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DATES YOU'LL WANT TO REMEMBER!

25th ANNUAL CBSC FISHING DERBY
May 17 & 18 May 24 & 25

Tucson PICNIC - - - May 4th

April 29 & May 6 PARAMEDICS UNLIMITED
Emergency Training Program - Phoenix

EASTER weekend April 5-6

DON'T MISS YOUR MEETINGS!
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Wednesday APRIL 2nd 7:30 p. m.

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NOTE THIS
CHANGE

25th ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

"This years Derby is being planned for May 17 & 18 and Memorial weekend, May 24 & 25. The presentation of prizes, trophies and the annual fish fry will be on May 25th. Thus allowing the 26th, a holiday, for clean-up and the trek home.

I have selected the dates with this in mind. The month of May usually has mild temperatures, moderate winds and is the only 3-day weekend prior to the 4th of July.

The highest winds in Yuma, Arizona during the latter part of May for previous years have been as follows:

<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
27th - 13 S	26th - 11 W	26th - 13 W
28th - 15 S	27th - 11 W	27th - 22 SE
29th - 18 S	28th - 18 N	28th - 22 SE
30th - 12 S	29th - 11 SW	29th - 17 SE
31st - 8 S	30th - 15 W	30th - 17 SE
	31st - 12 S	31st - 15 S

According to the Beaufort scale:

8-12 MPH is considered a gentle breeze and 13-18 MPH a moderate breeze.

Thunderstorms are rare during May and June but prevalent during July and August.

The Solunar Tables for the four Derby Days show very good fishing times:

May 17th	Minor feed - 6:50 AM
	Major feed - 1:40 PM
May 18th	Minor feed - 7:50 AM
	Major feed - 2:35 PM
May 24th	Major feed - 6:50 AM
	Minor feed - 12:45 PM
May 28th	Major feed - 7:35 AM
	Minor feed - 1:25 PM

Although sail fish may not be part of this competition, a one-day mini-club derby for this species could be held at a later date. We will, however, keep the rules regarding sail fish as a part of this derby because you never know. - - -

Hopefully the Mexican government will approve this schedule."

CHUCK HOYT, Chairman
1980 Fishing Derby

Volunteers are needed in all areas. Please contact Chuck Hoyt to donate your services.

He needs all the help he can get!

Phone 279-7957
or 279-5651

Gene Reid of Tucson, has already volunteered to take charge of the Fish Fry.

With all the information Chuck has gathered for us already, it's sure to be a very successful Derby and enjoyed by all!

Ann Faulkenberry will coordinate Tucson activities with Chuck. Sounds like a good team!



1980 DERBY RULES

1. Each contestant participating in the derby must have a valid derby ticket and a valid Mexican fishing license before starting to fish. All boats must have a valid boat permit and must fill out a launch slip prior to entering the water. Fish must be caught with hook and line.

2. Classes of fish eligible for prizes:

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|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| a. Grouper | f. Mackerel | k. Flounder |
| b. Pinto | g. Dolphin | l. Cochi |
| c. Black Sea Bass | h. Red Snapper | m. Sardinero |
| d. Sea Trout | i. Fargo | n. Leatherfish |
| e. Pampano | j. Skipjack | o. Sailfish (see note) |

3. Judging and prizes:

a. Judging of fish for prizes shall be done by judges appointed by the derby chairman, with equal representation from each chapter.

b. Fish will be judged according to weight. (except sailfish-see note)

c. There will be a grand prize winner for men, women & juniors 15 yrs. of age or under. Fish taking a grand prize trophy will not be eligible for any other cash prizes; additional prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place, adult class; and 1st, 2nd & 3rd place, junior class, in each category of fish. (except sailfish-see note)

d. Prizes will consist of cash and trophies.

e. NOTE: In the interest of sportsmanship and to prevent unnecessary waste, the following special rules apply to sailfish:

(1) Awards will be presented for the first sailfish registered only, regardless of weight, for each division, men, women and juniors 15 years or under. Sailfish will not be eligible for grand prize trophy.

