

Bos'n's Pipe



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Calendar May

9 Executive Committee Meeting
11 Lake Pleasant Raft-up
16 General Membership Meeting
18 Arizona Safe Boating Celebration

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News about the June Lake Powell Rendezvous

By Art Ashton

May 9—It will be a new lake this spring with the lake level about 3,600 feet. It is doubtful that Castle Rock cut will be open since the project to lower the cut was to lower it to 3600 feet with an option for another eight feet.

If the cut is closed, then Antelope Marina or Antelope Point Launch sites look like good launching options.

We are planning on going further up the Lake perhaps to Escalante since there may be some good beaches with the lower water level.

Current thinking is for some of us to go up on Sunday, June 3 with lunching on Monday, June 4.

Please let me know what your plans are and I will keep you informed.

It is a good idea to arrange caravans to travel to Lake Powell using the listing below of those who have indicated they will be participating. New visitors to Lake Powell should try to link up with someone what has gone before since it is easy to get lost. Be sure to stay in the main channel to avoid problems

John Schmelzeis has provided an update regarding conditions at the lake:

"Mary, the children and I just spent a long weekend at Lake Powell, and the weather was fantastic, which enabled us to swim in Warm Creek.

"In fact, Warm Creek bay was like glass at 9:00 a.m., and it literally felt like floating as the sky was reflected on the water. It was surreal as we experienced the day.

"Here's some additional information based on this trip.

"Castle Rock is closed, and currently

being blasted to add an additional 30 feet to its current depth.

"It was pretty cool to feel the vibrations from the explosions while on plane in Wahweap Bay.

"It's worth considering launching from Antelope Marina if the cut remains closed during anyone's upcoming visit. It remains a pretty big hassle to go around due to the wash board effect.

"When exiting from Wahweap Bay into the channel the red and green buoys are very closely placed so you'll want to pay special attention and proceed slowly.

"We took N20 on the ride home and it was a washboard, so would advise against using it until it's paved. The 160E to 98 detour is—at least—scenic."

Here's a list of those contemplating the trip:

- ♦ Art Ashton and Bernie Lindstrom, 480-946-9804, artashton@gmail.com
- ♦ John Schmelzeis, 602-377-2738, jschmelzeis@live.com
- ♦ Kim and Dan Sheen, 623-572-6914, sheendr@gmail.com
- ♦ Chuck and Jane Peterson, 602-908-7380, Chuckp7173@gmail.com
- ♦ Ed and BJ Wojcik, 928-776-84216, BJnme55@yahoo.com
- ♦ Jerry and Cathy Anderson, 602-542-1290, Andersjd@msn.com

Most are contemplating arriving on June 3 and departing on June 9.

The upcoming General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday May 16, 2013 at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1418 N. Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Also note Cdr Sheen has announced that the June 6 meeting of the Executive Committee has been canceled.

Squadron Happenings

A quick look at what's coming up...

2013

May

- 9 Executive Committee Meeting
- 11 Lake Pleasant Raft-up
- 16 General Membership Meeting
- 18 Arizona Safe Boating Celebration

June

- 1 D/28 Summer Council, San Diego
- 2-8 Catalina Channel Island Cruise
- 9-15 OFC off shore cruise
- 5-9 Lake Powell Summer Cruise
- 12 Lake Powell Summer Cruise
- 22 Lake Pleasant Raft-up

July

- 11 Executive Committee Meeting
- 13 D/28 San Luis Rey Raft-up
- 20 Lake Pleasant Soak and Sweat

August

- 8 Executive Committee Meeting
- 10 Lynx Lake Campout and picnic
- 22-26 California Convergence, Two Harbors Catalina Island

September

- 1-8 USPS Fall Governing Board
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting
- 21 Potluck-General Membership Meeting
- 25-29 Lake Powell Rendezvous

October

- 4-8 D/28 Fall Conference, San Diego
- 10 Executive committee Meeting
- 25-27 Halloween Rendezvous-General Membership meeting

November

- 1-3 South of the Border Rendezvous, Rocky Point, Mexico
- 7 Executive Committee Meeting
- 15-17 Turkey Fry/General Membership meeting

Note: Some dates are proposed and subject to change. All Executive Committee meetings begin at System-Aire Office, 7136 W. Frier Dr., Glendale. General Membership Meetings are at rious locations. Attitude adjustment, 1730; dinner, 1830; meeting and program, 1930. Locations are subject to change

The calendar has been updated with this issue. Be sure to check new entries and put them on your calendar. There have been several changes in dates for events and activities.

Commander's Report

By Cdr Dan Sheen, P

Summer is fast approaching with temperatures in the high 90s for the April general membership meeting at our house.



Attendees braved the heat, pitched in some great food, and avoided the plentiful cactuses in our small

backyard.

The work of getting things ready really made Kim and I appreciate the efforts others have put in to host parties at their homes. Special thanks to Bill Johnson who helped us with portable tables and folding chairs.

