. Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-08	May 20 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(510) 386-2356
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-07	May 20 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Bell American Plaza 7121 W. Bell Road Glendale	\$30	(928) 310-4603

June 2017				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 10 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Biscuit Tank at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 17 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 17 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility – Green Bldg. 2176 McCulloch Blvd. N. Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-08	June 17 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(510) 386-2356
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-07	June 24 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bell American Plaza 7121 W. Bell Road Glendale	\$30	(928) 310-4603

### Registration Decal



Spaces or hyphens should appear here.

### Register your watercraft

Make sure the vessel's registration is current before heading out on the water. It's one of the most important boating requirements needed to operate a watercraft on Arizona waterways.

The registration fee is determined by watercraft length and ranges from \$20 to \$66 for Arizona residents and \$100 to \$495 for non-residents. Skip the line and renew your watercraft registration online at [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

### Renew Online. It's Easy!

The Game and Fish online watercraft registration system allows you to renew your registration and have immediate use of your watercraft. Visit: <https://az.gov/app/watercraft>. You can also renew your registration by mail or in person at any Game and Fish office.



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### Know the Rules: Learn to identify "Navi-Aids"



Arizona law enforcement agencies write many citations for "failure to obey navigation laws." You can help ensure the safety of all on the water by learning to identify these common navigational aids.



**Information**  
Squares indicate where to find food, supplies, repairs, etc. and give directions and other information.

### Controlled

Circles indicate a controlled area such as speed limit, no fishing or anchoring, ski only or no skiing, or "slow, no wake."



### Exclusion


Crossed diamonds indicate areas off-limits to all vessels such as swimming areas, dams, and spillways.



### Danger

Diamonds warn of dangers such as rocks, shoals, construction, dams, or stumps. Always proceed with caution.

### Other Non-Lateral Markers

**Safe Water Markers** are white with red vertical stripes and mark mid-channels or fairways. They may be passed on either side. 



### Inland Water Obstruction Markers

Markers are white with black vertical stripes and indicate an obstruction to navigation. You should not pass between these buoys and nearest shore.

### Mooring Buoy

Mooring Buoys are round and white with a blue horizontal band and are found in marinas and other areas where vessels are allowed to anchor.

Note, the following actions are illegal:

- ◆ Willfully damaging, removing, interfering with, or tying up to a navigation buoy not intended for mooring
- ◆ Mooring, anchoring, or fastening to shore for more than 14 consecutive days any vessel on public waters.

### Need to borrow a life jacket?

Visitors to lakes Pleasant, Havasu, Saguaro or Mohave needing a life jacket can borrow one at Life Jacket Loaner Stations near each lake's boat ramps.

Stations contain jackets for infants to adults. **Please return** the jackets so they can be used by others.

Clean, Drain and Dry your Boat. It's the Law.





# Multiple Quagga Mussel-Fouled Watercraft From Arizona Intercepted

*AZGFD reminds boaters to 'clean, drain and dry' following five impoundments during past month.*

Following the recent interception and impoundment (out of state) of multiple quagga mussel-fouled watercraft that had been in Lake Powell or Lake Havasu for extended periods, the Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds boaters to "clean, drain and dry" — and especially decontaminate — their watercraft and equipment before exiting waters designated as having aquatic invasive species.

Five vessels from Arizona waters have been impounded during the past month — three in Idaho and two in Colorado.

"There is absolutely no reason why boaters are not decontaminating moored boats before leaving a quagga mussel-infected water," said Chris Cantrell, AZGFD's Aquatic Wildlife Branch chief.

AZGFD recently contracted with a local business to provide free decontaminations for those with boats that have been

on a quagga mussel-infected water for more than five consecutive days.

If a boater plans on selling or moving a boat from one of the infected waters, please call AZGFD at (623) 236-7608 or Woods to Water Wildlife Solutions, LLC at (602) 920-4891.

"This way, we can help assist you with the required decontamination to ensure you stay compliant with multiple state and federal laws," Cantrell said.

Quagga mussels colonize rapidly on hard surfaces and can ruin recreational watercraft motors, alter water quality for aquatic wildlife, and clog water-intake structures such as pipes and screens, thereby impacting pumping capabilities for power and water treatment plants.

Under Arizona law, boaters and all recreationists who take watercraft and other equipment out of waters designated



Quagga Fouling

as having aquatic invasive species must use the following steps when leaving that listed water:

**Clean:** Clean/remove any clinging material from the anchor, boat, motor and hull, trailer (all plants, animals and mud).

**Drain:** Remove all water drainage plugs (and keep them out during transport). Drain the water from the bilge, live-well and any other compartments

that holds water. Drain the water from the engine and engine cooling system(s). You can do this by lowering the outboard, while on the ramp, until the water is removed.

**Dry:** Ensure the watercraft, vehicle, equipment, or conveyance is allowed to dry completely before placing in another water in Arizona. Leaving your plugs out during transport will assist in ventilating and speeding the drying time of those difficult-to-dry areas of your boat.

There are additional steps to complete for watercraft that have been on AIS-listed waters for six or more consecutive days. See more information on all state-wide decontamination protocols, how to schedule a no-fee decontamination, an intro to invasive quagga mussels, and the Director's Orders lists of aquatic invasive species and waters.

If you are in need of decontaminating your moored boat before transporting from an AIS-affected water, please contact AZGFD at (623) 236-7608.



## US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-11 Announces Safety-Class Schedule

**Who:** For you by US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-11

**What:** 2017 Boating-Safety Class Schedule

**Where:** Century Marine, 3302 E. Main Street, Mesa, AZ. 85213

**When:** Classes are scheduled from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on these dates:

- May 20
- June 17
- July 15
- Aug. 19
- Sept. 16
- Oct. 21
- Nov. 18

**How:** You must pre-register by sending a check or money order (\$25.00 per person) to: USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 10-11

728 E. Brooks St  
Chandler, AZ 85225  
(Please include the date of the class you which to attend.)

**For More Information:** Call (602) 550-8655 or contact Capt. Dave Esparza at bravohotel@juno.com

## Ariz. Temperatures Are Warm, But The Water's Still Cold

*Area lake temperatures between 50-60 degrees can be deadly.*

Arizona's rising temperatures are signaling that the summer heat isn't far off and some residents are already eyeing area lakes, looking to hit the water.

With that in mind, the Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds watercraft users that while temperatures may be warm, water temperatures remain between the 50s and 60s at many of Arizona's boating havens.

"Undoubtedly, we have seen phenomenally beautiful weather lately, but that hasn't done much to warm up our lakes," said AZGFD Boating Safety Education Coordinator Josh Hoffman. "The current lake temperatures would be quite a shock on the system if you were to fall overboard right now. Such a shock can lead to gasping for air, which if you aren't wearing a life jacket could prove to be your last gasp."

Even in a healthy person, cold-water immersion can impact muscle movement, breathing and a person's heart rate. Prolonged exposure to the water can lead to hypothermia, cardiac arrest and death.

If you fall overboard, climb back into



or on top of the boat. If you cannot, stay near the vessel and use oars or anything floating nearby to help stay afloat.

"Area lakes offer year-round family fun even during winter months, but it's critical for everyone to wear a life jacket," Hoffman said. "Should someone fall or be thrown overboard, that life jacket — regardless of water temperature — could very well save your life."

Life jackets aren't just a good idea, they are required by state law for anybody 12 years old and younger when the boat is underway. There must also be at least one life jacket available for everyone aboard.

To ensure watercraft users have life

### Did you know?

Arizona hunting and fishing licenses are a great value. You can get combination hunting and fishing licenses for a family of four for less than the price of one night in a motel. Great Outdoors, Great Value!

jackets available, the department has installed 15 Life Jacket Loaner Stations at lakes across the state including Lake Pleasant, Lake Havasu, Lake Mohave, Saguaro Lake, Canyon Lake, Apache Lake, Bartlett Lake, and Patagonia Lake. Boaters needing a life jacket can borrow one, use it on the lake and return it once done.

Boaters are also encouraged to learn how to practice safe boating techniques and to respond in the event of an emergency by completing a boating safety course. To register for a free course or for more information on boating in Arizona, visit [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

## Day On The Lake Partners Barrow And Bartlett

The Day on the Lake program is the only adapted water sports program for those with physical and neurological disabilities offered in Arizona.



marked our 20th year of helping people who suffer from a neurological disability ride the waves at one of the most accessible waterside facilities in Arizona — Bartlett Lake Marina.

Day on the Lake 2017 will occur on the following dates: June 1-3 and Sept. 7-9. The cost is \$50.00 per day for all activities, and includes a t-shirt.

Bartlett Lake Marina is located at Ton-ton National Forest, 20808 E Bartlett Dam

Rd, Rio Verde, AZ 85263

### Volunteers

New volunteers for 2017 will need to attend a volunteer training session from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the following address:

Barrow Neurological Institute  
Sonntag Pavilion  
2910 N 3rd Ave  
Phoenix, Arizona 85013

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## BOATUS CONSUMER ALERT

# Official-Looking Vessel Documentation Renewal Notices Can Lead To Confusion, Higher Expenses

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) Consumer Protection Department is advising boaters with vessels having a US Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation to be wary of any letter arriving by US mail offering renewal.

### Members Complain

An increasing number of BoatUS members have complained that these letters direct them to Web sites that may be mistaken for the actual US Coast Guard Vessel Documentation Center located in Falling Waters, W. Va., and appear to show a significant increase in the annual fee to renew US Coast Guard (USCG) documentation.

