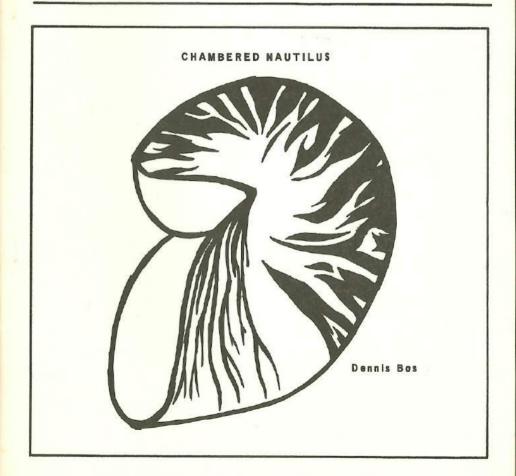


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Anyone having pictures or short stories appropriate for use in our Yearbook, send them to me. Deadline is July 31st, 1975. Be sure to put your name and address on the back if you want them returned.

In May's issue of the Chatter there was a mistake in the figure for the "Osa's" catch of grouper. It should have been 3. not 31 as stated.

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We have a lot of the electronic hydro shift outboards come into the shop that won't shift. We find that the only thing wrong is that the gearcase is full of water because of a seal failure. The shift system works fine after oil is put in the gearcase. If this should happen to you, try checking to see if there is water in the lower gearcase. If you find water, drain it and refill the gearcase. (One reason you should carry extra gear oil in your spare parts kit.)

I know some guys who check the fire at the plugs by holding on to the plug's wire and cranking the engine over. DO NOT do it with the C.D. or electronic systems. It can kill you under certain conditions.

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ON SHARKS & RAYS

By Bill Valentine

In the late Spring and early Summer, as the shallow inshore waters slowly warm up, the scavengers of the sea, sharks and stingrays, migrate northward up the Gulf shoreline. When I was much younger and quite a bit more ambitious, I couldn't wait til the sun sank slowly in the West so that I could fling a hook loaded with fillet de mackeral or sea trout out into the dark waters of the Bay.

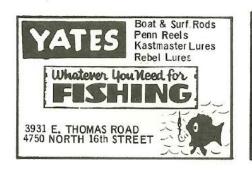
Believe it or not, once in a great while, a big (8-12 lb.) nocturnal sea trout would foolishly inhale my bait, but my real thrill would come when a big stinger or nosey shark would pick up my bait and try to pull my arms loose from their sockets. I learned several things about these night stalkers. For instance, if all of a sudden your line slacks up considerably, as you patiently await a strike, flip your reel in gear, crank like crazy on your reel handle til your line tightens up, then still cranking til your rod tip is pointed right smack dab at whatever is out there, rear back as hard as you can, sometimes even taking several steps backward to help sink the hook, and 99 times out of 100, you'll find that you've socked it to a shark.

Now, a shark of say 10 to 25 lbs. won't give you much trouble, but baby, if you hang into one of 50 lbs. or over, you'll find that these rascals should rightly be classed as gamefish. I've had big lemons completely spool me. I've also beached several weighing over 80 lbs, and I'll guarantee you that besides one helluva fight, the razor-toothed jawbone of a big shark makes quite a trophy and conversation piece.

And speaking of power — you ain't felt nothin' (unless you've been lucky enough to tangle with a big black sea bass) til you stick a hook into the lip of a big stingray. Incidentally, a little tidbit of information about rays: Quite often a big ray will gently settle down over a piece of bait like a blanket, giving you no indication whatsoever that he is there, so if your bait has been lying out there in the dark wetness for some time with no action and you feel that it's time to crank it in to check it, be sure to carefully reel up your slack, then sharply rear back to set the hook — even though you don't think you have a customer. I'd say that I've hooked big rays this way about 20% of the time.

I've lost more line on big stingrays than to any other crature that swims the waters of the Gulf. My son Mike has lost more than I have. He's a specialist, oftentimes hooking one from the beach just below my cabin, only to lose hook, line and sinker some

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By Mary Fran Taylor

The strong winds we have been having are hard on the boating fishermen, the wind has kept up pretty steadily, with only a day or two between blows. The shell collectors had a field day on the extreme tides. And the crabbers were very successful. The First Estuary was solidly lined with people on the banks. We went out recently with Jeanette and Tommy Thompson and caught more than enough for our dinner and some to bring home.