(2) In addition a special "Sportsmans Trophy" will be awarded to the person catching and releasing the most sailfish. The sailfish must be brought to the boat and released at the leader. This must be witnessed and verified by at least two (2) persons. Since this is an honor system type of judgement, we trust everybody will act in the best interest of true sportsmanship.

4. Registration and weighing of catches: The scales will be open for weighing from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. each day of the derby, except Sunday, May 25th when the scales will close promptly at 5:00 P.M. Derby days are as follows: May 17, 18, 24 and 25th.

5. Derby tickets: Derby tickets which entitle the purchaser to fish all four days of the derby, may be purchased prior to or during the derby for \$10.00 per adult or \$5.00 per junior. Daily derby tickets may be purchased on the day you wish to fish only, for \$2.50 per adult or \$1.50 per jr.

6. Jackpot tickets: Jackpot tickets will be sold prior to and during the derby and will be available to anyone. It is not necessary to participate in the derby in order to buy a jackpot ticket. Cash will be awarded to winning ticket holders. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Awards Ceremony. Several drawings will be made depending on the size of the pot and winners need not be present.

7. Fish fry and awards:

a. Our fish fry will begin at 6:00 PM on the last day, May 25, 1980.

b. Awards ceremony & jackpot drawings will follow the fish fry.

c. Everybody is welcome to the fish fry and awards ceremony!

SEARCH & RESCUE

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THE CHOLLA BAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

It will be the duty of the Search and Rescue team to: Be familiar with all radios in the radio room and their use.

Promote and encourage boating safety to the members of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club, and to all fishermen, ashore or afloat, be he club member or not.

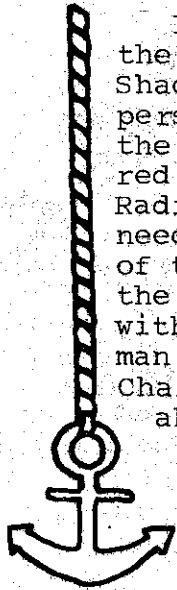
Go to the aid, when possible, of boats or persons at Cholla Bay when needed.

Encourage the keeping of safety equipment aboard all boats at Cholla Bay.

Encourage the proper use of the Cholla Bay radio, launching check-out procedures and the use of the Club's grid map.

It will be the duty of the Skipper of each search boat to determine and evaluate the situation at hand and not expose himself or his crew to unnecessary danger. Our purpose is to rescue and comfort persons in distress.

The structure of this organization (volunteer by approval and recommendation) necessitates that you give freely of your time, boats or other equipment used in any search effort, that reimbursement of fuel and launch fees will be made if your boat or equipment is used. Upkeep is strictly up to the individual and is not the responsibility of the Search and Rescue team. (Props bent in the rocks due directly to a rescue effort, will be repaired by the Search & Rescue fund.)



It will be the duty of each member of the Search Team to report to the Radio Shack when he is at the bay, either in person or by radio. If any member of the Search Team is at the Bay and the red light is on, he is to report to the Radio Shack in person and stand by if needed. It will be the responsibility of the first S & R Team member reaching the radio room to coordinate activities with the radio operator until the Chairman or a Co-chairman arrives. If the Chairman or Co-chairmen are not available, the responsibility will be with the first Team Member who arrives unless he relieves his command to another S & R member whom he feels would be more capable.

The Emergency Training Program is scheduled for April 29th & May 6th in Phoenix. These sessions will be from 6 to 10 PM on both evenings. If you were unable to attend the March general meeting, you can still sign up for the instruction by calling:

Woodwards 249-1971

Each person on the list will be notified as soon as the location is arranged.

A total of 8 hours of instruction will be offered for a fee of \$10.00. Should you be interested in the first 4 hour session only, which will be devoted to airway obstruction management, breathing & resuscitation, the fee is \$6.00.



TUCSON CHAPTER MEETING

Gail Kasten

The March meeting of the Tucson Chapter Cholla Bay Sportsman Club was held on the 5th. It was so very nice to see so many new faces at the meeting. Hope we will see you all again soon, as well as many more.