BoatUS advises that while the USCG does send official annual renewal notices by US mail, other notices being received by members are not from the USCG but rather third-party companies whose name or return addresses may appear similar to that of the official USCG Vessel Documentation Center.

### Letters Look 'Real'

Members of the half-million boat owners group report the letters look like "real" USCG communications. Some examples members have forwarded to BoatUS do not have any disclaimers noting that they are not official USCG correspondence.

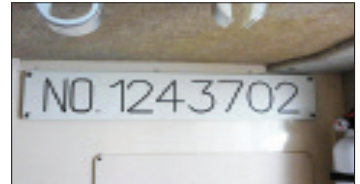
While third-party companies may legitimately provide services to assist with

vessel documentation renewals, the USCG's own renewal process is simple for most vessels and the price, \$26, is often much lower than what third-party services may charge. To renew, go to the USCG National Documentation Center Web site at [www.uscg.mil/nvdc](http://www.uscg.mil/nvdc) and click on "instructions and forms."

To be documented, a vessel must measure at least 5 net tons and, with the exception of certain oil-spill response vessels, owned by a US citizen. Boats about 27 feet in length or longer generally meet the weight requirement.

### Consumers Can File

If boat owners wish to file a consumer complaint about this or any other boat-



**BE ALERT!** — BoatUS is informing boaters to be alert when renewing US Coast Guard documentation this year.

ing-related advertisement or company, BoatUS welcomes boaters to visit <http://my.boatus.com/consumer/dispute.asp> and click on "send us a complaint" button.

Boaters also advises boaters who may have received mail that they believe is misleading or deceptive may contact the US Postal Inspection Service at 1-877-876-2455 or through its Web site <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>.



**YOU CAN HELP** — You can help children get a right-sized life jacket for the day or weekend with help from the BoatUS Foundation Life Jacket Loaner Program.

# Save A Life! Become A Life Jacket Loaner Site

*BoatUS Foundation loaner program is now easier to apply.*

Across the United States, there are over 550 BoatUS Foundation Life Jacket Loaner sites that collectively loan out children's life jackets more than 140,000 times each year. That makes it one of the largest and most successful boating-safety programs in the country.

Becoming a new loaner site is now easier with an application cycle that allows marinas, boat clubs, waterfront restaurants or government agencies to apply at any time, speeding the review process. There is no cost to set up a loaner site and it's easy to do at [BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner](http://BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner).

"We want to make it easier for marinas, waterfront organizations or other groups that serve boaters to join this life saving program and help us find the best loaner sites possible," said BoatUS Foundation Outreach Manager Alanna Keating.

Approved locations will receive a kit containing 12 child life jackets with sizes from infant to youth as well as signage and a local publicity kit. Loaner host sites simply need to track usage with an easy sign-out system and provide the Foundation with periodic feedback. The best loaner sites will be accessible to

the boating public, serve a large boating population and be located in areas without current loaner programs.

Boaters typically borrow a life jacket for an afternoon or weekend. "We know kids grow fast and sometimes boaters need a correctly sized jacket for a younger guest," added Keating. There is no charge for the use of life jackets and the BoatUS Foundation replenishes the supply of jackets as wear-and-tear takes its toll.

The program gives tens of thousands of parents and boaters peace of mind each year when they head out on the water, and since 1997, three children's lives have been saved by a BoatUS Foundation loaner life jacket. To apply to become a site or find a site near you, go to [BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner](http://BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner).

# Boaters' Cure-All For Zippers And Other Spring Commissioning Tips

Getting corroded boat canvas zippers to work smoothly by using two common kitchen items has never been so popular, according to Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS). The national boating advocacy, services and safety group announced today the number one most widely viewed online "BoatTECH" how-to-fix-it tip this spring is author Don's Casey's simple saran wrap and vinegar repair.



**QUICK FIX** — A quick fix for corroded zippers is popular with boaters this time of year, says BoatUS.

A small rag soaked with vinegar over the corroded slide, cover the rag with a piece of Saran, and wait. The acidic vinegar will dissolve the corrosion and free the slide."

Don Casey has been one of the most consulted experts on boat care and upgrades for 30 years, and is one of the BoatUS Magazine's panel of experts. He and his wife cruise aboard their 30-footer part of the year in the eastern Caribbean. His books include Don Casey's Complete Illustrated Sailboat Maintenance Manual, and the recently updated This Old Boat, the bible for do-it-yourself boaters.

"The high interest is driven by the annual rite of spring commissioning," said BoatUS Vice President of Public Affairs Scott Croft. "Boaters across America are beginning to put all of the canvas biminis, sun shades, clear vinyl windows and camping canvas back on the boat for

the season, and we all get frustrated by jammed-up zippers."

The series of online how-to BoatTECH subjects at [BoatUS.com/boat-tech](http://BoatUS.com/boat-tech) can help boaters plan spring-commissioning projects or upgrades, from putting on bottom paint, replacing an impeller or performing sterndrive maintenance, to the more complicated installing an inverter or adding air conditioning. BoatTECH features are authored by top experts in their field as well as the editors of BoatUS Magazine.

BoatUS also has a free Spring Fitting Out Safety Checklist at <https://goo.gl/tmHe28>.

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# Boating

## Proposed Boating And Watersport Rules, Fees Approved

*Commission changes need final approval.*

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission recently approved several boating and watercraft regulation changes aimed at increasing customer service and public safety on Arizona's waterways.

The commission approved the changes at its April 7 meeting, amending the state's Article 5 rules, which outline boating and water sports regulations and fees. The proposed changes will now be considered by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council on June 6 and, if approved, will become effective Aug. 5.

The proposed changes were recommended as part of a legally required five-year review of the department's administrative rules. For more information or to view the complete list of proposed Article 5 changes, visit [www.azgfd.com/agency](http://www.azgfd.com/agency) and click on "Rulemaking."

The following are among the proposed changes:

- Requiring a signature be notarized/witnessed when the seller is not listed as the owner on the current registration or the signature of the buyer or seller is in

question.

- Allowing owners to obtain a duplicate watercraft registration/decal at [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

- Increasing the valid timeframe for a temporary certificate from 30 to 45 days and allowing a watercraft agent to issue a temporary certificate with the sale of a used watercraft.

- Requiring liveries to affix a placard on the watercraft indicating the business name and phone number, and requiring a person who rents, leases or offers a watercraft for hire to register as a livery.

- Requiring a wake surfer to wear a personal flotation device and that an operator ensure an observer is watching if a person is being towed behind the watercraft and/or surfing a wake created by the watercraft.

- Prohibiting teak surfing, which is pulling a person from a vessel's swim platform.

- Requiring towing companies to notify the owner/lienholder that they have taken possession of a vessel within 15



days of obtaining the information from the department.

- Authorizing a third-party vendor to process new watercraft registrations, transfers, renewals and duplicate registrations.

The following fee changes are also proposed:

- Watercraft transfer fee to \$13
- Duplicate decal and certificate number fee to \$8

- Dealer certificate of number fee to \$20

- Establish an abandoned/unreleased watercraft application fee of \$100

Transfer of ownership of a towed watercraft application fee to \$100

For more information on boating in Arizona or to sign up for a safety course, visit [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

## Simple Device Protects Dock Lines, Boats

Boats tied up or at anchor never stop moving. If the motion isn't relentlessly sawing away at a cleated dock line—typically unseen—it's causing the cordage to rub against the vessel. Once the rope parts, significant damage can occur to the vessel and its surroundings. Secure® Chafe Guards from Davis Instruments are quick and easy to install and remove, and safeguard against the havoc brought on by friction and abrasion.

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Contact local dealers or Davis Instruments, 3465 Diablo Ave., Hayward, CA 94545. 510-732-9229; Fax: 510-732-9188. [info@davisnet.com](mailto:info@davisnet.com); [www.davisnet.com](http://www.davisnet.com).



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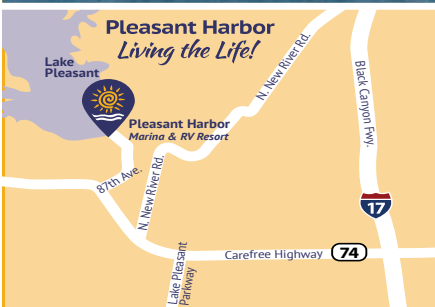
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# Boating

IT'S TIME!

## We're Kicking-Off The 2017 Boating Season At Roosevelt Lake Marina – Join Us!

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### One-Of-A-Kind Fun

The desert oasis at Roosevelt Lake is less than two-hours from Phoenix, but when you arrive, you feel like you are worlds away. In fact, Roosevelt Lake is known as Arizona's Boating Paradise, and with water levels higher than they've been in years, we're expecting to host boat and water sport enthusiasts from around the state to explore and enjoy the largest lake in Central Arizona.

No matter your boat preference, Roosevelt Lake Marina can accommodate you with either covered or uncovered long and short-term wet slips; convenient lakeside dry storage; or guest slips and a boat launch to get you out on the lake for one-of-a-kind summer fun.

Some of the most popular boats in the United States, according to *boat.com*, are listed here, and regularly call Roosevelt Lake Marina "home."

