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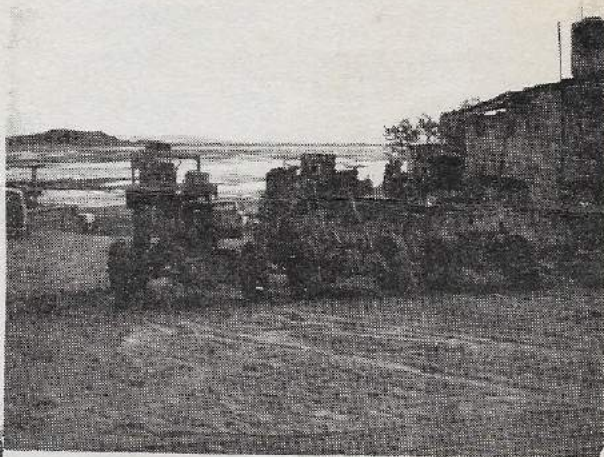


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1972 DERBY NEWS

On May 25th, the Council of the CBSC postponed the Derby indefinitely. Explanation of said postponement is elsewhere in the Chatter. The Derby will be held at the earliest time possible, after our problems have been settled.

I wish to take this opportunity to "Thank" everyone who had worked so long and so hard in setting up the Derby. Especially Don LaPorte, my co-chairman. Also wish to "Thank" the many businessmen who donated the many prizes. When the new date is set, they will be notified.

Again, many "THANKS"

Doug Cashion
Chairman, Tucson Chapter

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BOB MORRIS,
Council Chairman

On Wednesday, May 25th, the Fishing Inspector Salmon started enforcing the laws, that were printed in the June issue. He was charging \$8.00 per year for fishing license, plus \$1 for services. Total \$9.00.

On Friday night, a Council meeting was called for 9:30 p. m. at the Capen's cabin, for discussion of the problems. The Mexican Union of Cholla Bay had informed the Club that they would strike against this unjust law in the Bay area. It is the contention of the Union that this law about the \$8.00 per month, for American boats should not apply in this area. Should only apply where pleasure boats affect charter businesses and etc. Here, pleasure boats are the important source of income for the Mexican people. Which involves the launchers, bait men, and men who clean our fish, gas station, and etc.

The Council voted to postpone the Derby and close the radio shack indefinitely.

On Saturday morning, the strike was on and no American boats were launched and no Charter boats went out. The radio shack was closed down and the marine radio in Patty's trailer was not to be used. No launch permits were issued. Now to be put in the water, you must go to Puerto Penasco and get a permit from the Port Captain. About 9 o'clock, Marcello Salazar, president of the Union, Pete Salazar and Ramon Perez and Bob Morris, Council Chairman, Dick Allyn, President of the Phoenix Chapter and Bob Rumsey, Tucson President went into Puerto Penasco to talk to Sr. Salmon. These 6 men requested a 30 day extension on the enforcing of this law, but they were refused.

Why wasn't the law enforced Jan. 1, 1972, when it went into effect, but overlooked until the weekend of the CBSC Fishing Derby? To my knowledge, from talking to many, only about 6 boat owners, out of 150 to 175 in the area, disagreed with the total strike. None of them were residents of Cholla Bay, but once or twice a year campers.

On Sunday morning, some launchers put boats in, but these boats are without radio protection, except from the Port Captain's office and with no radio communications at Cholla, the Search and Rescue team not able to

operate.

As of June 19th, there has been nothing settled and the Council is still making every effort to have these problems ironed out. To date, \$900 has been collected from voluntary contributions and turned over to the Cholla Bay Union, Marcello Salazar, Presidente. The Union was also given all derby foods, rolls, beans, etc., to be divided among Cholla Bay residents.



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June 13, 1972

Sr. Gerardo Portugal Coronada
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Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico

Sr. Gerardo Portugal Coronada,

For the past sixteen years, we of the Cholla Bay Sports-
mens Club have been coming to your area of Mexico pur-
suing recreational activities. Throughout these years we
have been able to fulfill our recreational pursuits many ways,
such as fishing, shell hunting, hiking, skin diving, swimming,
and so on, and always with a great degree of cooperation
from the Mexican officials of the Puerto Penasco area. Six-
teen years ago a group of American people met and decided
to form a club, devoted to Sportsmen, and directed to pro-
moting a better relationship and understanding between the
American and Mexican people, thus the start of the Cholla
Bay Sportsmen's Club. We would like to call your attention
to the objectives of the club as stated in our Constitution.

