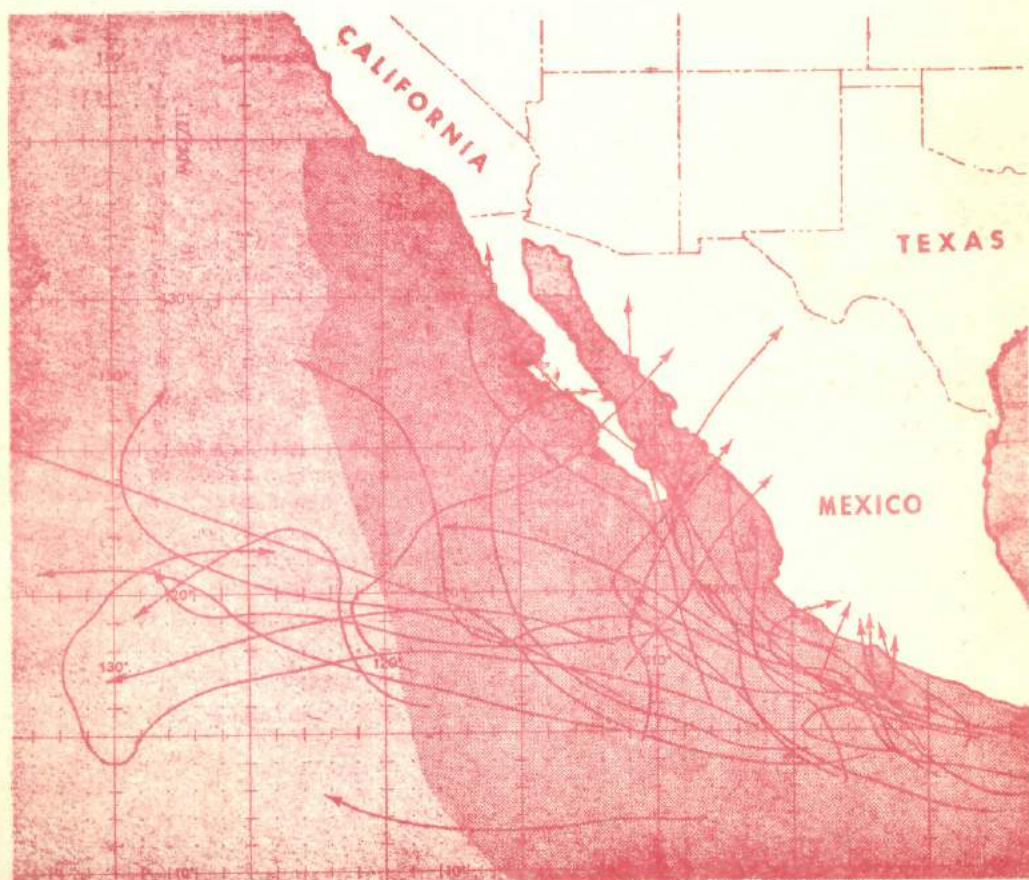




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From the Editor's Desk

As reported in the last issue I was asked at the last Council meeting to make recommendations as to future operations and policies of the Chatter. The guiding principle during the past few years has been to make the Chatter self-supporting. I feel that this is a mistake and made the following proposals.

1. That the Chatter consist of a minimum of 16 pages including the outside covers.
2. That ads constitute a maximum of 25 per cent of the total space in the Chatter (This is essentially what we had this past year);
3. That the Council pay any expenses connected with publishing and distributing the Chatter that are not covered by revenue from the Chatter.

Putting out the Chatter is a lot of work and to make the job more attractive some of the previous editors were paid a commission on ads sold and this past year we shared the "profits" from the advertising with Bob Hudnall and Gary Olmstead to publish the Chatter and handle the advertising. Unfortunately the "profits" were not as much as anticipated.

If we want the job done on anything other than a volunteer basis (and we have not had any volunteers), we will have to pay more. I proposed that the arrangements entered into with

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Bob Hudnall and Gary Olmstead a year ago be modified as follows:

1. That the "Publisher" be paid \$1.50 per page to publish the Chatter. This would be \$24.00 for the minimum 16 page issue. If the ads take up more than 25 per cent of the space, he would increase the Chatter by four pages.