- **Bowriders** — This versatile watercraft is very popular and can be used for almost anything from a gentle cruise to water skiing. The classic styles in the 18-foot to 26-foot range are known to be great for families and easier on the wallet.

- **Sailboats** — Sailing is a skill and hard work, but as *boat.com* points out, it is environmentally friendly. For a lake, a 13-foot to 30-foot daysailer with an open cockpit should do the trick.

- **Speed Boats** — They're usually small, loud and have little sitting space, but if all you need is speed, you won't



**WATER FUN** — At Roosevelt Lake Marina, the summer boating season – and all the fun it has to offer – is just ahead. From sailboats to watersport boats to fishing boats (and more), they are all welcome at Arizona's Boating Paradise.

mind at all.

- **Pontoon Boats** — Once the ugly ducklings of the water, *boat.com* states that these log floaters are faster, better looking and more comfortable than ever before — but keep them out of turbulent waters.

- **Watersports Boats** — Also known as tow boats, these have a towing point at or near the transom for use in wakeboarding and water skiing.

- **Houseboats** — Large, live-aboard boats that are not made for rough water, but ideal for lake living or vacationing right on the water with family and friends.

- **Freshwater Fishing Boats** — There are many to choose from, but these are the three main categories: bass boats, multi-species boats, and aluminum fishing boats.

- **Runabouts** — A runabout includes everything from bowriders to combination ski-and-fish boats to small speed boats. What they all have in common is that they are fair weather, small, open boats.

### Share The Season With Us

No matter what boating season means for you, whether it's about kicking back and relaxing with friends and family while taking a leisurely cruise around the

lake; practicing your water skiing and perfecting a new move; finding a great fishing spot in a quiet corner of the lake; sailing across the lake; or wakeboarding and catching more air we're excited to share the season with you. And, hope that you'll share photos and video with us on our social media: *You Tube, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram*

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# Tackle & Target



## MOTHERS' DAY GIFTS FOR SHOOTERS

# Get Her Something She'll Enjoy All Year Long

BY JOHN ANDERSON

Mothers' Day is the perfect opportunity to show Mom (or your wife) how much you love her by getting her a gift that she'll enjoy all year long. There are lots of cool things for moms who shoot, or for moms who would like to get started in the shooting sports. Here are some to fit any budget.

### UpLULA® Pistol Magazine Loader

Loading magazines by hand is a not only a nail-buster, it's slow. The Maglula UpLULA® loader makes loading magazines incredibly fast and easy, with no fingernails required. There is one caveat: There are a bunch of low-quality Chinese counterfeits on the market, particularly on Ebay and Amazon. So buy Mom a real one at Brownells, Midway USA, Cabelas, Bass Pro, Dicks, Turner's, Cheaper Than Dirt, Sportsman's Guide, or Shop Ruger.



Magazine Loader (Beware Of Counterfeits!)

The real ones are high quality and will last just about forever. They even come in fun colors, including pink and purple, and they cost just around \$20. They'll load pretty much any pistol magazine. I have one and I love it.

### Femme Fatale Holsters

Femme Fatale concealed-carry holsters are not only great ways to carry a gun, they're beautiful as well. Their lace corset holster is wider than a regular belly band, gives a bit of support to the torso, and has a waterproof pocket for your gun so it doesn't get sweat or spills on it.

The pocket is padded to reduce printing and stop trigger manipulation while it's in the pocket. It's really pretty, too. They also have great thigh and ankle holsters as well. They come in a ten different colors.

One of the best features of the corset holster is that you can place the gun at an angle so it doesn't poke you in the belly when you sit. Plus, since it doesn't hang from the bra, it doesn't put strain on the shoulders. The corset holsters are \$89, the lace ankle holsters are \$50, and the thigh holster (called a Garter Holster) is \$70.

The fantastic thing about these holsters is that you can use them even if you're not carrying a gun. They're so slim and smooth they're a great place to stash cash, ID, and even a phone, without having to carry a purse.

You can see them all and get measuring instructions at [femmefatalholsters.com](http://femmefatalholsters.com). They also sell gift cards, which is perfect if you can't think of an easy way to get her measurements on the sly.

### Gun Goddess Bling

Whether Mom likes shotguns, pistols or rifles, Gun Goddess has a way to pretty up her gun at prices ranging from \$7 to several hundred. They've got patterned handrails for AR-15s in 13 different colors, oversized bolt handles in 9 colors, color-coded chokes, backstraps for pistols, colored triggers, and tons of stuff for Glock's, including grip tape for the base pad, custom slide-cover plates, and engraved magazine floor plates. You



Gun Goddess: Great-Looking Pistol Backstraps

can even get her a custom engraved barrel for her Glock.

Seriously, this stuff is gorgeous — go to [gungoddess.com](http://gungoddess.com) and just start scrolling, or click on the weapon type to see all that's available. Whether you think she'd like it totally blinged out or she'd prefer a discrete touch of color, Gun Goddess has what it takes to make Mom's gun unique — like Mom!

### Sporting Clays Accessories

If mom shoots a lot of sporting clays, she does a lot of walking, and that means trudging around carrying a lot of ammo from station to station. Those shells are heavy, and so are the guns and the water she should be taking with her to stay hydrated out there. Make her life easier by gifting her with a sporting clays cart.

Rugged Gear has two-gun carts for just under \$250. These carts look



Rugged Gear 2-Gun Shooting Cart

sort of like a stroller, but with one front wheel that swivels to make it easy to steer. The front wheel has a lock forward lever, and the cart holds two shotguns plus a bunch of ammo and other supplies.

There are drink holders, a folding interior shelf, adjustable handlebars, an ammo reloading tray and even a six-can cooler. They even come with a hand towel and flat-free tires. Two pockets in the back hold Mom's phone and other necessities — [Ruggedgear.com](http://Ruggedgear.com).

### Good Shooting Vest

Another essential for a shotgunning mom is a good shooting vest. A good-fitting vest will improve her accuracy by allowing her to mount the gun smoothly without getting a bunch of fabric scrunched up between her shoulder and the butt. And why shouldn't her vest be as pretty as she is?

[Nicas shooting.com](http://Nicas shooting.com) has a variety of women's shooting vests from companies like Syren and Beretta and Browning. They come in a variety of colors and range in price from around \$40 to around \$150. [Mizmac.com](http://Mizmac.com) has women's shooting vests in glorious bright pink, purple, or turquoise, and they are \$141-\$146. This is the kind Margie has — in bright



Mizmac Shooting Vest

pink — and she loves it. It fits well, looks great, and lets her carry everything she needs. Since the back is mesh, it's nice and cool in our desert as well.

Now if mom is a bird hunter, the vest she needs is a bit different. Bird vests have a big pocket in the back for the birds, but up front they still have the nice pad over the shoulder and plenty of room in the pockets for shells. Many of them are

in blaze orange for safety.

You can get those vests in lots of places; just make sure you get one that is designed for women. The men's vests have such wide shoulders that they impede shooting on a woman — the gun catches on the excess fabric and hangs up or bunches.

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## Arizona Lakes, Arizona Pros: Tai Au

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Tai Au is one of the best-known bass pros in Arizona — he started a *Facebook* page called “AZ Anglers” and there are now over 13,000 members. Tai is all about sharing his love for and knowledge about fishing, which is why he created a place where Arizona anglers could share, ask, learn, and even brag a bit now and then.

### Started As A Kid

Tai got into fishing when he was just a kid, going out with his dad. His mom and dad were actually “Boat People” from Vietnam, and he was actually born in a car in Tucson. Tai says that now that he looks back on it, his dad was probably fishing for food, sort of living off the land, but Tai loved it.

One day his dad took him to the store and bought him a crankbait, then took him to San Carlos Lake. That’s where he caught his first bass and the bass fishing bug.

### Life Got In The Way

Life got in the way of fishing for a while. Tai says that seven years ago he pretty much crashed and burned — he suffered from depression, had no job, lost his house, his truck — lost everything and ended up crashing at his sister’s place. Then his brother showed up and took him

to the Delta where he fished as a non-boater and took fourth place.

“Fishing turned my life around,” Tai says. Now he’s a successful insurance agent with a great family, and he never lets fishing get more important than his family and his job.

### Fishes Tournaments

Tai now fishes Wild West Bass, FLW, US Open, and Won Bass, as well as regional stuff when he is able. He has won \$5,500 since January of 2016 in spite of the fact that he never gets to prefish. His family and work come first. His goal is to fish the FLW tour in five years.

One of the most common questions Tai gets from guys starting out in bass fishing is, “How do I get sponsors?”. Tai says it’s easy: promote the sport, and you’ll end up promoting yourself. Sponsors are looking for good representatives who will put their products in front of the public in a favorable way.

Tai does just that, and is now sponsored by great companies: General Tire, Lucas Oil, Wild West Bass, Marine Products, Gary Yamamoto Custom Baits, Dobyns Rods, Daiwa, Costa Sunglasses, Evinrude, Lowrance, River2Sea, G-Funk Baits, A & M Graphics, Orion Automotive, Sun Transmissions, and Onyx Outdoor Gear.



Tai Au: Fishing Turned His Life Around

### Understand The Seasons

Tai’s tip for Arizona lakes in May is to understand seasonal patterns. This time of year the spawn is still going on, but it’s heading to post spawn and the bluegill will be coming up. Then the shad will spawn. He starts using more chartreuse in his baits when the bluegills come up, because they have a chartreuse tint to them. During the shad spawn, he fishes shallow and fast.