One new wrinkle has come up on what to expect on holidays. Paul and Grace Schoonover were the recipients of quite a surprise. They came in from fishing and found two unsavory characters very much at home in their cabin, even taking showers. One of our members has suggested a pan of boiling water dumped where it would hurt most.

Ladies Bingo has enlarged its scope with a class in making "Dough Flowers" under the instruction of Virgie Burrows. Those learning: Cook, Thompson, Saenz, Hunziger, Busfield, Davidson, Brown, Taylor (Alice), and Oleata Cope, Expect

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to see these gorgeous creations from everyone but me - I goofed mine. Virgie has very attractive decorations on so many things.

Search & Rescue had a daylight noproblem rescue. Good weather, people glad to be back on land after a night out. Shrimp boats checked them but passed on. Tim was frantically swinging out his arm and pulling it in, palm toward the body. It seems this is a signal in Mexico to pass on by. If you have occasion to try to signal a shrimper over to your boat - extend the arm, palm down, straight out from your chest and then pull the arm toward your body with the fingers pointing downward. There must be other signals too, that we don't know. Imagine all the people involved in that rescue are checking them out. All boats were safely in their bunks and people on the way home when the darndest blow came up. Glad everyone was on shore.

The Chief of Police of Rocky Point was recently stranded in Phoenix without any transportation to return to his office. Our very good friend Clint Yates came to the rescue and volunteered to fly him home. Hands across the border -Commodant de Policia and his many friends in Phoenix.

Birds are not much in evidence nownesting and teaching the fledgelings to fly. A string of pelicans going by with young birds still not the master of glid-

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BY VERLENE BARBER

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There is an emergency (I repeat, EMERG-ENCY) number to call in Rocky Point now. It will get to Cholla Bay - 32264. Anyone experiencing a break-in, PLEASE report it to Mr. Carbajal immediately upon discovery.

The sign about Motorcycles on the edge of town means what it says. Let's all try to follow the rules, and do the cycling out in the flats or hills. This will give the members of the Club and the people of Cholla Bay the restful and relaxing weekends we go to the Bay to enjoy.

And did you know it is against the law to light fireworks within a specific distance of a building? It would be a courtesy to the country we visit to find out the law, and make Cholla Bay a safer and happier place.

The fishing at the Bay has been improving each week. Looks the the Derby will be a great success, with fish of all sizes and types. The Sundevils Club entertained the A.S.U. Coaching Staff with a weekend at the Bay for fishing and fun. They had three boats chartered. John Julian, a club member, boated a 110 pounder and Jerry Thompson, a coach, a 50 lb, group-

Guests for a week at the Melcher home by the sea were friends of the Conleys, Fr. John Slattery and Fr. Paul Wicker, of Denver, Colorado

Oscar Palacio, Mayor of Rocky Point. took several members of the Club through the harbor, and explained their plans for the future. It is a long range plan but when it is finished. I think everyone will be impressed.

Our Phoenix Chapter had its Officers' dinner April 23rd at Gregory's Penthouse. There was good food and conversation. It is the dinner for the in-coming and the out-going officers of 1974 and 1975. A good time was had by all.

Gene Echart was given a surprise party by his class of the Power Squadron.

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While awaiting the arrival of Hurricane "Connie," and with two of the boats disabled, and with towing help finally available, I had just swum out to the boat and then the tow rope had broken...if you will recall.

Heave the line again Frank had yelled. I missed the first time, listening to the roar of the surf on the big rocks behind me. The second try made it but either Hans or Frank missed a knot. The tow line came off again. By now I could hear the grind and thunder of the surf behind me. I didn't dare look back. I was glad Carol wasn't with me. Those rocks were big and rough.

But the tow line came in with amazing speed and this time my heave was dead accurate. It went clear over the "Sunsinger."

"Use my anchor line for bridle," I yelled. There was no room to miss again. Hans worked as cool and smooth as if he were demonstrating knotsmanship and as he yanked his last half-hitch shouted to Frank: "Go!"

The surge as "Sunginer" took up the slack almost sent me over the side but I was leaving fingerprints in the bow pulpit rail. I really appreciated all the anti-slip footing strips that Carol and I had carefully pasted on the bow deck. Only then did I summon the courage to look behind me and note intricate traceries of algae that drooled down the boulders larger than the boat.

