

Bos'n's Pipe

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Change of Watch is set for Saturday night

Calendar

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6-10 Arizona National Boat Show
7 Executive Committee Meeting
9 Change of Watch meeting
19-24 USPS National Annual Meeting, Dallas

The changing of the guard will take place Saturday night at the Union Hills Country Club, 9860 Lindgren Ave in Sun City.

The doors will open at 1730 for a "no host" cash bar with dinner following at 1830.

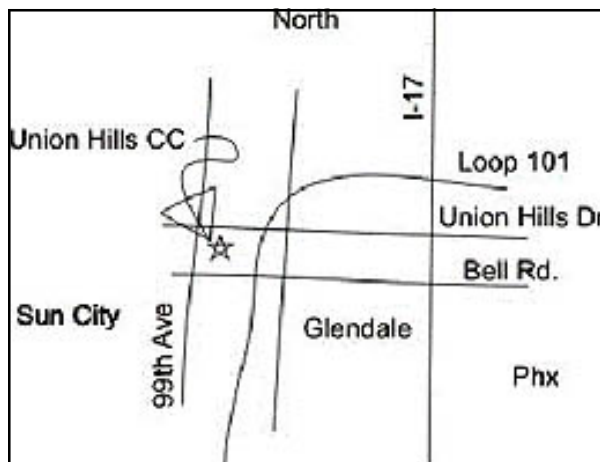
There's a special program planned this year—a presentation by Al Lehman, senior and junior on Transpac racing. They'll describe the fascinating race to Honolulu. You'll ask yourself, "Why did I think sailing was such a nice quiet sport."

The report of the nominating committee was approved at the squadron's annual meeting, and the following officers will make up the 2008-2009 bridge. Bill Johnson has signed on for an additional year as commander. He'll be joined by Art Ashton as executive officer, David Allocco as administrative officer, Tim Harrington to continue as educational officer as will Joe Warren as secretary and Jackie Wanta as treasurer.

In addition, members of the executive committee will be Bernie Lindgren, John Lusson, Jan Park and Lee Whitehead. Each will serve for one year.

Also to be installed will be members of the Budget and Finance, Auditing, Nominating and Rules committees.

A map to the country club is below.



Quagga mussels found at Lake Pleasant
The unthinkable has happened: nuisance "quagga" mussels have been discovered at several sites at Lake Pleasant, and state wildlife officials are requesting that boaters take simple steps to help prevent this menace and other aquatic hitchhikers from spreading to other lakes.

These mussels have caused millions of dollars damage in the Great Lakes and elsewhere. They have also been discovered in the Colorado River.

More info at www.azgfd.gov/h_f/zebra_mussels.shtml.

The end of a perfect (snow) cruise (see page 3)



Excellent USPS Seminar coming up in February"

On Monday, February 18, 2008 Art Ashton will present On Board Weather Forecasting. This Seminar will be held at System-Aire located at 7136 W. Frier Drive, Glendale. The cost for members is \$30.00 and it includes the Student Notebook and a water proof reference guide. This Seminar explains how your own senses can help you determine what conditions you will encounter where you are. The seminar explains weather systems, how to understand clouds and their changes, using changing wind direction, temperature, and pressure to hone in on emerging weather fronts. Contact Art by e-mail art.ashton@gmail.com or phone 480-946-9804.

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2008

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

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Events shown in italics are planned and may change

March

- 7-8 Spring Conference, Glendale, AZ
- 13 Executive Committee Meeting
- 15 Lake Pleasant Raft-up
- 22 P/C Barbecue, Lake Pleasant
- 28-29 AZ Game and Fish Outdoor Expo

April

- 4-5 Katherine Landing Rendezvous, Lake Mohave
- 10 Executive Committee Meeting
- 12 GMM and Educational Dept Fundraiser
- 16-19 International Boating and Water Safety Summit, San Diego

May

- 4 *Tri-State Boating Safety Fair*
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting
- 15 General Membership Meeting
- 17 AZ Safe Boating Celebration
- 17-23 National Safe Boating Week
- 24 Lake Pleasant Raft-up