So first of all, know the seasonal changes and it will help you on any lake. Look for birds right by the water or even in the water and you will know that shad are nearby.

### Fish The Conditions

Second, fish the conditions. If the wind is calm, there probably isn’t going to be a reaction bite, so put it down until the wind kicks up. If the lake is glass calm, go to finesse baits like senkos, jigs, or drop shot rigs.

### Keep It Simple

Third, keep it simple and fish effectively. Be eager to learn, but don’t over-

think things. By fishing effectively, Tai means to choose the bait that will most effectively cover the water. For instance, if the fish are in brush, a crankbait will hang up constantly. A spinnerbait is a better choice in brush.

### No Secret To Fishing

There’s no secret to fishing, Tai says. You just need to be able to learn and adapt. The most important thing is know what you don’t know. In other words, which techniques are you not so good at? Can’t throw a jig to save your life? Take a couple of days and just fish jigs. Practice until you are versatile enough to fish whatever it takes to catch the bass. Patterns change and you need to be able to change with them.

### Check It Out

If you’d like to connect with 13,000 Arizona fishermen, check out “AZ Anglers” on *Facebook*. Tai does a great job keeping things under control there and the anglers on the page are a real community. You can learn a lot and contribute there.

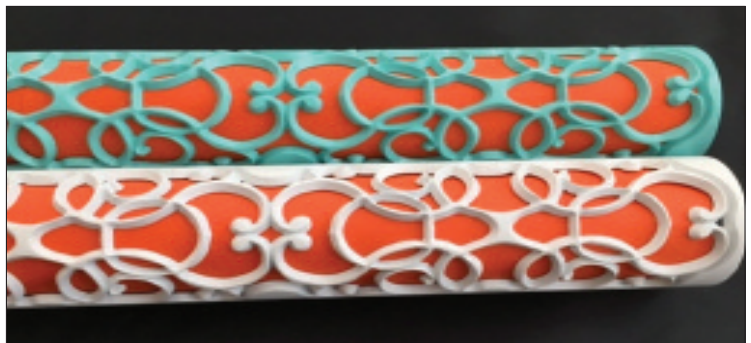
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### MOTHER’S DAY

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#### To Get Her Started Women On Target

My daughter-in-law, Tiffany, and her mom Barb have recently expressed a desire to learn how to shoot, probably because Tiff’s daughters are the girls who shoot with me and Margie all the time. It’s just plain fun and they want in on the action. They are both a tiny bit afraid of guns, so for their first time shooting I think that a program like Women on Target is the perfect introduction.

On Nov. 4, Women on Target (from Women of the NRA) will be at Ben Avery for a women-only Instructional Shoot. The Registration fee is \$65, and it’s due by Oct. 27. After that, it’s \$75. That includes the car and eye protection, targets, ammo, and pistols. They provide .22, .38, 9mm, 40, and 45.

This is an awesome way to introduce a woman to shooting. Sometimes it’s easier

to relax with strangers. Call Carol Ruh at (602) 571-3886 for more info.

#### Arizona Women’s Shooting Associates

You could also get Mom a membership in the Arizona Women’s Shooting Associates. They welcome beginners and do all kinds of fun stuff like night shooting, cowboy shooting, rifles, pistols, holster draws, and competitions. They even teach how to clean a gun and have a variety of classes from NRA Basic Handgun to Self Defense to Concealed Carry Permit Classes.

This is a fantastic way to meet new friends, sharpen your shooting skills, and learn a bunch of new stuff. A membership is only \$50 per year! Go to [azwsa.com](http://azwsa.com) for more information.

#### Happy Mothers’ Day

Happy Mothers’ Day to all you beautiful shooting ladies — I hope you get the perfect gift!

## LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT

# Fishing Is 'Pretty Darn Good!'

*Quality of life is measured by the amount of time spent fishing.*

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON  
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Water temperatures are now up into the spawning zone. Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and crappie are on beds now. This is the first spawn and we can expect the nest guardians to spawn perhaps two to three more times before mid-May.

Inflow continues to increase the lake level, which is now officially above 3600 MSL. Expect 40 more feet of elevation increase. Make sure to check the boat tie lines each morning if camping on the lake. Weather has been clear but there has been some wind in the evenings and overnight.

Now for the angling roundup: Fishing is pretty darn good!

### Stripers On Fire

Stripers are on fire at the dam and many other locations in the southern lake. Most anglers coming into the Wahweap Fish Cleaning station have 20 and sometimes many more fish to clean. Anglers are spreading out along the canyon walls and finding many new "striper honey holes".

Most of the recent reports are coming from Buoy 3 (south wall where the lake turns left just before Antelope Canyon); Power Plant Intake (look for chain link fence on top of the south cliff wall just beyond Antelope Point Marina); Buoy 9 on south wall; East wall before arriving at



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Navajo Canyon.

My guess is that you can find stripers all along the main channel by searching for rocky outcroppings that offer shallower substrate than the steep perpendicular cliff walls. Just chum the chosen spot with anchovies followed by bait on hooks to excite the school. If nothing happens within 15 minutes, just move to the next likely spot on the canyon wall.

### Head Up Lake

If bait fishing is not your choice then head uplake to the southern shore canyons between Labyrinth and West Canyon. We have found willing stripers suspended in each canyon and willing to hit trolled and cast Rattletraps, Lucky Craft Pointers, Flicker Shad and other small jerk baits. These fish are suspended and very easy to see on the graph. Virtually all of the fish graphed today were stripers.

The difficult part is that these fish are holding in their current locations and feeding on plankton while waiting for shad to spawn. They will swim up to taste a shallow running lure but will miss a couple of times before hooking up. We caught our normal 30 fish this morning using this trolling technique.

### Best News Flash

Here is the best news flash: Buoy 25 is loaded with fish that are just waiting for

## Homes For Fish: Habitat Improvement Project Underway At Roosevelt Lake

*In first phase of long-term project on Tonto National Forest lakes, AZGFD biologists sink fish habitat structures.*

They are man-made homes for fish, some made of concrete, others of PVC, and like building a neighborhood, provide the architecture for sustainable life.

The first step in placing fish habitat into the Central Arizona reservoirs took place on Thursday, April 20 at Roosevelt Lake with Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists dropping FishHiding HighRise structures made of environmentally safe PVC to the bottom of Roosevelt Lake.

These recycled items, 8 feet tall and excellent habitat for crappie, became the first fish homes. AZGFD plans to expand them into fish cities.

### Better Fishing For Generations To Come

For anglers, this Tonto National Forest Lakes Habitat Improvement Project will result in better fishing for generations to come in the region's most popular fishing lakes.

Also in April, Roosevelt Lake was stocked with 12,000 pounds of crappie



Striper Being Landed With Rattletrap In Its Mouth

someone to bring some bait. We caught them trolling regularly but we could see hundreds of stripers swimming in shallow water looking right back at us.

The water is crystal clear and the visual experience is awesome. These fish are located in the Mile Marker 25 Cove and not along the steep wall closer to Face Canyon. Look for the longest cove on the south wall for best fishing success.

### Bass, Crappie Success

Those seeking bass and crappie are still finding great success. Look for shallow rocky structure where green water clarity is 5-10 feet. Green water is better than crystal clear or muddy brown. Find the good spots by going toward the back of the canyon and watching the structure and water clarity.

Bass grubs, senkos, dropshot shad-shaped worms, chatter baits, spinner baits are all working. We started catching smallmouth bass today on our trolled lures while fishing for stripers. Bass are getting much more aggressive and react-

ing much earlier in the day with water temperature hitting 60 by about 9 a.m.

### The Best Time To Catch

Next week we are going to be working between Bullfrog and Good Hope Bay. We will tag another 500 walleye for the 2017 Walleye Contest. The best time to catch these fish will be during the month of May. The contest started last year on July 1st which is past the best walleye fishing period. Expect the numbers of tagged walleye that are recaptured to soar in May.

The best spot will be between Bullfrog and Good Hope Bay. It might be a worth a May fishing trip to catch many different species at Lake Powell and maybe even win a prize for catching a tagged walleye.

I am very excited about the potential fishing success over the next six weeks. I recommend you take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy great fishing success and the beauty of Lake Powell.

*At press time, lake elevation was 3600, and water temperature was 59-64F.*



as volunteers from organizations such as Gila Basin Angler Roundtable and Mid-week Bass Anglers. Supporting agency partners include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sport Fish Restoration Program, Tonto National Forest, and the National Fish Habitat Partnership-Reservoir Fish Habitat Partnership. Volunteers have been helping build concrete fish balls and Georgia cubes for two years and have donated hundreds of hours to the project.

### Critical For Fish Health, Growth

Natural and artificial habitat are critical for fish spawning, recruitment, and growth. The reservoirs of central Arizona lack sufficient hiding and ambush cover and habitat for growth and survival of young fish. The artificial structures provide a surface for microscopic animals to grow, which attracts bait fish and in turn the predatory fish for anglers to target.

Fishing is one of Arizona's most

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## EXCERPTS FROM AZGFD REPORT

# Time To Get Out And Fish!

Expect to find bass in the spawn and post-spawn modes. Just pick your favorite lake and go. Top picks are Roosevelt, Bartlett and Alamo lakes for largemouth bass. For places like Roosevelt and Alamo, flipping and pitching is a great technique, especially around submerged trees.