2. That the "Advertising Manager" be paid a commission of 15 per cent of any and all advertising revenue received. That he be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incident to selling advertisements.

3. That the "bookkeeper" maintain a record of all revenue and expenses, that he send out bills, deposit checks to the Chatter account, make out

checks for Chatter expenses, etc. and prepare a financial statement each month which must be presented to both the Editor and the Council Treasurer. That the Chatter Bookkeeper receive 5 percent of all Chatter revenue (except money from the Council) as compensation.

4. That the Council Treasurer maintain a revolving fund in the Chatter account of at least \$200.00.

Also recommended that Bob Hudnall be retained as "Publisher" and "bookkeeper" and that Gary Olmstead be retained as "Advertising Manager".

The Council approved the above recommendations in their entirety in a poll conducted by Council Chairman, Harold Johnson. The above policies will go into effect as of January 1, 1968.

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Persons wishing to enroll in the course are urged to contact Dr. Tom

Burch at the March meeting or call 261 - 3568.

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The Mini-Hurricanes Of The Tuna Grounds

By Richard De Angelis

The Mary Barbara ran into the full force of the hurricane just outside Manzanillo on Mexico's west coast.

Winds reached 135 knots; monstrous seas engulfed the floundering clipper. The skiff and canopy blew away followed by the windows, railings and doors.

When the storm finally broke at dawn, the Mary Barbara had survived one of Nature's most grueling experiences. But experience had come at a high price - \$50,000 in damages.

Returning to Manzanillo harbor that morning, Capt. Zuffer and his weather-weary crew found the port a shambles. All the ships were either sunk or beached, houses and buildings were demolished and a great number of lives were lost.

The hurricane which struck Manzanillo and imperilled the Mary Barbara was not unique. It was one of several tropical storms that menace these waters every year; they are known as North Pacific hurricanes.

Although neither as big nor as publicized as their North Atlantic or western North Pacific sisters, these hurricanes can be just as devastating. The fishing industry, as well as shipping interests, have long been familiar with these storms, and ports from Acapulco to Los Angeles have experienced their fury:

Although there have been storms similar to the "Manzanillo Hurricane of 1959, North Pacific hurricanes are constantly under-rated. The severe ones are not as rare as may have been believed.

HELP ON HIGH

The advent on the weather satellite in 1961 has broadened the knowledge of weather in the eastern North Pacific, benefitting the men who make their living in those waters. The

fisherman, whether skipper of an expensive purse seiner or a pleasure craft, should be thoroughly familiar with hurricanes that haunt these waters.