To aid, and assist in the development and
improvement of conditions at Cholla Bay
by research, studies, investigation, and
educational activities, and matters re-
lated thereto.

To develop, improve and make available
techniques, designs, practices, and plans
of every nature and kind, applicable to the
development and use of Cholla Bay.

To enter into, provide and participate
in research, studies, and plans with
respect to the public use at Cholla
Bay, and to aid and assist and co-
operate with individuals, businesses,
industries, the State of Sonora, and its
political subdivisions, the Federal
Government of Mexico and its agencies,
in fulfilling the needs of better public

relations between the citizens of the Republic of Mexico, and for these objectives and purposes to organize, establish, maintain, and finance a Sportsmen's Club to carry out the purposes of this organization.

To date, this club and its individuals have done many things to develop and improve the Cholla Bay area. We have invested our money in dwellings and watched the area grow from a few cabins to a thriving community with many Mexican families financially dependent upon our coming to Cholla Bay.

We have taught building skills to the Mexican people and utilized them in other forms of labor. We have donated time, monies, and materials, food, clothing, and medical supplies, given instruction and assisted in economic gains; all this for the development of the Cholla Bay and Puerto Penasco area. Because of our being there, this portion of the State of Sonora has grown tremendously and its overall economy has greatly increased.

Now we are being harassed at the border in obtaining visas and we find that a new boat tax is being levied, as well as the cost of fishing licenses being raised from the fisheries inspector. Whereas we launched our boats free before, now we are being charged eight dollars per boat, per month. For our boating members this means an increased cost of ninety-six dollars per year. Fishing licenses were raised from eighty cents for a three day permit to three dollars and fifty cents for a seven day permit or eight dollars with a two dollar service fee, a total of ten dollars, for a yearly license. In addition, few, if any, receipts are being given in both of these matters.

We have always desired to obey the laws of the Republic of Mexico and the State of Sonora, and wish to do so in the future, however, this state of affairs, as it stands now at Cholla Bay, seems overbearing and unfair to our membership, as our area in Mexico seems to be the only place where these taxes and increased costs are being levied. We respectfully request that a complete interpretation of this new law be given to our club so that we may inform our members of



By Mel Jarvis

By the time this comes out in the Chatter we hope all our problems are over and the radio is back in operation and we can all go fishing... In the mean time, back at the ranch, you could take this opportunity to go over your safety gear and check it all out along with your boat gear and motor. Safe Boating..

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its meaning, and that an investigation into the harassment in obtaining visas at the border at Lukeville be instigated. Any and all assistance you may be able to give us will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,
The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club

A FOOL LEARNS

ABOUT BOATS

Al Scott



I thought perhaps it would be good to write a story about the foolish and stupid deals I've pulled off in my years of going to the beautiful and windy "Sea of Cortez." I am sure the only reason I'm still in one piece, is the good Lord has had his arms around me these many years and believe me, I have pulled some dillies. After my trips with the incredible "Oscar" and the group from Buckeye, I bought me a fourteen foot outboard with a seven horse Sears motor. This motor had three or four leather shoes, which would spring out against the housing of the motor, and as soon as the motor started, they would release. One should, of course, keep an extra supply of shoes on hand, which I didn't. The one incident I'll tell about is, four of us husky men would put the fourteen foot boat in the water at Rocky Point and head out twelve or so miles from shore. Right there, by putting this small of a boat in, with four big men in it, you have committed one of the most stupid things any one could do. Now, when I see a small boat going out from Cholla, I almost cry out, "Stop." But this green group made it out OK, and loaded

up with fish. With about eight inches of free board, we decided to head for shore. Sure as heck, the leather shoes were worn out and wouldn't start the motor. "Man the oars," men, we have twelve miles to go. Of course, you and I both know, we never would have reached the shore, because before we would, the tide would be going out and no matter how much you rowed, you can't buck the tide. But, finally one of the guys took a box end wrench and started yanking on the nut on top of the motor. He yanked so hard, one time he yanked the motor off the transom. Lucky for us, he caught the motor handle just as the motor was going under. Did we have the motor chained to the transom? No, no one ever told us one was to chain the motor. But after drying the motor off, fastening it good to the transom, using the box end wrench, the motor did start and we came in on smooth water. As I think about that trip, I realize we had no anchor, no sea anchor, no water, no food, all we had was four fools in a fourteen foot boat. After landing, with all the fish we could use, we loaded our trailer and with a Nash pulling it, headed for Phoenix. It was about midnight when we crossed the border and about eight miles north of Ajo, we were riding along fine when all at once we looked out