### The Reel Deal

The transition to spring fishing conditions is setting in -- time to get out and fish!

Let's get to some highlights:

- Striped bass catch rates are picking up at Lake Pleasant. Check out a report from guest contributor Barry Worman of the Arizona Stripper Fishing Facebook page.

- The Arizona Department of Transportation has opened State Highways 261 and 273. ADOT was working to clear the last of the snow drifts off of the highways before opening. The roads were closed dur-

ing winter months for public safety. Opening the state highways allows access to Big Lake and Crescent and Sunrise lakes. See an Arizona Traveler Information map that shows only minimal delays on these roads.

- The 300 road is open to the Woods Canyon Lake turnoff. Store and boat rent-

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Lake Havasu: 5-Pound Redear Sunfish

# The Two Gunsmiths Continue Their Restorations

BY MICHAEL BERGER, PAT KNIGHT

As the first rifle we discussed in previous issues, this one also had a concept of purpose at its foundation. Going back into history, William Jeffery was a competitor of John Rigby Company. Rigby is the oldest firearms manufacturer in England, and had an agreement with the Mauser Company pertaining to importation of their firearms.

In 1900, Rigby requested that Mauser enlarge their Mauser action for larger cartridges, and in 1911, used this action as the basis for their .416 Rigby Cartridge. Jeffery was thus unable to purchase the enlarged "Magnum" Mauser action. By some significant modification, the standard Mauser action could be modified to take a larger cartridge.

### The Way Jeffery Made Their Rifles

The standard Mauser action was designed around a family of cartridges with a 57mm length designation, and maximum overall lengths in the range of 3.250. The .404 Jeffery however had a length of 3.530. In order to use the standard action, each had to be modified to take a longer, fatter cartridge with a larger case head. This was exactly the way that Jeffery made their rifles.

These rifles were made in grades from basic to extremely fancy, with wood and accessories appropriate to their cost. While the high-grade rifles were purchased by sportsmen of note, the base rifles were purchased by game departments in the African nations for use by their game rangers who patrolled their herds, culling injured or diseased animals, and



MICHAEL BERGER, PAT KNIGHT



The difference in the 8x57 Mauser and the 404 Jeffery shows how much the action was opened up.

protecting against poachers. It was the game warden's rifle that became my vision of the rifle I wanted to build.

### The Perfect Starting Point

After a careful search, I found the perfect starting point. The rifle began life during the buildup of the German Army before the Second World War, in 1937 at Mauser Werke, as evidenced by its S/42 and 1937 markings on the front receiver ring, as well as the military acceptance marks. This was *not*, however, a collector rifle.

As so many of these rifles, sometime soon after the Second World War, it had been converted to a hunting rifle. The



Here is the glass-bedded stock showing the integral magazine box front.



This shows the modified magazine box and bolt stop.



Receiver and Barrel: Note the 1937 date.

conversion work had included re-barreling, restocking, drilling holes for a receiver sight, and latter for scope mounts. Also at some time in the past, the bolt handle had been changed to clear the ocular end of the scope. The rifle was currently in .30-06 caliber, and most of the work had been nicely done.

### The Look Of Old, Trusted Rifle

One of the features which drew my eye was the stock. It had lines that spoke well to its age and origin. It had the look of an old, trusted rifle. The wood was not really plain, but not of a very fancy figure. It was lighter in color, and would clean up nicely, and yet I wanted it to show some of the marks from its obvious use. The shape of the cheek piece was classic. Also present were a grip cap, forend tip and butt plate. It was, in short, a neat old rifle, and after an exchange of a moderate amount of monetary remunerations, it became mine.

### A Pleasing Grain

Looking back, I somewhat regret that I did not fire it in its original (to me) condition, but it was immediately disassembled. The wood was stripped, sanded and filled, with some of the deeper marks left to provide the aged patina of use. A recoil pad from "Limbsaver" replaced the hard butt plate. This rifle was going to be shot after all. Finish was a semi-gloss Tung Oil and showed off the pleasing grain without being too reflective.

### Receiver Modifications Start

Next came the task of barreling the Mauser receiver with the second barrel that had been ordered. This was a Krieger Chrome Molly Steel barrel that was also a tribute to the barrel maker's art. Fitting and chambering followed the exact process previously described, yet as soon as completed, the barrel and receiver were separated to allow for the start of the modifications to the receiver itself.

First the opening in the bottom of the receiver had to be made longer to allow



This shows the chambered and threaded barrel.

the .404 Jeffery loaded cartridges to pass through into the chamber. Removing metal from the rear of the opening to the point where the bolt can first contact the case rim makes up part of the increase. This is supported by removal of metal from the rear of the magazine box.

While this can "weaken" the magazine box, it must be remembered that when this rifle was first designed, it was made to withstand the rigors of the battlefield. This is no longer an issue. The remainder of the length is made up by removing a small part of the lower feed ramp, and recontouring the ramp to permit cartridges to feed from the magazine. This must be very carefully done, and prior to starting, you need to understand how the bolt locks into the receiver, and how to avoid weakening that area.

### Careful Attention Must Be Paid

Next, it is important to remember that this new cartridge is also larger in diameter than the original round. This again relates to removal of metal from the internal rails of the receiver, again, using small amounts, and trial and error methods to avoid too much metal removal. The shape of these internal rails is an integral part of

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## ARIZONA'S WILDERNESS AREAS

# State Has A Variety Of Terrains And Habitats – Something For Everyone

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

There are 90 wilderness areas in our state — a total of 4,512,120 acres. That's a lot of country! But what exactly is a wilderness area, what can you do there, and how does a place become a wilderness area?

A wilderness area is a place where the lands are designated for preservation and protection in their natural state and where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by men (from the Wilderness Act of 1964).

These lands remain undeveloped and no permanent improvement or human habitation is allowed. They are devoted to public purposes of recreation, scenic, scientific, educational, conservation, and historic use (Wilderness Act).

### No Motors Involved

Wilderness areas are set aside for the



The Road To Hummingbird Springs



Desert Flowers: Hummingbird Springs Wilderness

enjoyment of the people, and any outdoor activity you can think of is permissible, as long as it doesn't use mechanical transport or motorized equipment. So you can hike, boat, kayak, ski, swim, fish, hunt, bird, etc. — anything you want as long as there are no motors involved.

The National Wilderness Preservation System has 109,127,689 acres, which is just 4.8 percent of the land in the United States. But 52 percent of that is in Alaska, so in the mainland United States just 2.75 percent is set aside as wilderness. This is to protect some of the most beautiful and wild places.

### Four Agencies Share Management

There are four agencies that share the managing of the wilderness areas: Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife



Sugarloaf Mountain: You can't see the entire mountain until you're out on the trail at the end of the road; it's like a reward for sticking to it!

Service, Forest Service, and National Park Service. They share the responsibility of protecting the wilderness areas from human influence, and they have to take into account things like grazing, access to private lands, mining, fish and wildlife, cultural sites, fire, and even insects and disease.

Some wilderness areas have restrictions on group size, campsite location, or

length of stay, and some of the more popular ones even require permits. All of this is to protect the wilderness from people, but also to ensure that the people who use the areas get some solitude.

In some places, dogs may be prohibited or only allowed on leashes, and sometimes parts may be closed to protect sensi-

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## WILDERNESS

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tive habitats or to protect people. Only ten wilderness areas are completely closed to people and they are all island wildernesses.

### What's It Like To Visit?

So what's it like to visit a wilderness area in Arizona? We recently visited the Hummingbird Springs Wilderness Area near Tonopah, which is off I-10 west of Phoenix. First of all, it was a bit difficult to find the right road, since on our maps the roads were not numbered, and my favorite mapping app, Trimble, no longer works. But, we did find the road in spite of having no interactive map.



View From Carr Canyon Road On the Way To Miller Peak Wilderness



One of the trailheads accessible from Ramsey Vista Campgrounds – it takes you into Miller Peak Wilderness.



The windmill at Hummingbird Springs is broken and no longer pumps water into the tank, but there is still water in the bottom of the arroyo at the base of the old windmill.

Hummingbird Springs is a bit different — there is a road that goes right along next to it, and that road divides Hummingbird Springs Wilderness from the Big Horn Mountains Wilderness Area. Hummingbird Springs Wilderness Area is 31,200 acres and includes eight miles of the Big Horn Mountains.

### Tonopah Desert Is Gorgeous In Spring

The Tonopah desert is gorgeous in the spring, and there were wildflowers everywhere — the cacti were in bloom and so were the palo verde trees, and there were even tiny flowers about a quarter inch across all over the ground. Bright yellow brittle bush blossoms were massed everywhere.

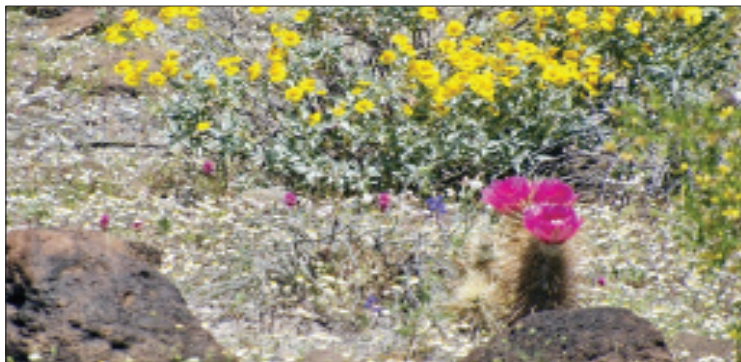
We saw a deer, many beautiful birds, lizards, ground squirrels, and not a single other human being. The road is rough — it took us over two hours to go 14 miles, which is probably one reason why we never saw any other people.