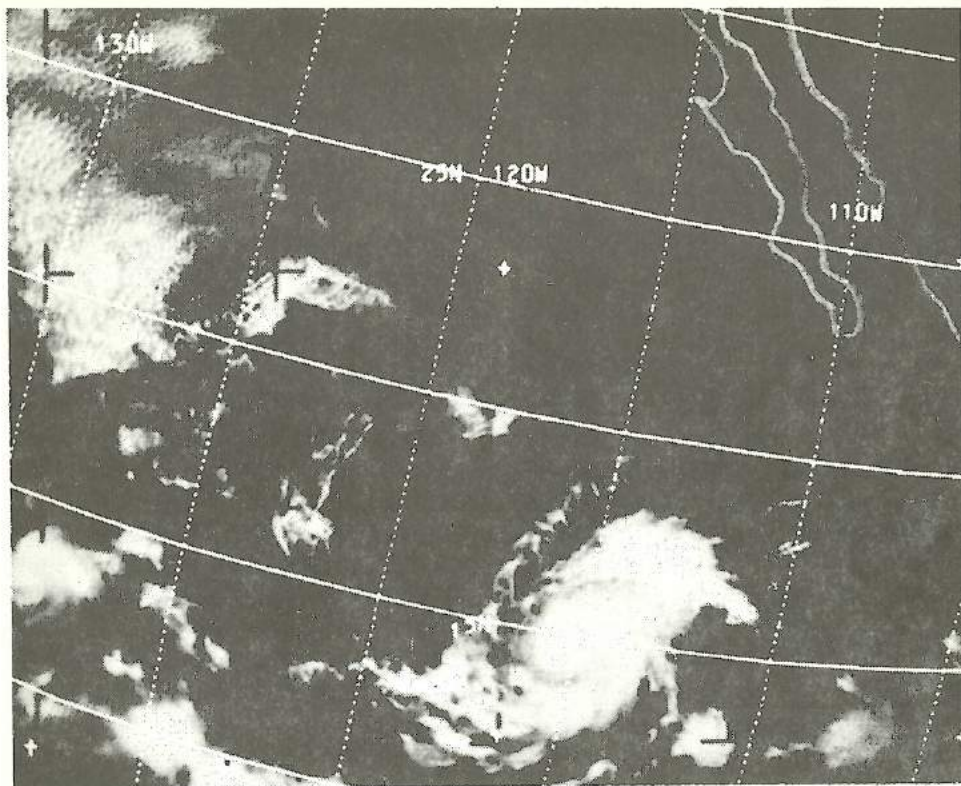
The hurricane season in the tropical North Pacific closely parallels the fishing season; most storms occur from June through October. The longest hurricane season on record was 1951 which began on May 18 and ended on December 1.

Over the past decade 41 hurricanes have traversed these waters, along with 60 tropical storms (these are storms one stage below hurricanes: generating winds from 34 to 63 knots). An average of 10 potential hurricanes occurs annually in these tropical waters.

Monthly and annual distribution of tropical cyclones (both tropical storms and hurricanes) over the past 18 years is shown in the table on page 8.

Hurricanes of this region usually form in an area between 10°N. and 25°N., extending from 90°W. to 160°W. In general early and late-season storms form close to the coast and farthest south, while mid-season storms form anywhere in a wide band from the Mexican-Central American coast to the Hawaiian Islands.

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SATELLITES have made hurricane watching a much more reliable thing than it was just a few years ago when small, but fierce, storms would suddenly appear out of the vast expanses of the Pacific. Above, one of the North Pacific's mini-hurricanes develops under the watchful eye of an ESSA 3 satellite. The storm is heading for the fishing grounds off Baja California, outlined on the photo to better show its position. At left, Hurricane Lily was pictured off Baja California by the ESSA 5 satellite on Sept. 8, 1967.

Our Front Cover shows storm tracks of mini-hurricanes over the past decade. While most show a sweeping curve from the Southeast to Northeast, others wriggle across the traditional commercial fishing grounds in their noted erratic wandering.

One notable exception was hurricane Nina, which formed near 8° N. , 162°W. , late in November 1957.

Tracks of most storms parallel the coast, moving in a west-north-westerly direction. Movement is more regular during the mid-season months when the easterly steering current aloft is most steady and farthest north. Many hurricanes, particularly in early and late season, recurve toward the northeast. Some move northward or northeastward for their entire lives.

A few have been tracked into the western Pacific. Tracks of hurricanes affecting the tuna grounds for the past decade are shown on the accompanying chart.

SLOW SPEEDS

Forward speeds of hurricanes in the eastern North Pacific, as in other tropical regions, are variable. However, since storms in this region usually remain below 30° N. , the range of forward speeds is less than in other regions.

Average forward speeds range from 7 - 12 knots; extremes range from stationary to 25 knots. Hurricanes rarely move faster than 15 knots below 15° N.

Slowest speeds are found during recurvature of tight turns. Average forward speeds are highest during August (10 - 12 knots) and lowest in June (7 - 8 knots).

The standout features of intense hurricanes are their small size, their ability to intensify quickly and their seasonal preferences. The radius of hurricane force winds usually extends out no farther than 50 miles and often to 30 miles. Winds in this short distance may reach 150 knots or more.