the window and a wheel and tire passed us going the same way we were. Well, now this group are none drinkers, so there must be some other reason. I admit, if it had been a pink elephant that went by, I think I would have took another look at my fellow men, but we at last knew a wheel had come off the trailer. The bolts had pulled through the hub. Nothing to fix it with, no jack high enough to put the wheel back on, so we had three wooden soda pop cases, and we slid these under the back end of the trailer and headed for Ajo for some big washers, bolts, and nuts. We did a good job of waking up all the dogs and people in Ajo, but did find a guy we knew and got what we needed. At last the wheel was on and once again we were headed for Phoenix. At Buckeye, I asked one of the guys, did you put the soda pop cases in the trailer? No, did you Jack? No, did you Jim? No, I didn't. Oh

boy, we had driven off and left the three cases in the middle of the road. I often wonder what the person thought who found these three cases in the middle of the road to Ajo. We really did make many trips to the Gulf with this boat, it was a good one, -- but I wanted something bigger. I sold it to a real nice guy by the name of George Hunt who had a sporting goods store on North 16th Street. He used it for years at Roosevelt Lake. I headed for San Diego and bought an eighteen foot Moby Dick boat hull. This was really a beauty. I found a Jeep motor and installed it with all the fittings I needed. After many months of work I was ready for a trial run on the Gulf. I found myself yelling to the Gulf that my beautiful Moby Dick and I will be down soon. At last my son and I were ready to go. He was about twelve at the time. Finally we arrived at Rocky Point and the next morning backed the trailer

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down the ramp at Rocky Point. Remember, this was quite some time ago, so this was quite a novelty for all the kids to see, and a bunch ganged around my boat. With the tide going out, I told my son to keep the boat pushed out and above all, watch the kids, so nothing would be gone while I was taking the trailer up to park it. After parking the trailer, I stopped to talk to a fellow I knew, then hurried down the ramp where the boat was. Sure enough, the boy was sitting right in the middle of the boat and he was watching those kids with a real hawk eye. There was no way anyone could take a thing without him seeing them. The only thing wrong with the whole thing was, the boat was sitting on the sand and the water was about a hundred feet from the boat. I couldn't say a thing to the boy, because we hadn't lost a thing. I just turned, went back up the ramp, got the trailer, backed it down by the boat, turned just in time to see the tide go out of the bay at Rocky Point. It was dark before we could load the boat on the trailer. The next morning,

we launched early and fished seven miles below Rocky Point. This is the place we all fished at for years before we started going to the sand dunes. My son caught one big grouper and of course, many fish that were smaller. We came back to Rocky Point and didn't load the boat on the trailer but let it lay on the sand over night. The next morning, we were ready to go early and had a Mexican boy row us and the equipment out to the boat. I pushed the starter button, but nothing happened. I took the starter off and took it apart, cleaned and oiled it, then put it back on, just to see if it would work. Without getting up off my knees I reached up to the dash, pressed the starter button - it really worked. The motor started, the boat was in forward gear, the throttle open, the Moby Dick made a lunge into one of Andy Chersen's sport boats and tore a big hole in the bow. Boy, I'm in trouble. It wasn't long before someone told Andy and he was on the shore waiting for me. Well, this is where everyone's friend "Seth Smith" came into the picture. I told Andy

we would have Seth look at the damage and I would pay him whatever it would cost. Seth said if he had it at the shop, it would cost about eight dollars, so I gave Andy ten dollars. He stuck a rag in the hole and many years passed and he still had the rag stuck in the hole. I had many trips with my Moby Dick boat. It really was a good rough water boat. The only trouble I had, was man caused. Now I come to the end of story, as well as the end to Moby Dick boat. I had been hounded by a couple of painters to go down. You know the reputation painters have. Well, these two were like that and this time we went into Cholla and made the sand going in good shape. We fished all day the first day. The second day we fished till about two o'clock and came in. In all the years I've fished at Cholla, this was the one and only time I have caught bone fish. This is one fast fish and a real fighter. I protested very much, but they talked me into anchoring my Moby Dick in the bay, in front of where the radio shack is now. The weather was beautiful, so I really thought it would be fine. We ate a bite and then headed for Rocky Point. The two painters headed for the Cantina and beer, while I saw Dr. Gotterdam and made the rounds around town delivering medicine he had brought down for the people of Rocky Point. It was getting dusk and I had a