Frank would have no part of any cash payment:

"I've had tows. I know the feeling. Good luck. And with any luck we may make Mama Diaz's tonight for supper. See you."

That night as we listened to the thunder and boom of giant surf from Connie beating on the beach a mile away that would have made fiberglass shards of our two boats, we had many kind words to say about "Sunsinger" and crew.

Earlier in the day I'd had a stroke of what I thought was pure genius. Why not offer the peace officers a handsome profit on their \$200 boat, then use it to tow our Fiberform back to Kino Bay? At Kino I could then arrange some sort of help to rescue the other boats.

I discussed it with the officers. They were sympathetic - even offering to lend me



by wayne pryor

the motor if I wished, but I had too small a bracket to accommodate it. I'd have to take the boat and motor.

After the experience with "Sunsinger" towing the Fiberform around the point I decided that 55 hp in a 15 foot wooden boat was not really a suitable tug — not for a 61 mile tow. Any kind of weather whatsoever and Carol and I would be in lots bigger trouble than we were. The officers agreed.

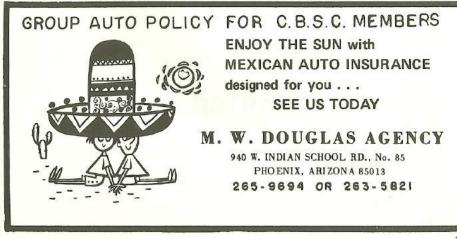
The next morning was Thursday the 13th. Where was the help promised us? Cholla Bay had advised that they'd phoned Kino Bay and two days in a row they'd assured them that they would send help, but now it was apparent that none was forthcoming.

Jack spent hours listening and talking on the radio. He discussed the possibilities of chartering a shrimpboat with Cholla Bay. Could be. But with every transmission Cholla Bay asked as to our health, did we have water, and were we safe? They could scream "Mayday!" and have a U.S. Coast Guard chopper overhead in a couple of hours to pluck us out but that left the boats abandoned. Jack assured them we were okay.

With the bad road out of San Francisquito the boats could not be trailered out. We had to get out by sea to save the boats. How to get a tow? Al and Helen made a run in the Slickcraft out into the bay and back. The engine was still sick. Cholla Bay reported they were in discussions with the Port Captain at Puerto Penasco. Hang in there.

Friday morning it all came together. Puerto Penasco declared an emergency and requested Mexican Coast Guard assistance for us. The captain of the Mexican Coast Guard vessel at Guaymas, some 140 miles across the Gulf, was making all preparations for getting under way. He estimated San Francisquito by eight o'clock that night. He wanted names and addresses of all to be rescued. We were to turn on our lights at sundown and make a light signal to him. The vessel's name we had great difficulty understanding, but it sounded like "Lerbo."

The "Sybarite's" engine would not run without immediately going to overheat — the water pump in the drive was not working because a shaft had sheared. So I cranked up the little Honda generator to top off the batteries, CONTINUED ON PAGE 14



TUCSON SCUTTLEBUTT



By Winnie Sims

To all our members who are under the weather, we wish that you will be up and around before too long.

Mr. and Mrs. Dresser were at our last meeting, also Lew Frazier was there. Good to see Oscar, Mr. Waggner and friend also. We had a very interesting meeting ... and want to thank David Newtwist for the great program on weather.

Mrs. Mae Moore had surgery and is recuperating nicely; hope to see you soon. Mac McClanhan is still under the weather; hurry up and get well. Art Schwartz would appreciate hearing from friends in the club.

Welcome aboard Cindy, our new radio

operator.

The Faulkenberrys are leaving Thursday night for a week in Cholla followed by the Courtrights, Bob Bos. Chris Tatum went down Monday to get the little jobs done before the Derby.

Many thanks to Associated Grocers for the salad makings for the Derby.

Door prizes were won this month by: Mrs. Eagle, styrofoam chest; Chuck Dernberger, fishing net; Oscar Newman, egg carrier; Hampton Waggerner, fish knife; and Winnie Sims, flash light. Great going you all.

The winners of the Fire Extinguishers are Dr. Saylor and Doug Cashion.

We will have a POT LUCK in June... See you there with your favorite dish, and please bring tableware.