This makes the knowledge of the exact position of these storms vitally important to the fisherman. In the space of a few miles gales can turn into raging winds, rendering a ship helpless. It is not implausible for a developing storm to intensify from

Eastern North Pacific Tropical Cyclones (Tropical Storms and Hurricanes) 1949-1966

Year	No. Each Month							No. Each Year	Total Hurricanes
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.		
1966	0	1	0	4	6	2	0	13	7
1965	0	4	0	3	3	0	0	10	1
1964	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	6	1
1963	0	1	2	0	4	1	0	8	4
1962	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	8	2
1961	0	1	4	1	1	2	2	11	2
1960	0	2	1	2	1	2	0	8	6
1959	0	2	3	4	2	2	0	13	4
1958	0	2	3	3	3	2	0	13	5
1957	0	0	1	2	4	3	1	11	9
1956	2	2	2	1	3	1	0	11	5
1955	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	6	2
1954	0	1	3	0	4	2	0	10	4
1953	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	4	3
1952	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	7	3
1951	1	2	1	2	2	0	1	9	2
1950	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	6	5
1949	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	6	2
Total	4	25	29	29	46	23	4	160	67
Average	0.2	1.4	1.6	1.6	2.6	1.3	0.2	8.9	3.7

40 knots to 100 knots in less than 12 hours.

The Manzanillo hurricane of October 1959 is one of the few well-documented storms in this region and provides an insight into their nature.

Hurricane force winds were confined to within about 30 miles of the eye; however, within this short distance winds rose from 65 knots to more than 135 knots. Gale force winds extended out only another 40 miles.

On the 27th the Hive Maru, within 30 miles of the eye, reported a 70 knot wind; the Mexico Maru encountered 100 knot winds 10 miles from the center. Then the Mary Barbara, close to the eye, recorded a 958-milibar pressure with winds of 135 knots; at about the same time, the Cacalilao in Manzanillo harbor, also very close to the eye, reported 135 knots winds.

Salvaged wind equipment in Manzanillo showed winds of 127 knots before collapse. Winds, floods and landslides caused nearly 1,000 deaths in Manzanillo and surrounding areas while six Mexican Merchant ships and one naval vessel were sunk.

LITTLE SWIFTIE

On Oct. 20, 1957, a hurricane developed near 16° N., 113° W. This small storm intensified very rapidly, taking several vessels by surprise. The Ecuador, within 20 miles of the storm's center on the 21st, encountered 130-knot winds; the Aggressor, some 40 miles from the eye, reported 100-knot winds. However, the Limon, just 60 miles from the center, reported only 60-knot winds.

The tuna clipper Sun Pacific was caught by 100-knot winds in 50' seas.

The vessel lost all her boats, along with hatch covers and wheel house doors. All radio equipment was inoperative. Contact was made by blinker with the 433' freighter Limon.

The Limon made preparations to rescue the crew; ladders, nets and lines were put over the sides, but it was impossible to launch a boat as seas were still running more than 30' high.

As the two ships approached each other the Sun Pacific's engine room burst into flames. After a rough battle with the seas all 12 crewmen and the captain were rescued. A few minutes later the Sun Pacific went down.

This severe October hurricane banged ashore over Mazatlan leaving considerable damage in its small but devastating wake. In the harbor one large freighter was grounded, 20 shrimp boats were sunk and 20 were beached.

Winds onshore reached 113 knots when the anemometer cups blew away - 20 minutes before the eye passed over. Heavy flooding occurred 100 miles to the south - with no wind.

In June 1961, a hurricane developed into a tight, rapidly intensifying storm. The Klaus Schoke, on the 9th, reported its radar showed the hurricane's eye 10 miles off the port beam. Winds at this time were 60 knots and seas were 24'. A few hours later, within 10 miles or so of the storm's center, the Glenmoor reported 95-knot winds and 30' seas. Late on the 10th, Iva moved inland across a sparsely-populated stretch of Mexican coastline.

NOT ALL SEEN

Just how many storms generate severe winds is uncertain. In most cases reports are unavailable from

near the storm's center; it is only when a hurricane moves inland near a populated area, or when an unfortunate ship gets caught near the eye, that an accurate measure of intensity is obtained.