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feeling we should be getting back to Cholla. I went to the Cantina and as I stepped in the door, another door slammed shut from the wind that was coming up. I knew I better get to Cholla. It took a good thirty minutes to get the boys out of the Cantina. We headed for Cholla. I grabbed a flash-lite and headed for the launching site. The wind had become vicious. I arrived at the site just in time to see my Moby Dick boat slam into the reefs just to the right of the launch site. The waves were going up the side of the mountain. I had to stand there and see my boat torn to pieces on the rocks. It did a good job of wrecking my boat. It was a sad time for me. The water calmed down about two in the morning, and as the tide went out, we carried the motor up on the beach. The next morning, we went along the beach picking up pieces of the boat. We found the two seats over by Black Mountain. I took all the parts of the boat, then covered it all up with canvas. I was so ashamed of myself for letting such a thing happen to me. I brought the pieces home, rebuilt the boat and sold it. I then headed for San Diego for another boat, but that is another story.

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By... MEL JARVIS

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ground between the outdrive and engine or intermediate housing can also cause the drive to shift in and out of gear by itself, this causes shaft or gear damage. To overcome this, a short ground should be installed between outdrive and intermediate housing. Your favorite marine shop can do this for you. This is very important on boats used in salt water or water with heavy mineral deposits because of corrosion. For you boaters that leave your rigs at the Bay, you can make up this ground wire very easy by using a heavy leader wire and two electrical connectors to fit the bolt holding the rubber stop on the drive and the other to fit one of the $4\frac{1}{4}$ cap screws holding the small cap on the side of the intermediate housing. Be sure to make the ground wire long enough to permit tilling and steering. This will give a good ground between outdrive and engine and will prevent shaft or gear damage due to loss of electrical ground continuity between drive and engine. Make sure you have clean and tight electrical connections in the systems....

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Mel Jarvis

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In July, 1971, when Roger suggested we take a trip down the Sea of Cortez, little did we realize what this would entail. Hector said it would be possible, especially after he got through remodeling his boat "Manana, Maybe" and Leo and Leone were enthusiastic about going.

Plans were finally made to go in October. Our friends, Alice and Howard Doolittle, were very enthusiastic when we mentioned "the trip" to them. Vergie and Cliff and Dot and Bob were also interested, so we gradually made our plans to leave on October 26, 1971.

Leo, being a restaurant owner, worked out the menu plans and Roger, owner of a restaurant supply store, supplied the cooking utensils.

As the time came, we had three meetings to work out the details and finally Vergie and Cliff came down on Wednesday, Leo and Leone came on Thursday, Dot and Bob also came on Wednesday. Hector had come to Phoenix on some last minute errands, and he came down with Roger and me on Thursday. We were all very excited and felt very prepared. We closed our store for two weeks and made

arrangements for our friends, Lucy and Jess Allen to stay with our children.

On Friday we all went to dinner at the Villa Granada in Puerto Penasco and had a great time. The music was good and we danced until about midnight. (The boat is rocking so I can hardly write as I sit up here in the crow's nest watching the porpoises keep up with the boat.)

On Saturday night we had a shrimp dinner at our house so everyone could get acquainted with Howard and Alice who got in about six o'clock that evening.

On Sunday we caught crabs and cooked them with the Barlows who had come down from Phoenix. We also fried fish and had quite a party.

On Monday all preparations were made and we were ready to leave. The women cooked chickens and roasts to take out. Finally we were ready to leave on Tuesday about 4:30 in the after-

noon. It took about 2½ hours to load everything on board and stack it in place. With all the food for ten days and everyone's sleeping bags and luggage, drinks and enough water, no one wanted to leave any of the comforts at home. As we were loading up and all of us trying to find a place to sit, someone noticed something floating overboard. It was Leo's wallet. He had been sitting on the rail in his new blue jeans and his wallet slipped out of his back pocket. Gabriel jumped in and rescued it. Leo tipped him \$3.00.

TUESDAY, OCT. 26

We left Cholla Bay with calm waters, and as the sun went down and we sat eating fried chicken aboard, it was a great feeling with everything so beautiful. Finally we were on our way and everyone was very excited. We sat around singing old songs.