This isn't a trip you want to do during monsoon season — flash floods are a definite danger. You can even fish for trout in the creek. Start at Bull Pen Ranch for a pretty easy trail that follows the creek for six miles then goes up the northern slope and out of the canyon. It's just east of Camp Verde and you can find maps and information online.

### Miller Peak Wilderness Area

We have also visited Miller Peak Wilderness Area near Sierra Vista in the Huachuca Mountains. This place is gorgeous and includes Miller Peak, which is 9,466 feet high. We took the grandkids up there last summer. The road to the top is one of those narrow, twisting gravel roads that are so much fun to drive. At the end of the road is Ramsey Vista Campground and that's where you can find trailheads to take you into the wilderness.

To get to Ramsey Vista, take highway 92 past Sierra Vista about 8 miles. Turn west onto Carr Canyon Road. It's 7 miles



The desert blooms in the Hummingbird Springs Wilderness.

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### Hummingbird Springs, Sugarloaf Mountain

Once you get to the end of the road, a fence bars you from using your vehicle to enter the wilderness area. There is a go-through for walking, and the road is now a hiking trail. It's just over a mile to Hummingbird Springs from the fence. The spring is abandoned and the fins have fallen off the windmill, but the old cache tanks are there, looking like the foundations of a house.

There are several ruins around, and walking in to the spring is the only way to get a complete view of Sugarloaf Mountain, which is a pretty spectacular place. The base of the windmill is down in a ravine, and there is a hole beneath it with some water in it, so there are lots of animal tracks around. We thoroughly enjoyed our little hike and the drive in.

### West Clear Creek

Another fantastic wilderness area to visit is the West Clear Creek Wilderness Area. It consists of a canyon that is only about a 1/2 mile to two miles wide, but it's gorgeous and allows you to be by yourself in some of the most gorgeous country in Arizona. There is water down there and if you want to hike the whole canyon, you're going to get your feet wet.

to the campground, and it's all forest up there. Beautiful! You can hike to the top of Miller Peak if you're feeling ambitious. There are toilets and picnic tables at the campground, and there is a small day use fee and camping fee. There are eight campsites.

From here you can access a whole network of trails, and you can even end up in Ramsey Canyon if you want. We loved it here, and so did the girls. There are a couple of other roads to the trails, but the one we did was Carr Canyon and it was fun. Beautiful views from the road, too.

### There Is An Area For You

The world wouldn't be nearly as wonderful if there weren't wilderness areas. I think they are great, and I'm glad that there are places set aside where you can hike without seeing and hearing off road vehicles tearing up the countryside. Wilderness areas are places to get away and relax and enjoy some solitude.

Many are so out of the way that you probably won't see another soul the whole time you're there. Arizona is particularly lucky because we have such a variety of terrains and habitats. Whether you want to see the desert in bloom, hike through a pristine forest, or adventure through a canyon, you can find a wilderness area that will satisfy your heart's desire.

# CAVIT Student Success Story: Kelsee Haws

*Editor's Note: And, speaking of fire safety, let us present to you our granddaughter!*

**BY DAVID BEATTY JR.**

The first time I met Kelsee, I was immediately impressed from the way she poised herself, to her friendly smile, and then by her story. She is a unique young woman to say the least. Kelsee is a CAVIT Fire Science Alumna. She attended CAVIT from 2014- 2016. However, that is just the start. Her story includes honor-roll achievements, national-championship titles, community awards, and more.

When I met her, I knew I had to learn her story.

### Her CAVIT Story

A few years back Kelsee was like many high school students; she was trying to find her place in the world. She found herself not really having a "path" in life; her grades were not where she, or her family, wanted them. She had moved high schools and just kind of felt a little lost.

One evening, she and her mother were searching online for ideas of possible careers that she could pursue, or even be interested in pursuing. Her family was full of fire fighters, military members, and other public-service professionals. So naturally, the search started there.

### Her Mom: Her Inspiration

In searching that evening, Kelsee stumbled across CAVIT's Web site. Looking through the programs, she immediately gravitated to the law enforcement and fire science programs. Her mother Lisa Brookes-Haws, a firefighter herself, became her inspiration and she decided to schedule an appointment to go down and check out the program.

### Capt. Mike Berger: Her Mentor

When she arrived at CAVIT, she met Mr. Mike Berger, a fire science instructor. Mr. Berger showed her around campus giving her a "one-on-one" tour of the school, and most notably, the fire science classroom. At that moment, she made a decision that would set her course for her future. She enrolled in the fire science program.

### She Becomes A Star

Kelsee started in her program in 2014. During her first year things started to change. Her grades improved (in both CAVIT and her high school), her focus increased, and as Kelsee stated, "I saw the path ahead." Her first year she made honor roll! She quickly started to distinguish herself as a leader in the program. She took on additional challenges, pushed herself, and became fire-science shooting star.

### Then, Tragedy But — Her Mom Became Her 'Fire'

One year into the program tragedy struck, her mother passed away. To many students at her age this would have broken their spirits, but not Kelsee. She used

it as "fire" to motivate her to succeed in her pursuit and become a firefighter just like her mom.

Her following year in CAVIT she came into her own. Her skill, determination, and knowledge led her to compete in the SkillsUSA regional competition. She blew away the other competitors, placed first and qualified for the state level. At the Arizona State SkillsUSA competition, again she out-shined the competition and qualified for the nationals.

Fresh off her win at state, she traveled to Kentucky for the national competition, which is a huge deal. Kelsee ended up placing seventh in the nation for her job skill presentation — an accolade that very few high school students can ever claim.

### Community Awards/Graduation

Not to be one to rest on her laurels Kelsee also received community awards from the Arizona Medical Expo in Arizona City and for helping to install over 800 fire alarms in Casa Grande helping community family's increase their safety in the event of a fire emergency. Kelsee graduated from the CAVIT fire science program earning every single honor roll possible and became a certified firefighter in the State of Arizona

### Kelsee's Career

After graduating from CAVIT, Kelsee decided to serve her state and country and enlisted in the United States Army Reserve as a civil affairs specialist. Kelsee acts as a liaison to Foreign Nations for the Army and is charged with negotiations with host nations, community engagement, and outreach at the state, national, and international levels. She is honorably serving as a Private First Class with the 492nd Delta Company based in Buckeye, Ariz.

Inspired by her mentors during her time at CAVIT she decided she wanted to give back herself. She became the youngest person in Arizona (19 years old) to receive her Fire Instruction Certification. Now she spends her time helping to mentor and train other young men and women at CAVIT and in the community to become firefighters and increase their knowledge about fire safety.

In addition, she also received her Level II Fire & Life Safety Educator certification and will soon be testing for her Level III.

### Kelsee's Future

Her future is looking bright. Currently, Kelsee is pursuing her dream as a firefighter. She wants to work with the Scottsdale, Chandler, or Tempe Fire Departments and eventually one day make fire chief. She also is a state judge for the Arizona SkillsUSA organization, the very same organization in which she was once a competitor. In addition, she also started her own residential home care business, OZ Home Services, which provides maintenance, management, and oversight of Valley homes owned by seasonal residents.

When Kelsee is not striving to better her career, education, and her business



Kelsee Haws

she spends time traveling (she's been to seven continents!), off-roading in her truck, fishing, and golfing. She is truly an amazing person, loyal to her family, and a wonderful member of the CAVIT family.

### About CAVIT

The Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT) is a public school district working in partnership with eleven area high schools: Casa Grande Union High School, Coolidge High School, Florence High School, Imagine Prep School, Maricopa High School, Poston Butte High School, San Tan Foothills High School, Santa Cruz Union High School, Sequoia Pathway Academy School, Villa Oasis School, and Vista Grande High School.

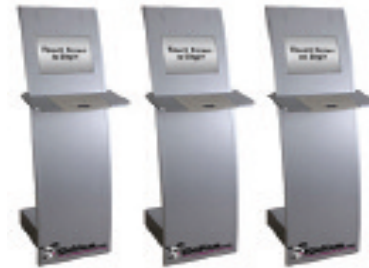
Students in the eleven area high schools can begin preparing for high-wage, high-demand occupations while still in high schools. CAVIT has programs for fire science, law enforcement, massage therapy, dental assisting, nursing, medical assisting, veterinary science, and cosmetology. Any junior or senior who has met prerequisites of an approved career and technology education may enroll.

## Forest Officials Offer Campfire Safety Tips

Fire season is under way in Arizona and with Easter occurring April 16 followed by Memorial Day and its customary three-day weekend in late May, visitation is beginning to increase on the Tonto National Forest. Officials offer the following campfire tips to help practice fire safety.

- When possible, use an established campfire ring;
- Clear the area down to bare soil;
- Build campfires away from overhanging branches, steep slopes, rotten stumps, logs, dry grass, pine needles and leaves;
- Move extra wood away from the fire;
- Avoid building a campfire when it's windy;
- Do not bury coals as they can smolder and re-ignite later;
- Drown the fire with water and dirt, stir the remains, and repeat this process until the campfire is cold to the touch, and
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# Western Wildlife



## Sadly, 'New Style' Is Replacing 'Old Style'

*The result is that too many are becoming so much less than they could be.*

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I recently watched some of the videos regarding the Salt River horses that the *Arizona Republic* was kind enough to film. They showed people who were out with their cell phones and cameras, delightedly taking pictures of the horses. They interviewed a rather portly man who proclaimed that people "should get out and see wildlife; this is amazing".