This may be one reason why severe storms are biased towards early and late season. At these times, storms tend to move over the fishing grounds, across the major shipping lanes and inland; therefore, these are often the only times reports are received close to the storm's center.

Although most severe hurricanes occur early and late in the season, they are not limited to these months. Hurricane Estelle (1960) with 117-knot winds, and hurricane Dot (1959) with 120-knot winds, both occurred in August. The Courageous encountered 130-knot winds four miles north of Clarion Island during a hurricane in early September 1958.

WORDS OF CAUTION

Though statistically dated, the following description from an old sailing book gives fair warning to vessels sailing tropical North Pacific coastal waters:

"Gales and strong breezes from S. E. to S. W. constantly occur whilst squalls, associated with thunder and lightning, with heavy and almost incessant rain, characterise the season throughout. Violent and dangerous hurricanes known as Cordonazos occasionally visit this coast, usually in intervals of several years, and generally in early October, but they may occur at any time from the middle of June until early in November. These hurricanes which are of short duration usually commence from S. E. The wind quickly veers to S. W. reaching a maximum force, accompanied by heavy rain, thunder, and

lightning, and bringing a very high sea. The wind then gradually veers to N. W., and decreases, while the weather clears." (The Marine Observer, April 1926)

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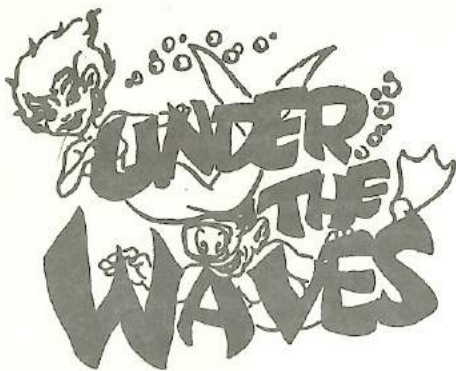
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After passing the tests, both written and pool, we went to Sandy Beach for the open water check out, which was on Nov. 4. It was a perfect day and about noon I swam out from Sandy Beach with one of the instructors, about 100 yards and put my regulator in my mouth and went down.

Standing on the bottom in 35 ft. of water, I saw a new world to me. There must have been clear vision for 50 ft. in every direction. I saw kinds of fish I had never seen before. We gathered a few shells and swam around until our air tanks ran low. When I reached the beach I had no regrets of taking the course.

Incidentally, the course covered swimming, skin diving, first aid, life saving, mouth to mouth resuscitation, reading dive charts and the physiology of diving.

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It's not very often that we hear of a shark that prefers to be with fishing people, but the Johnnie Newcombs of Tempe have the proof of the tale.

The Newcombs, Johnnie and Inis, Elmer Erickson Jr. of Flint, Michigan (Inis' brother) and Don and Lanie Hatfield decided the day of Feb. 10 looked to be a good day for dangling the tempting tidbits for pinto, etc. So, off they went to the Sand Dunes and this was the easy part. Inis was relaxing with a hand line and everyone was happily enjoying the day, when about 3 p. m. a Mako shark decided that, after he had cased the boat for some time, he would rather be in it with Inis.

Since sharks aren't very considerate, he jumped into Inis' lap, took her hat and sun glasses before she even really knew what was happening. All she could tell Johnnie was, "Get it off of me!" and by golly, Johnnie and Elmer tried like crazy, but that old shark just flipped around

and tore out the seats, etc. Finally one more flip got Inis clear but then the whark was up in the windshield and at the control panel.

That did it, and the men with a hammer and axe finally did enough swinging that the shark began to bleed and all over the boat.

The women were finally transferred to another boat, Don held the anchor ropes like reins (after Johnnie had managed to get them on the big shark) and they started in for Cholla. Johnnie drove the boat from the bow and Don held on and they brought in to an astounded Cholla a 660 pound shark which measured out at 8 ft. 8 inches. That's a lot of shark!