June

- 1-6 OFC XIV, Santa Catalina Island
- 7 D/28 Summer Council Meeting
- 12 Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 Raft up, 1100-1600, Lake Pleasant
- 25-29 Lake Powell Rendezvous

Note: Some dates are proposed and subject to change. All Executive Committee meetings begin at 1900 at 6433 E. Lincoln Drive in Paradise Valley. General Membership Meetings are at various locations. Attitude adjustment, 1730; dinner, 1830; meeting and program, 1930. Locations are subject to change and are announced.

Commander's Report

Cdr. Bill Johnson, AP

The watch year is wrapping up with lots to do. The last year was a wonderful year. Our squadron was busy in all areas, from boating activities to education. I'd like to thank the squadron for all the help that



they gave to make the past year such a success. The 2007/2008 Bridge and committee members deserve a large THANK YOU for their planning and efforts. A lot of dedication is required to complete a watch year in any of the bridge or committee positions. They have raised the bar high enough, that the incoming bridge will have to work hard to maintain or improve the quality of the programs.

The 2008 - 2009 bridge is looking to make next year even better. The calendar has been put together, Education has plans for a full year of member classes, member BOC certification, public seminar presentations and public classes. Boating activities are changing with some different venues being considered for addition to the schedule. A variety of meeting sites and programs are being put together for your enjoyment.

This squadron is very active and looking to get everyone to participate in some fashion or other. Plan on joining us all year long. If an event attracts your attention and you are having trouble finding out how participate, call me and we will find a way to get you there.

The Boat Show is starting the first week of February with the Change of Watch on Saturday night. The next activity will be the District Spring Conference in Phoenix. Be sure to volunteer to help the committee show the other squadrons how Phoenix Sail & Power make guests welcome. The March boating activity is the Past Commander's BBQ at Lake Pleasant. Watch for information on this in the March *Bos'n's Pipe*.

If you plan on staying overnight at the campgrounds, contact P/C Ron Werner or Cdr Bill Johnson for information. Reservations must be made before 15 Feb.

In closing, the best quality of membership is your's for the taking by participating or volunteering with the squadron is form. The pay is the best and equal, one Merit Mark per person per year. Please join in!

Snow Cruise 2008—The photos from Bill Johnson feature from left, Connie Johnson and her new transportation system, Jackie Wanta observing the raft-up, and the variety of boats participating in the squadron's first rendezvous of the year.



Due to popular request we have been able to secure the ramadas at Lake Pleasant for our annual Past Commanders BBQ. Remember this is when you get to be served good grub from the Past Commanders. Date is still 22 March (Saturday) A block of camping sites has been set up to allow for camp fire settings. The RV campgrounds personnel have been placed on a short leash to assure the campsites are together. They requested reservations to be made by Feb 13. Their number will be coming out shortly. This is a do-not-miss event.

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

www.phoenix-usps.org

There's a year's worth of "Pipes" there in case you missed something earlier.

Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Ron Quagliara, AP



Well the ballots are in. The members have spoken and the squadron has elected its 2008/2009 bridge.

David Allocco will be your new Administrative Officer. I know that you join me in wishing him the very best and that you will offer your help as he works hard to bring the squadron fun-filled and interesting outings.

Change of watch is scheduled for February 9 and will take place at the Union Hills Country Club, 9860 Lindgren Ave, Sun City, AZ. Details elsewhere in the Bos'n's Pipe.

It's here again and we need your help! The **Arizona National Boat Show** will be held at the Civic Plaza, 111 N 3rd St, Phoenix, AZ, from February 6-10. Our chairperson for this event is Terry Gray, and he still needs volunteers to man our booth.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.



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 people.