One of my coworkers at Lockheed Martin, Tom Bell, presented an excellent program on distance swimming. The previous weekend he had participated in the Tampa Bay Marathon swim



He "pulled the plug" after 11.5 hours and 18 miles of the 24 mile swim because the event has a cut-off time that he would have missed. We learned that there were consistent headwinds of 20 mph, two boats sank, and only six of the eighteen individual competitors finished and only one of three relay teams.

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See this month's **Bos'n's Pipe** in color on the Squadron's web site at

www.sailangl.com (That's all one word, no spaces.)

There's a year's worth of "Pipes" there in case you missed something earlier. Remember, there are two additional pages of photos in full color in the online edition of the publi-

Check the squadron's web site for the latest schedule of public boating classes. They are conveniently located on both the east and west sides of the metropolitan area. And volunteer to proctor. You'll sharpen your boating skills with some very nice

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Tom is planning to swim from Catalina to LA at the end of August and the English Channel in September 2014. I suspect whether he is successful or not, he will have good stories to tell and I hope to have him do another program.

Kim and I really enjoyed the event at Roosevelt Lake that David Allocco organized. The waypoint poker run proved much more challenging than I had anticipated. I ran the boat while Kim and Danny Friend navigated.

I had just bought a new GPS and figured Kim would enjoy learning how to use it with the added pressure of competition.

We discovered two issues. First, it is really tough to take a legible photo of a GPS display under outdoor lighting conditions. Second, the rules said navigate to make the 1/100s of a minute match. So for example, navigate to waypoint N33°40.380' W111°09.550' and take a photo showing GPS position showing N33° 40.38' W111° 09.550'. I learned that if you want to allow the most slop in position I should have entered the above waypoint as N33°40.385' W111°09.555' instead of N33° 40.380 W111 09.550. That way we could have been a bit off and still matched the needed digits. Oh well, we were able to get the photos and won noodle chairs that we can try out at the summer soak.

The next on the water event is a Raft-up at Lake Pleasant on May 11. Kim got our boat inspected by Jackie at the Roosevelt Lake event so we should be good to go and I'm really looking forward to getting on the water again. Another upcoming event I am also looking forward to is the District 28 meeting on June 1 in San Diego. I'm hoping Kim and I can

both attend. Last year I went to one of the meetings solo and I know Kim would love the scenery at the Southwest Yacht Club and I suspect she will play hooky from some of the meeting.

Educational Officer's Report

By Lt/C Ron McNeil, AP



The boating season is well underway. I could tell by the amount of boats out on Lake Pleasant last weekend and I

can tell by the amount of interest in the ABC class currently going on.

We have seven people attending, which is the largest class we had in a while. When asked how they heard about the class, **most say that they seen the ad on Craig's List under boats for sale. One person did find us on the AZ G&F web site, so it's good that we are building upon our relationship with G&F.**

What is good about advertising on **Craig's List is that it reaches the right people.**

All the guys that found us on Craig's List are either just thinking about getting a boat for the first time or looking to get back into boating. This is exactly the type of folks we want to reach.

I'm also working with John Schmelzeis to get in the door at Cabelas and offer seminars to their customers as well as our members. Initially we are looking to offer the GPS and VHF seminars some time in June.

If you have an interest in attending either of these, please let me know so I can make sure you are kept informed.

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Happy Birthday

The following members are celebrating birthdays this month.



Robert Aleksa, Rob Anderson, Dave Brickner, Willie Burgeson, Kaitlyn Joedicker. Douglas Lusko, John Schmelzeis, Bert Szechenyi, June Ventzos.

Many Happy Returns

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Also look for Sailangle messages announcing the classes. Donadee and Wayne, no worries, I'll keep you informed.

Wayne and Donadee Jones are fairly new members. They have been attending the general membership meetings and are interested in taking a lot of classes while they decide what kind of boat they want to purchase.

The safe boating event I was coordinating at Sportsman's Warehouse did happen last month. We had good participation from the Squadron including Connie Johnson, Ron Werner, Jackie Wanta, John Lusson and David Brickner.

Unfortunately we did not get a very good turnout of boats coming in for a Vessel Safety Check. But the weather was nice, we enjoyed coffee donuts and each other's company. Most importantly we showed support for Sportsman's Warehouse who have been supporting our public boating program as long as I can remember. They are also currently supporting our effort of running a Life Jacket Drive. Near the front entrance they allowed us to have a collection box, which also displays squadron brochures and brochures for our ABC class. If you have good condition life jackets you would like to donate, please let me know so we can get them

Administrative Officer's Report

By Lt/C Lt/C John Schmelzeis,
"LUBBER'S LINE"

The upcoming **General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday May 16, 2013 at The Old Spaghetti Factory**, 1418 N. Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004 T: 602-257-0380.

The Program will be presented by Bill Scoberg presentation on 75' wooden tugboat that he is restoring in Seattle and living aboard.