New members introduced were: Walt & Laura Porter, Paul & Sandy Foley and their son Mike. Welcome, nice to have you.

Guests of Chuck & Joanie Derenberger were introduced: Bill & Jackie Perrault who are from Michigan and their daughter from Tucson, Diane Sherman.

The program for the meeting was a Jacques Cousteau film "Desert Whales" it was about the whales mating habits. The film was enjoyed by all in attendance. New month the program should be very interesting we will have the Scuba Diving Club from Ft. Huachua.

For emergency situations that arise when you are at the Bay we have arranged to have phone numbers in Tucson that can be used to help you contact family members, if you are not able to do so. The people at these numbers will continue to call until they can contact someone and give them your message. The numbers will be available at the Boat Shack from Betty Munro. We would like to thank the members who are so gracious to offer this service. A friend in need is a friend indeed. THANK YOU.

Tucson Chapter will be holding a Pot Luck Picnic for all members. This will be held at Reid Park on the 4th. of May. Arrangements have been made to use the Ramada behind the band shell.

More information in a special flyer in this issue of the Chatter. Hope to see you all there.

Door Prizes were won by Tom Boyle, Mildred Heim, Mike Bentiv, Elmer Drake, Sr. and Elmer Drake, Jr.

Raffle Prizes were won by Walt Porter and Mary Allen.

All proceeds for the raffles will go for the Christmas Party. Any member who would like to donate something for the raffles, just bring it with you to the meeting. This months prizes were donated by Ann & Terry Faulkenberry and Ken & Gail Kasten.

Happy Easter

Tucson Chapter Picnic Pot Luck

Sunday - May 4, 1980

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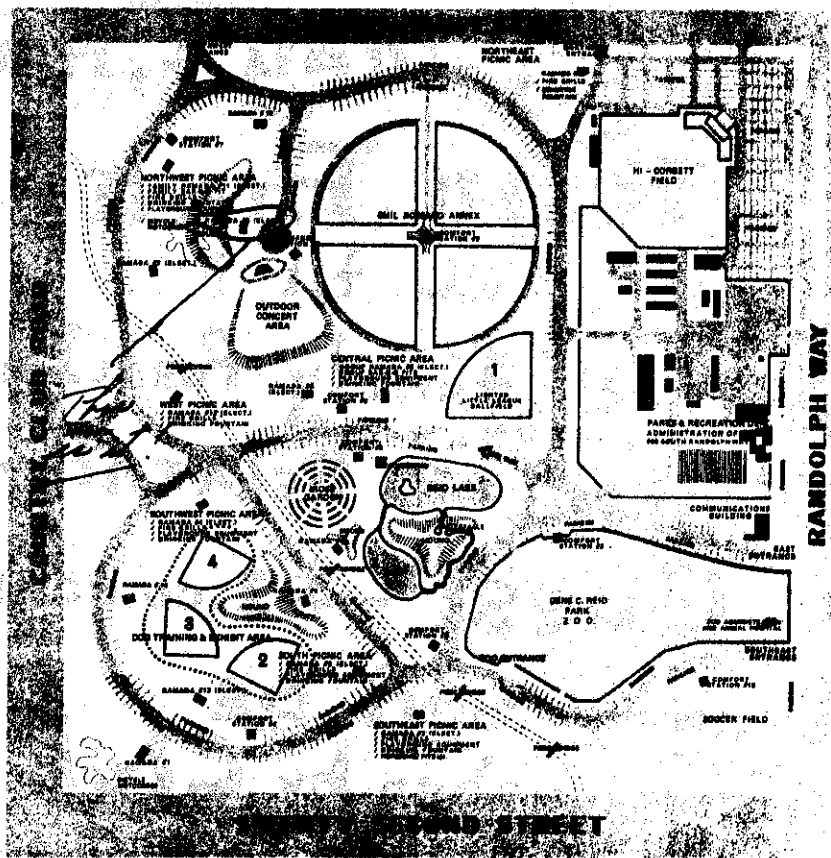
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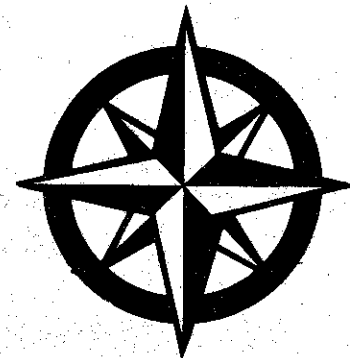
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NAVIGATOR'S NOTEBOOK