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Alice remembers all the words to the old songs dating back through 1940, so we all followed her. We went to bed about 9:00. We were wondering how sleeping arrangements would work out. Howard, Alice, Vergie, Roger and I slept on the poop deck. The others found spots and we were not too crowded. We made it to Bird Island and stopped for the night. Bird Island is 30 miles from Cholla Bay. Sleeping was great except we all slid down against Roger, and I was wedged between Roger and Howard.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

We awoke to the mating call of the seals on Bird Island. Their noises sounded like they were

talking in some language we could not quite understand. Cliff made the coffee and we had sweet rolls. About 9:30 Rossi made delicious scrambled eggs and ham.

We left Bird Island about 7:30 a. m. for Porta Lobos. The water was a little rough, but not bad. It was just beautiful cruising along. We are keeping close to the shoreline. The shoreline is rugged and the mountains are beautiful with a lot of cactus. The porpoises swim with the boat for a while then disappear. We arrived in Lobos about 3:00 p. m. and anchored in a cove. The water was still choppy. Hector took Alice, Howard, Roger, Betty and me ashore and we explored the peninsula. There is a shrine at the

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top of the mountain which looks out over the ocean and the view is breathtaking. Betty looked for shells. We went back to the boat and had roast beef sandwiches and chicken soup. Since we had been partying all day, we went to bed on the poop deck about 8:00. The water was getting rougher and the boat rocked from side to side. About 2:30 I woke up and felt my sleeping bag slipping as the boat rocked bigger and bigger. I was afraid I would slip right over into the ocean, as there was no railing or anything to stop us from sliding. My sleeping bag is nylon and slides easily on the formica deck. Roger insisted he was holding me and he was next to the window where the skipper sits. After another huge wave, I was so scared I got out of my sleeping bag, grabbed it up along with my pillow and climbed down to the bottom deck. I only had on my pajamas and the wind was blowing hard and it was cold, but I was so excited I didn't even feel the cold. The only empty spot I could find was in front of the bathroom, and the deck was quite wet. Betty had heard me come down and asked me to come down into the cabin which I did. Again my nylon sleeping bag slid all over the bench and I had to hold on

to keep from sliding on top of Betty and Hector. Manuel, who was sleeping on the other bench, had already slid over onto Hector. The wind was blowing harder and Hector felt it was not safe for Roger, Alice and Howard to stay up on the top deck, so they came down. Roger and Alice found places on the lower deck, Howard took Manuel's place, and Manuel slept in the entrance. The boat rocked hard from side to side.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 28

Cliff got up at 3:30 a. m. and stayed up. There was very little sleeping as everyone rolled from side to side with the waves. We were up early, had coffee and sweet rolls and Hector took us to shore. Bob has an artificial leg, and it is hard for him to get in and out of the dingy, so he wanted to stay on the boat, and Cliff decided to stay with him. Nine of us went on shore with food, two cots, two stools, one deck chair and a tent. Roger had bought the tent four years ago and had plans to go across to the Baha side and camp. Finally this was his big chance! I must confess, I didn't think much of the tent and felt it was more of a nuisance, but if it pleased him to fool with it, what difference did it make as it took up very little room.

The wind was blowing so hard, I figured it would blow into the ocean before he got the tent set up. He kept kidding everyone, telling them he was going to charge \$10 per hour for his tent. We set up camp very efficiently-- I think. As Gabriel said the bar was Howard's specialty, the restaurant was Leo's specialty, and the hotel was Roger's contribution.

We did not know how long we

would be on shore and sort of kept an eye on the boat which was anchored about 200 feet off shore. We thought Hector would come any minute and tell us to break camp. Roger, Howard, Vergie, Alice and I took a walk into the village and saw one of the most beautiful beaches I have ever seen. The village consisted of a couple of families that live there full time. The gentleman who showed us around was a very gracious host. I was the only one who could communicate with him at all, and I am so limited in my understanding of the language. I am sure I missed a lot of the detail he was telling me. His name was Martin Lopez and he knew Hector's family and had known Hector since he was a little boy. Some Americans have built houses there and there were some rooms for rent. Some of the buildings were over a hundred years old. Fresh drinking water is hauled in from Carborka, which is 80 miles away on a primitive road. As we got back to our camp about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