As I watched these new-found rugged outdoor people looking at horses, it suddenly dawned on me how this is the newer generation of wildlife watching. I want to compare how what I consider true wildlife watchers prepare for wildlife viewing and how the "new" wildlife watchers prepare.



### Old Style

We get up in the dark and put our camouflage gear and head out to the woods. There is no light, so sometimes we operate out of moonlight, sometimes with a small flashlight. We hike in to a spot that we feel wildlife may be at dawn. The only way to glass for animals is at a higher elevation than they are.

We pick our way up through sometimes rocky, sometimes steep, areas to reach a spot for glassing. We slowly and quietly set up our tripods and binoculars and prepare for that gray light of dawn to begin watching for wildlife.

Scanning up to a mile out, we intentionally watch for movement or shapes of animals that hopefully are heading back to their beds for the day. Wild animals have adapted to the fact that traversing during daylight hours is not conducive to long-term health. They are wary and move cautiously as light begins to filter



## WAKE ZONE

 Op/Ed



through the trees.

With a practiced eye, you can follow them for a while, watching to see how they behave, how they are constantly assessing their environment looking for danger.

Life as a wild creature is not guaranteed and predation is a reality.

### New Style

A great morning breakfast after a long night's sleep, perhaps at a Denny's, perhaps at another of the chains that offer great breakfasts. Making sure the vehicle is packed with the appropriate goodies, they depart for the Beeline highway. The long half-hour trip makes way to the low desert that holds the Salt River horses.

These "new watchers" pull in to Butcher Cove and park at any number



of spots. The picnic baskets with wine, cheese and various sandwiches is set to the side for later consumption. The 50-to-100 yard walk to where the feral livestock (aka wild horses) are lounging in the stream bed, drinking water can take as much as ten minutes. The livestock (aka wild horses) are very aware that they are in no danger.

Time has proven that they will not be disturbed by anyone or anything. They are impervious to any form of harassment. Photos intact after applauding these "wild" creatures, the watchers make their way back to the vehicle and have a great lunch. The livestock on the Salt River do what they do best — they eat, defecate and breed. What a grand time to view them in this "natural" setting.

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## Text-Donation Campaign Asks Public To 'Be A Hero For Wildlife'

*Public can text 'CRITTER' to 41444 to donate and support sick, injured and abandoned wildlife.*

A three-week-old bobcat kitten snatched from the wild. An abandoned baby otter found hungry and dehydrated in an East Valley canal. And a malnourished, sickly "kidnapped" deer fawn.

It's not another day at the local zoo. It's a typical day at the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center, where wildlife experts work daily to rehabilitate and save some of the state's 800-plus native wildlife species.

It's often a thankful, albeit costly, job.

To help defray rising costs of caring for Arizona's wildlife, AZGFD recently began its "Be a Hero for Wildlife" donation campaign to give the public an opportunity to support its efforts to treat sick, injured, orphaned and confiscated wildlife by texting CRITTER to 41444 from any smartphone.

"All this dedication and care comes at a great cost," said Mike Demlong, who manages AZGFD's Wildlife Center and Wildlife Education programs. "Many of the animals that come to us require exten-



**TEXT FOR CRITTERS** — The Arizona Game and Fish Department took in this four-week-old otter that was found last week abandoned at the bottom of a drying Valley canal. It's just one of the animals that AZGFD regularly works to rehabilitate. Those wanting to help fund the care it and other animals at that AZGFD Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center receive can text "CRITTER" to 41444.

sive medical treatments, X-rays, monitoring and specialized care, and those expenses are considerable. It's rewarding work, especially when it comes to helping some of our younger, more vulnerable wildlife."

On April 14, it was a three-week-old bobcat kitten turned in by a member of the public, who intended to raise it as pet. The individual ultimately turned it over at the urging of a family member, who saw a Valley TV news story earlier that evening of a deer fawn that was kidnapped from the wild and being raised as a pet.

In both cases, each of the animals required extensive care, attention and resources just to keep them alive. The malnourished deer fawn alone continues to require a specialized diet, vitamin supplements and injections, and daily monitoring to make it healthy enough to eventually live out its days in a zoo.

Nearly one month later, the department has spent about \$4,500 and counting to rehabilitate the kidnapped deer fawn. A six-day stay for the bobcat kitten cost the department \$3,000.

"Unfortunately, the department does not receive state general fund dollars. That's what makes donations that much more important," Demlong said.

Funding raised through the "Be a hero for Wildlife" text-campaign will be used to care for the sick, injured, orphaned and confiscated animals housed at the Wildlife Center, in addition to the many animal ambassadors — such as a great-horned owl, golden eagle, desert tortoises and prairie dogs — that are used in educational outreach statewide.

In addition to donations, the public can also help keep wildlife wild by leaving baby wildlife alone. Young wildlife is rarely abandoned so there is often little reason to "rescue it." One or both of its parents is likely nearby searching for food and will return.

Baby birds are the most common wildlife species encountered removed from the wild by the public. Young birds that have fallen from the nest can be placed back in the nest or as close as possible. Baby birds that are partially flighted should be left alone or moved nearby out of harm's way.

Those with questions about a specific situation should contact one of the wildlife rehabilitators listed on the department's Web site at [www.azgfd.com/wildlife/urbanrehab/](http://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/urbanrehab/) or contact your local Game and Fish office.

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- How animals learn,
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The first seminar is on May 6 from 3



p.m. to 5 p.m. If you can't make that session, don't worry, there will be another session on May 27 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call (602) 445-7387 or email [adoptions@lostourhome.org](mailto:adoptions@lostourhome.org). Don't miss this free seminar!

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**Pet of the Week**

**FOXY** — Hi there! I'm a gorgeous Russian Blue girl who loves to receive affection. I would happily lie in my bed and have you pet me forever. When I'm not busy receiving all of the affection that I deserve, I'm happy to explore! I love to climb cat condos, watch birds from the windows, and scratch on all of my scratching posts. I also have the most adorable meow. Once you hear it, you will want to take me home for sure. <http://www.lostourhome.com/adopt-a-pet/cats/>

## CALENDAR

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American Preservation Dog Registry, barbecue, Soap Box Derby, and old fashioned wagon ride. 928-536-7366 or <http://www.snowflaketaylorchamber.org>

## EMPTY PET FOOD BANK IN TEMPE:

Ongoing — A unique food bank which serves cats and dogs needs your help. Lost Our Home Pet Foundation has been providing food and pet supplies to the pets of family in need since 2009, all through community donations. Donations can be made at the shelter location at 2323 S. Hardy Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282; Jodi Polanski, [Jodi@lostourhome.org](mailto:Jodi@lostourhome.org).

## NO-KILL SHELTER NEEDS

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*Editor's Note: Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT's calendar of events — "Downstream" — to [editor@azbw.com](mailto:editor@azbw.com). To guarantee placement, as room allows, items must be received by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of the month prior to publication. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but we assume no responsibility for print errors or omissions. We also reserve the right to edit each item. Please include the name of the event, the date and time, the location, the organization, and contact information.*

## WAKE ZONE

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### Remarkable Contrast

The differences in how the "New Style" wildlife viewing compares to the "Old style" is remarkable in how they contrast. The subjects that the new style viewers are watching are simply livestock. There is no thrill of accomplishment, but, all in all, seeing livestock can be pleasurable.

The very scary thought that has passed my mind over and over now is the relentless seeking of urban folks to expend the least amount of energy to fulfill whatever desires they may have. The thought of arising well before dawn would be appalling; hiking any great distance would be unthinkable. Staying for hours, hoping for a few moments of true wildlife is out of the question.

We have become a nation of immediate gratification. That extends to wildlife viewing as well. Urban dwellers are more disconnected to the ebb and flow of wildlife than they have ever been before. They cannot and will not participate in anything that shows the death scenes as part of nature. They prefer to see the feel-good stories of harmony and love, even among the top-line predators that are in our world.

While most urban dwellers find their food wrapped in clear cellophane, they cannot stomach the thought of participating in the "process" of getting their own food from nature. I marvel at how little people know of how our country was developed, how explorers like Lewis and Clark had to make their way across the unknown country and how they had to fend for themselves and get wild game through hunting to feed themselves.

### No More 'Rugged' — Just 'Wannabes'

The rugged individuals who helped build our country are now replaced with a whole legion of what I will politely refer to as "wannabes". They will not pay the price of sacrifice and hard work

to view true wildlife. Instead, they enjoy the frolicking of livestock at a local waterway that eventually will be void of any other form of wildlife.

Such is the "New Style". In our democratic republic, the majority rules, no matter how misguided they may be. The Salt River recreation area will eventually be home to many more horses than the habitat can handle, but the majority will continue to keep every last pound of horseflesh out there, even at the expense of other wildlife.

It made me wonder if perhaps this environment is similar to the "Out of Africa" theme park, where you can get on a bus and drive through to see all of the African animals. What difference is there? Is it because you can get out of your car and walk to see the horses? Wow, how exciting is that?