May 16, 2013 GMM logistics

- **We are in the "Sunroom"** that holds up to 30 people
- 3 Entrees choice shown below, Salad and Lemon/Lime Sherbet dessert. Also, **the restaurant offered to meet any specific dietary requirements including vegetarian as one-offs.**

Fettuccine Alfredo

Our own version of this classic dish – fettuccine noodles in a butter cream sauce with shredded Romano cheese **10.50**

Our Famous Baked Lasagna

Made from scratch in our own kitchen – layers of noodles, Marinara Sauce, ground beef and pork, and four kinds of cheese **11.99**

Chicken Marsala

A seasoned breast of all natural chicken with fresh mushrooms and Marsala Wine Sauce, served alongside Spaghetti with Mizithra Cheese & Browned Butter **11.79**

We still have not yet received a sufficient number of people signing up for the "how to derive the most fun and benefit from your Membership" training that Chuck Peterson has graciously offered to provide. All members who have not yet taken this training (aka. Operations Training), please call Chuck or email him at chuck7173@gmail.com to sign up. As in life the fun and benefit output derived is often proportional to the input effort!

Membership

It's great to see the new membership applications resulting from the Craigslist posting! Do you have additional ideas for Membership outreach? Please call me or email me at admin@phx-usps.org to discuss your thoughts and ideas.

Fair winds and following seas....

Vessel Safety Check coming up

By Lt/Jackie Wanta, S

A major component of a fun-filled outing is a boat which has all the necessary equipment operating properly and safely.

The Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron has performed free Vessel Safety Checks for the past 10 years and will do so again on May 18, 2013, the start of Arizona Safe Boating week at the 10-lane boat ramp at Lake Pleasant.

The Vessel Safety Program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal and state recreational boating safety laws, and educate boaters through direct, face to face boating safety information exchanges. This face to face contact with the boating public provides us with a brief opportunity to share knowledge about the benefits of safety equipment and how to use it properly, and to make them aware of PSPS and our educational and fellowship activities.

These safety checks are conducted in the



Last year's inspectors at the May Safety Celebration at Lake Pleasant.

“make ready” area at the boat ramps. Experience has taught the examiners that most boaters are anxious to get their boats on the water and they can be reluctant to any activity that will delay their day of fun. We have learned that teaming up two examiners to one boat to expedite the 10-15 minute inspection process and using the **word “Free,” help solicit their agreement to have** their boat inspected. In addition to inspecting

power boats, sailboats, personal watercraft, canoes, kayaks are eligible for inspections.

The inspectors use a checklist to inspect the following items: a) Boating registration/numbers documentation b) Life Jackets c) Fire extinguishers d) ventilation e) backfire flame arrester f) navigation lights g) visual distress signals h) sanitation devices) overall vessel condition j) navigation rules k) recommended safety equipment of marine radios, anchors & lines, and first aid kits. We conclude the inspection by discussing fuel management plans, accident reporting, insurance considerations, and finally, safe boating classes.

Statistics from USPS Nationally show that



The presence of the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron is highly visible during the safety checks.

over 130,000 inspections are conducted annually, of which about 25% fail. The biggest reason for failing an inspection in Arizona, is the easiest to remedy – is the lack of a Type IV onboard – a throw able device, such as a boat cushion or a ring buoy, which is intended to immediately assist a person who has fallen overboard. The Arizona law mandates any vessel over 16ft must have at least one throw able onboard. It is unfortunate, that most of the boating public is unaware of this law. The next reason for failure is the lack of working navigational lights.

Our examiners throughout the years have run into many circumstances that can only reinforce
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the need for continued public education in boating safety including:

- ◆ The maiden voyage of a brand new boat outfitted by the dealer, that fails the Safety Examination for non-working stern lights
- ◆ Boaters ready to launch their boats without ANY lifejackets or bilge plugs.
- ◆ Boaters unaware of the required driving patterns on the water
- ◆ Boaters unaware of how to hail assistance if needed
- ◆ Boaters unaware in Arizona that two individuals are needed on the boat to pull a water skier – the driver and the observer

In our attempts to interact and stress the safety aspect and the responsibility of operating a boat, some of the Examiners encounter boaters who rudely indicate they “know it all” and could not possibly learn anything from an inspection – these are the boaters we want to avoid on the water. (And on the road for that matter !) Other boaters welcome the opportunity to learn more and are grateful for the few minutes, we spend with them talking about safe boating. These are the boaters we hope to encourage further classes and interest in the joining the squadron.

If you are available on May 18 and would like to assist a Vessel Safety Examiner in this valuable public outreach campaign, please feel free to me or one of the Executive Committee members for details. **It's an ideal way for you to admire a variety of boats up close without buying one, but more importantly, it is one way spreading the word about our squadron and all of our activities.**

A few years ago there used to be a sign at Lake Pleasant that said it all – “ **A boating accident will ruin your day, boat safely.**” What more can be said?

Photos from the Rendezvous at Kim and Dan Sheen's home on 27 April from John Marshall