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two hours later, helplessly hanging onto a bent rod as the brute strongly swims past Pelican Point while poor Mike has waded as far as he dared in the darkness. Oftentimes, just when you think you've got a big ray whipped and heading to the gaff, he'll reverse his field and just flat swim off with all of your line. You just can't believe the sheer power of those brutes, til you hang a hook into a big one.

I've hated sharks for over 40 years, so I kill every one I get a chance to, but the lumbering inoffensive rays are a different cup of tea, and I'll always (after slicing off his stinger) release these gamey gladiators so that someday my grandkids might get the thrill of hooking one.

Cholla Bay Chatter Box ...

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ing on the wind currents. They frantically beat to resume the line of flight.

Have to report that we heard of some citizens of Mexico going into Bird Island and bringing out a great quantity of eggs. This does not have any sense of ecology. If many do that there will be no birds.

The trawlers and gillnetters are passing us by in a big hurry. They are busy shrimping in the Bayia de Adair – following the shrimp into the shallow spawning waters.

The biggest news is the breaking in of another new radio operator — Candy Saenz. If you hear an extra small squack on your set, it is probably little Michelle adding her word.

We hear Sam Knight is being more particular about what fish he allows aboard. No more triggerfish on the carpet...

Missed the fire downtown. Ramon's boat, just filled with gas, was successfully jerked out into the road and out of the way. The wind was not blowing just then. Water tanks had just been filled, so the fire was contained in the Saenz store, a total loss.

So much for fireworks. It is surprising there haven't been more fires started in

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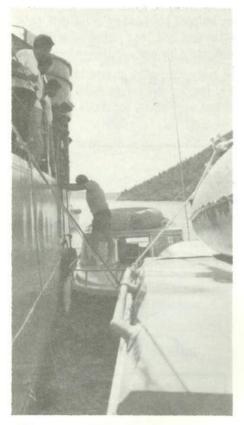
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TIRED MARINER - Jack Sowell, 30 hours without sleep, leans against Mexican Coast Guard vessel after arriving in Guaymas harbor.

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got out the flare launcher and flares, and readied for rescue.

Our plan was to have Al and Helen take their Slickcraft out into the outer bay and signal the incoming vessel. We would maintain communications with the walkietalkies - which had proved to be almost worthless when underway because of lack of volume.

Just at sundown they bored out of the inner bay. Suddenly the walkie-talkies began to work like single sideband radios. And the news was good:

"We can see a big ship headed our way. leaving a trail of smoke," Al reported. "It's a helluva big ship, almost as big as a destroyer. We are headed out to intercept if the engine will hold."

That was the last we heard for about an hour while we nibbled our nails up to the elbows. I began to fire flares, one every 10 minutes. Presently we saw the red masthead lights of a large ship in the outer bay and we heard the thumping of big diesels, but the ship was hidden behind a point of land. The wind was blowing our way and we heard conversation in Spanish.

Suddenly there came a loud rattling roar - and the sound took me back to 1943 when I'd served on a destroyer in the South Pacific.

"That's chain in the hawse pipes." I stated. "He's anchoring."

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FISHING DERBY

What do you do when the Derby is finally over? Breathe a sigh of relief and send up a prayer of thanks - for getting the several hundred fishermen back safely and having enough fish to feed the long lines of hungry participants.

What is the Cholla Bay Derby? It's a lot of people doing a lot of hard work over a long period of time. It would be virtually impossible to individually thank all the volunteers, but special thanks must go to those gals who sold tickets up to the last minute before the drawing; to the enthusiastic fish weighers; to the food preparers and servers (and what a job they did!); to those fishermen who went out of their way to tow in a boat in distress; and to the dozens of people who willingly ran errands when asked. The Derby could not take place without dedicated people ... Again thanks to all.

And an extra special thank you to Gordon Erickson as co-chairman.

Sam Giebelhaus, Derby Chairman

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It was a surprise alright, they caught him working on his boat like mad. They presented him with a flaregun, their for his help.

Our May meeting was Pot Luck, From Tucson we had as guests Susie and Bob Bos and President of Tucson Chapter Pete Scott and wife Carol. The Derby was discussed, trophies were shown, Transportation of everything was arranged for. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Witt will put on the picnic in August - finally we have a couple taking on the job!

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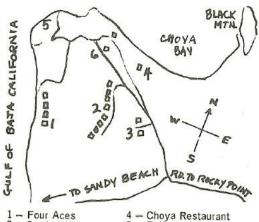
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