### Soylent Green

Way back in the year 1973, a movie was released called *Soylent Green*. The film dealt with the year 2022, not that far into our future. In that presentation, people were no longer part of nature. The State provided for everyone.

We are certainly headed in that direction today. That movie is far closer to the reality of today than the creators would have thought so many years ago.

More to the point, however, is we are losing contact with the very process that made this country what it is. Being dissociated with the life cycle and process of life and death is what we are trending towards.

How convenient to have our butchering done for us with no thought of what goes into that process. After all, we only want to eat that steak and we really can't be bothered about where it came from.

I am saddened by those who choose the easy path, for they are becoming so much less than they could be. In the immortal words of a favorite friend of mine: "You can't cure stupid."

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# These Steps Help Minimize Cases Of Swimmer's Itch At Desert Lakes

With recent reported cases of swimmer's itch at Canyon Lake, there are some preventive measures that swimmers and families can take while visiting the lakes northeast of Phoenix to reduce the odds of contracting the skin rash. Preventive measures include —

- Avoid swimming or wading in shallow water with submerged vegetation
- Avoid marshy areas
- Avoid shallow areas where snails commonly are found
- If you feel a tingling sensation on your skin, leave the water immediately and briskly dry your skin with a towel
- Towel dry or shower right after leaving the water

ing the water

Swimmer's itch, also known as cercarial dermatitis, is caused by an allergic reaction to microscopic parasites (larvae) of certain flatworms that can be encountered while swimming. These larvae burrow into the swimmer's skin, and may cause an allergic reaction and rash. Because these larvae cannot develop inside a human, they soon die.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, swimmer's itch is not contagious and is rarely dangerous. However, it can be uncomfortable as symptoms include —

- Tingling, burning, or itching of the skin

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## FISH

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als are open. Campgrounds won't open until May. A recent survey found lots of rainbow and tiger trout winter carry-overs averaging around 11-12 inches, and rainbow trout are being stocked this week. We saw full stringers this week before it

was even stocked — fish are hungry and biting hooks.

• Recently-stocked brown trout have been hitting at Lynx Lake. One angler hooked a bunch of 'em on 1.5 inch-crapie tubes on the southern shore of the lake.

• A monster 5-pound redear sunfish was caught from Lake Havasu (pictured).

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popular outdoor activities. Providing good places for anglers to fish is one of AZGFD's primary goals. Five of the biggest and most popular lakes to fish are located in central Arizona and are managed by Salt River Project for the Valley's water supply: Roosevelt Lake, Apache Lake, Canyon Lake, Saguaro Lake, and Bartlett Lake.

## Program Began In 2014

In 2014 the Department embarked on a program to improve fisheries habitat in the reservoirs of central Arizona and restore the fisheries to their former glory days. All five of these lakes are more than 70 years old, and Roosevelt Lake is more

than 100 years old. Over time, reservoirs lose quality fish habitat through decomposition of the natural vegetation that was flooded, particularly where water levels fluctuate wildly, such as at Roosevelt.

Similarly, one of the largest and most successful fish habitat projects in the nation, the Lake Havasu Fishery Improvement Program, has been ongoing since 1993 and is credited with improving sport fish habitat in this Colorado River reservoir.

The Tonto National Forest is the land management agency for five of the biggest and busiest fishing lakes in Arizona. In 2013, the economic value to the state of Arizona associated with these five lakes was estimated to be more than \$318 million.

## RESTORATIONS

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the controlled round feeding of this type of action, and the transition of the cartridge from the magazine to the chamber should be smooth. Careful attention must be paid to angles as you move the rail taper forward to accommodate the more forward shoulder of the new case.

## The Magazine Box

Another issue is the Magazine Box. While the removal of metal from the rear made some additional room, doing the same to the front will not provide the room needed, as the loaded cartridges are still too long. The usual old school remedy was to remove the front of the magazine box, and make an extension which is welded or silver soldered into place.

As this rifle was going to be glass-bedded anyway, we decided to try something different. With hard kicking calibers, we can mix finely ground particles of stainless steel into the bedding material for increased strength. For this rifle, we re-

moved the front of the magazine box and when we glass-bedded the bottom metal, formed the front of the magazine box with the reinforced bedding material. After final shaping, the new front was polished to ensure smooth feeding of cartridges.

## The Next Steps

The next steps were to open up the face of the bolt and the extractor to accommodate the larger diameter of the .404 cases base. As a final modification to the extractor, a bevel was cut into the front face of the extractor to allow it to snap over a cartridge rim if a round had to be single loaded into the chamber. Cartridge feeding was then refined by polishing surfaces where needed.

*Editor's Note: These dedicated gunsmiths continue their amazing art form and are living examples of how rewarding it is to be fascinated by both history and craft and have the expertise to refurbish these treasured arms. For more information than we can provide here, please contact Mike Berger at michaelj257@hotmail.com.*

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**NOTE: Volunteers -** This seminar replaces the three-session dog training course that was previously offered so feel free to sign up!

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## BOAT PREP

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first starting so you can inspect for proper functioning of the engine.

**3. Belts, Cables And Hoses** — As with fuel lines, inspect all belts, cables and hoses that may have been damaged while in storage. Inactive items can become brittle and may crack. Ensure belts are fitted tightly and that there are no cracks on the outer jacket of the throttle, shift and steering control cables.

**4. Electric System** — Inspect all electrical connections to ensure they are clean, tight and corrosion free. All electrical systems should be regularly inspected by a qualified technician.

**5. Fluid Levels** — Check all fluid levels including engine oil, power steering, power trim reservoirs and engine coolant. Also be sure to change the engine oil, oil filter and drive lubricants.

**6. Propellers And Hulls** — Ensure propellers are free of dings, pitting, cracks and distortion, and that they are secured properly. On the hull, inspect for blisters, distortions and cracks. Also make sure

## COVER

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Times, we have tried to include some of the myriad of ways people enjoy our waters. This issue features a favorite: wake surfing — and right here at home.

## ITCH

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- Small reddish pimples
- Small blisters

Use of Corticosteroid cream, applying cool compresses to the affected areas, bathing in Epsom salts or baking soda, applying baking soda paste to the rash and use of an anti-itch lotion may provide relief.

the vessel's drain plug is in place before launching.

**7. Safety Gear** — Check to ensure all life jackets are still in good condition, that they are the right size and fit for your passengers. On average in Arizona, life jackets should be replaced every five years. Remember that state law requires anyone 12 and under must wear a life jacket at all times when the vessel is underway and there should be one life jacket aboard for every passenger.

Don't forget that a throwable flotation device — usually a cushion with handles or a ring buoy — is required for all watercraft longer than 16 feet, except for canoes and kayaks. Also check to ensure the fire extinguisher is fully charged and stowed in the proper location.

**8. Take A Safety Course** — The department offers free courses in Phoenix and Lake Havasu City every month to provide water users the information and tips needed to stay safe while on the water. For more information on boating safety or to register for a hands-on or online safety course, visit [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating) and click "Boating Safety Education."

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Lake, Central Arizona's largest lake:

**Saturday, May 13:** Second Saturday Entertainment on the Lake

**Saturday, May 27:** Live Music from Coyote Moon

**Saturday, June 10:** Second Saturday Entertainment on the Lake

**Saturday, July 1:** Live Music from Alternative State

**Saturday, July 8:** Second Saturday Entertainment on the Lake

**Saturday, Aug. 2:** Live Music from Junction 87 <http://www.junction87.com/index.html>

**Saturday, Aug. 9:** Second Saturday Entertainment on the Lake

**Saturday, Sept. 2:** Live Music from Junction 87 <http://www.junction87.com/index.html>

**Saturday, Sept. 9:** Second Saturday Entertainment on the Lake

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## SURFING

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1/3 lb. fresh Gold Canyon ground Angus, cheddar cheese, pulled pork piled on top with a beer-battered onion ring

#### The Hangover Burger

1/3 lb. fresh Gold Canyon ground Angus, fried egg, jalapenos, cheddar cheese, served on a brioche bun

#### Chili Cheese Burger

1/3 lb. fresh Gold Canyon ground Angus, cheddar cheese, chili, served on a brioche bun

#### The Top Deck

(2) 1/3 lb. fresh Gold Canyon ground Angus patties, bacon, 3 kinds of cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onions, served on a brioche bun

#### The Vegan

Veggie patty grilled with sautéed peppers & diced onions with lettuce, on gourmet bun

### CHICKEN

#### Buffalo Chicken Sandwich

Crispy chicken breast, with buffalo sauce, lettuce, tomato on a brioche bun

#### Crispy Chicken Sandwich

Crispy chicken breast, with lettuce, tomato, mayo on a brioche bun

#### Chicken Strip Basket

Crispy chicken strips served with fries

#### Black 'N Blue Chicken Sandwich

Crispy chicken breast, caramelized onions, blue cheese crumbles, bacon on a brioche bun

#### The Whiskey Bourbon Chicken Sandwich

Crispy chicken breast, bourbon glaze, pineapple ring, served on a Hawaiian sweet bun

### OTHERS

#### Pulled Pork

Pulled pork served on a gourmet bun with your choice of sides

#### Grilled Cheese And Bacon

Cheddar cheese and bacon on wheat bread

#### The Bartlett Grilled Cheese

Cheddar cheese, turkey, bacon, lettuce, tomato, toasted, on wheat bread

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