Inis has some dandy bruises, Elmer is stiff and sore, and Johnnie is nursing a sore arm, bruised leg and stiff muscles. Lanie Hatfield is still a bit on the scared side. Thanks to a big fish box, a straw hat and a pair of sun glasses, all did survive except the over ambitious shark--he's dead!

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For about 3 years, I fished all up and down the coastline from Bird Island to the South, all the way to the sand dunes to the North. I started out with a 6 HP Merc, but soon switched to a 10 HP, so I could increase my fishing range. Back in those days, I considered Pinto as a sort of trash fish, because practically anywhere you stopped to jig, sooner or later you'd end up with a sack-full--not big ones mind you, but mean little brutes running from 3 to 8 or 9 lbs. These spiny rascals just have to be about the meanest tempered fish that swim--I thoroughly hated them, and would only fish for them as a last resort to bring some home to give away.

Along about 1950, I got possession of a big, seaworthy 16' moulded plywood boat that in subsequent years, took me safely through some pretty hairy escapades. Like riding out a chabasco halfway between Kino and Tiburon Island, and on another occasion, managing to be the only one out of three outboards, to ride out

another chabusco off Angel Island. I wore out a 16, a 25, a 30, a 35 and a 40 HP Outboard Motor in succession during the span of years from 1950 through 65. I named the old sow the 'African Queen' because the decor of the tub was much the same as Bogart's boat in the picture of the same name. Before I retired her from active service, we (you notice I don't say I) brought a total of 34 Pacific Sailfish to her scarred up old sides, along with I don't know how many Dolphin, Skipjack, Bonito, Barracuda, Pinto, Grouper, Snapper, Jack Cravillo, Neddlefish, Sea Trout, White Sea Bass, Halibut, Everlovin' Cotchis, billions of Rockbass, Halibut, Mackerel, Pompano, and various and sundry denizens of the Cholla Bay, Portlobos, Kino and Guaymas areas. This old boat still has a lot of life left in her, but I parked her when I acquired a new 16' Starcraft about two years ago.

My new little rig handles like a dream, don't leak a drop, and so far, has taken me, just about anywhere I've had guts enough to try her.

I'm just too damn lazy (and poor) to try handling one of the big 20 to 30 footers like most of my affluent buddies sport around in, preferring a rig that I can handle all by my lonesome, even though everyone looks down his nose at me.

Someday, the good Lord willin', I will be the proud possessor of a 19' Smithcraft with 2 - 60 or 75 HP outboards on the stern, with which, I dare say, I could travel to anywhere in the Sea of Cortez, safely.

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I wish to thank the search and rescue team for the fine job they did for me and the Club.

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- 1 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onion
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon salad oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- Dash pepper
- 1 package (9 oz.) frozen cut green beans
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon cold water

Thaw frozen shrimp. Dissolve chicken stock base in boiling water. Cook onion, garlic and shrimp in oil for 3 minutes, stirring frequently. If necessary, add a little of the chicken broth to prevent sticking. Stir in salt, ginger, pepper, green beans and chicken broth. Cover and simmer 5 to 7 minutes longer or until beans are cooked but still slightly crisp. Combine cornstarch and water. Add cornstarch mixture to shrimp and cook until thick and clear, stirring constantly. Serves 6.

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TUCSON SCUTTLEBUTT

The Feb. 13 meeting went as smoothly as all our other meetings in the past. Harold Johnson, Chairman of the Council, was our guest. He spoke briefly bringing us up to date on the activities of the Council.

MEMBERS, don't forget your 1968 dues - we hope to keep every member on our roster this year.

This is not intended as a threat for not paying dues, but Bob Morris stated the new jail at Cholla should be complete in a month or so.

We are starting a book center at Cholla where members can pick up reading material and return it for other books when they are through. If you have any pocket editions, magazines, children's books, etc. will you please bring them to our next meeting or deliver them to Mrs. St. John. She will see to it that they get to Cholla.

Pinto are biting real good right now.