Educational Officer's Report

By Lt/C Tim Harrington, SN



With the completion of another Squadron Year, I would like to congratulate the **65** members who **completed courses** and took exams this past year. I especially thank our **VOLUNTEER**

instructors; Art Ashton, David Allocco, Rob Anderson, Doug Frazier, Bill Johnson, Chuck Peterson, Bob Schloeman, Joe Warren, Ron Werner and Lee Whitehead for their time and considerable effort.

FOR NOW:

Marine Electronics 102 is just starting and will be followed by **ME 103**. This is at Courtesy Chevrolet, 13thSt & Camelback. 6:30Pm, Cost \$40.

REMEMBER- You can take each module 102 & 103 & test **separately**.

February:

Basic Boating: Feb 27, POWER CHEVROLET ARROWHEAD, PEORIA Feb 27 WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER, TEMPE

Contact Ron Werner at e-mail Ronald.werner@gd-ais.com

Encourage your friends, relatives & the general public to take these very informative classes to become safer & better boaters. Seminars (as below) are also open to the general boating public as well.

SEMINARS-SEMINARS: two hour courses/ no exams!!

Credit toward your **BOAT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

Will follow Basic Boating Course on successive Wednesday Evenings –same locations

Include: **USING GPS, HOW TO READ A CHART, Using VHF/DIGITAL CALLING (DSC) ON BOARD WEATHER FORCASTING, POWER BOAT HANDLING, SAIL&SAILTRIM,**

Cost \$ 35 each. Contact Bill Belt at e-mail sail517@aol.com

April to June;

SEAMANSHIP with Rob Anderson & Bernie Lindgren

ADVANCED PILOTING with lee Whitehead (prerequisites Seamanship & Piloting)

SAIL with David Allocco (only if at least 4 sign up-**bring a friend**)

Our **NEW** e-mail address is member.education@phx-usps.org

Safety Officer's Report

By P/C Roger Clark, AP

Let us put our best face with enthusiasm to represent our great boating organization at the



Arizona National Boat Show on 6-10 February. The bad economy hurts everyone, especially boat sales. Arizona Game and Fish Department both last year this this, is not represented at a booth. They don't want to spend the amount

charged for space at the show, and in the past they had been put in a very low traffic area.

We need to reach more boaters at the outset of National Safe Boating Week, 17 May; some representation on East Valley lakes should be included.

Happy, safe boating.

Happy Birthday

The following members are celebrating birthdays this month.



Dale Anderson, Elizabeth Arnow, Barb Davis, Frank Fitzgerald, Don Hora, Elaine Keller, Paul Love, Jeannine Quagliara, Howard Rumph, Patricia Tyler, Chester White

Many Happy Returns



Paper or Online?

Over the past couple of years, many members have opted to receive the publication by computer instead of "snail mail." Increasing the number of online-only readers has a significant influence on the squadron's budget. The cost of the October edition, for example, cost about 65¢ per copy, including printing and postage. Postage accounts for 41¢ per copy. So, the January issue will cost about 62¢.

Most, including the current editor of the publication, believe this is an easily justifiable expense. There are members, however, who would rather have the *Pipe* delivered each month online. Advantages to online distribution are obvious: it saves the squadron money, and the publication is available for use two or three days before it is delivered by mail. And, of course, the online edition is in full color with two extra pages; the printed version does not.

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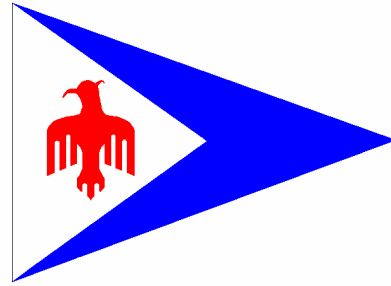
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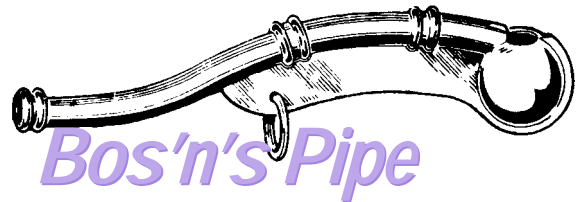
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