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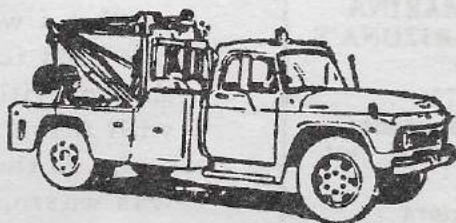
miles away, it was about 2:00. Gladys, Leo, Vergie, and I went clam digging. With still no word from Hector, we kept thinking he would bring the sleeping bags, but we could also see the water was much rougher. By this time we were getting concerned about the men on the boat as we could see "Manana Maybe" rocking from side to side. We cooked our steaks which were delicious, and as it began to get dark, we began to think of where we would sleep. There were nine of us and the tent was 6X8 ft. We did not want to leave as the men would not know where to

find us if they came ashore. Leo and Leone checked on two rooms for rent near us, but we finally decided to stay together in the tent. Leone was afraid there might be scorpions in the rooms. We finally worked out sleeping arrangements. Betty and Leone slept on one cot. Vergie, who is slender, slept under the cot. Roger slept with his head facing north. I was next to him with Leo next to me. Dot was next to the cot with her head facing south, with Alice next to her, then Howard. In the afternoon, the tent was warm, and when we went to bed it was comfortable, but about 3:00 a.m. it was very cold. We were wedged against each other and the ground was very hard. When one person turned over, everyone had to shift. We did not know until the next day that Vergie could not move her legs. They were wedged under the cot and she never complained. No one really complained (tho several comments were made) as we kept thinking about Bob, Cliff, Manuel, Gabriel, and Hector on the boat. We could tell the ocean was rougher. At 2:00 a.m. Roger had to go to the bathroom, so everyone got up and went to the bathroom, talked a while, drank Seven-Up and layed back down again.

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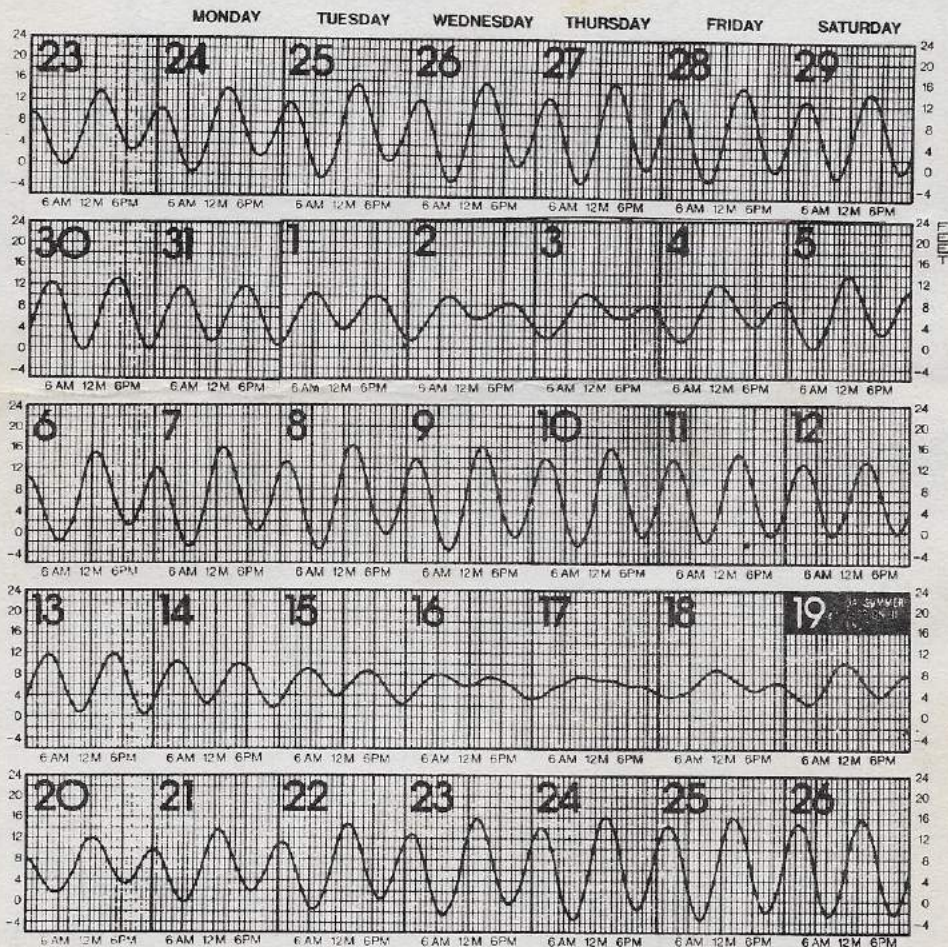
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