Our next meeting, March 12, will start with a pot-luck dinner at 7 pm. Please bring a covered dish containing your favorite food and please try to attend this meeting. Dr. Don Tomson, Marine Biologist at the U of A will address us and show slides of marine life in the Gulf. Your officers are working hard to make this a good Chapter - help them. Some of the door prizes are well worth the time taken up by meetings. Four quarts of motor oil as each of two prizes at one meeting, a spool of 100 yds. of line, pick your own weight, was given away at 6 meetings, a face mask at another, etc. etc. Also the movies, you see are both entertaining and educational.

Please call the writer when you

hear of a member who is seriously ill or hospitalized.

Door prizes for the March 12 meeting have been donated by the Candy Strip Beauty Salon; first prize a permanent wave, second a shampoo and set and third a manicure.

A closing hint. You never know when you might need the name of our Insurance Adjuster at Rocky Point or Sonoyta. The Feb. issue of the Chatter gives their names and addresses. Jot this on the back of your Cholla Bay Membership Card and you always have it with you.

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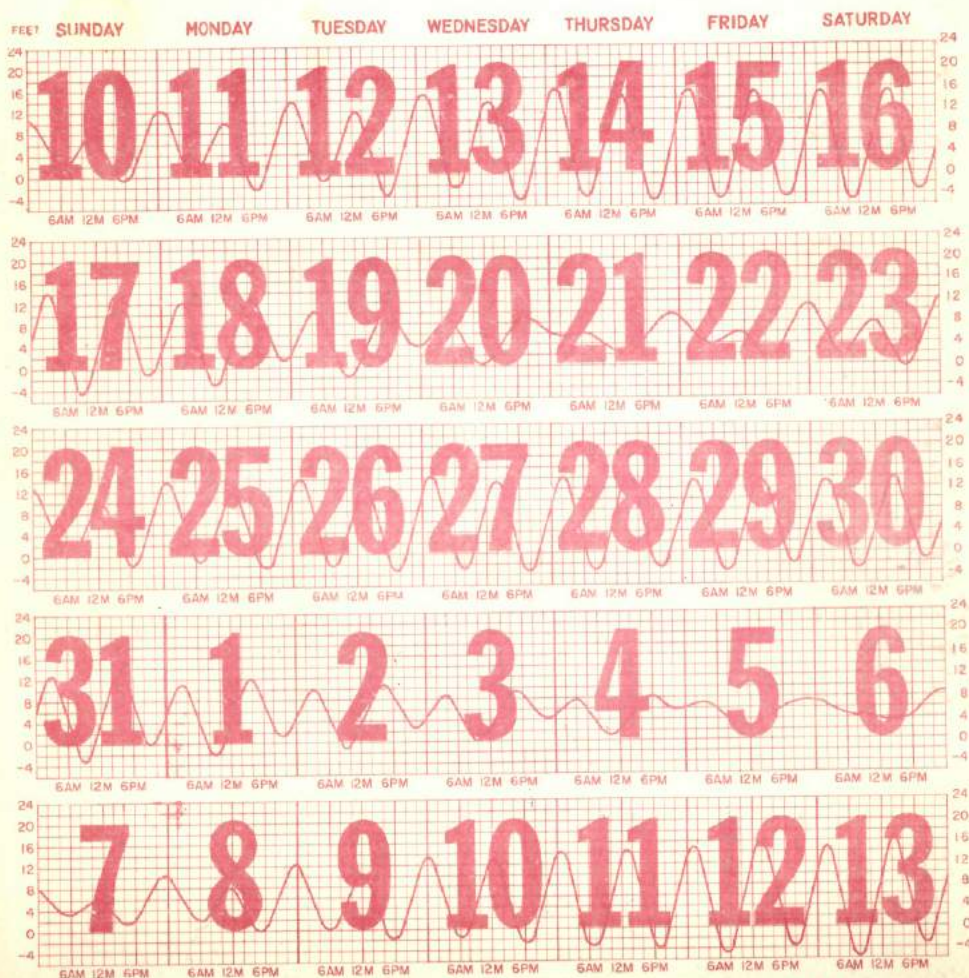
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