by
Paul Schoonover



We have no trails or roads to follow on the water, so we must find our way by other methods.

The instrument normally used is the magnetic compass. This compass properly installed and adjusted will give us magnetic directions. These directions are expressed in degrees from north, clockwise through 360 degrees. North is 0 or 360 degrees, East 90 degrees, South 180 degrees and West is 270 degrees.

Our charts are constructed with True directions.

The difference between True directions and Magnetic directions is called variation. This Variation changes according to different locations. We find the variation on the chart of the area. On the chart is a compass rose or circle with True directions around the outer ring. The magnetic directions are around an inner ring. Also the variation is printed in the center of the circle. Variation is labeled East or West.

To steer a charted direction, we must change the True chart direction to a magnetic direction. Variation is applied to the True direction by adding West variation or subtracting East variation.

Example: Pelican Point to the Sand Dunes.
Charted course 280°, subtract
13° East variation = 267°
magnetic course.

Unless a compass has been adjusted or compensated, it will probably not read an exact magnetic direction.

Any local magnetic attraction, such as the enging, electrical wiring, rigging or electronic equipment, may cause the magnetic compass needle to deviate from the magnetic pole. This difference is named deviation.

Deviation may be either east or west of the magnetic direction and is labeled E or W.

Deviation may be found by running the boat over known directions and reading the compass.

The range that your Search and Rescue Committee has layed out at the boat landing in Cholla Bay is excellent for this purpose.

Deviation will change with each change of the boat heading. So, you should find your deviation for every 15 degrees and make a record. This record is called a deviation table.

You apply deviation in the same way as variation. Thus you have a formula to go from True to Compass or from Compass to True.

↓	T True _____ °	
Add W	V ariation _____ ° E or W	
Subt. E	M agnetic _____ °	
↓	D eviation _____ ° E or W	
↓	C ompass _____ °	

NOTE: For converting a compass direction to magnetic and true, you subtract West and add East.

A good compass may be compensated or adjusted to remove deviation. This will be discussed next month.

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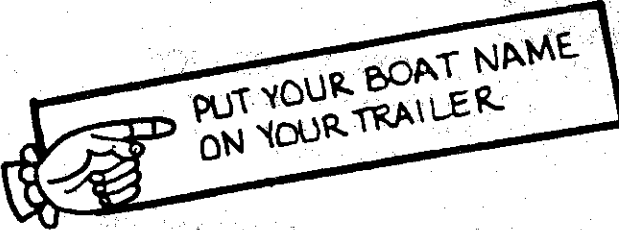
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It is hard for us to know all of Gracie's friends and send out invitations so, please, if you are one of these people, consider this as your personal invitation and come. It will be short because we have to get back to work, but, just a little get together to let Gracie know we care.

Betty Munro

We all wish to convey our best wishes for a speedy return to the Bay to Phil Hunziker, who remains in the Tucson Medical Center. Also, Phil, please accept our belated birthday greetings for your March 22nd birthday.

Chatter Editor & Staff

Thanks to Ken Kasten and Mary Brown,
the I.D. Booklets will soon be available.

You must inform the Chatter any time you wish your personal ad to be repeated!

Please note the following clarification of the MEMORIAL AND GIFT FUND information printed in the March Chatter:

This Fund shall be the depository for all gifts and donations to the Club, which are not specified for any other purpose.

Any donations to the Club for undesigned purposes will be acknowledged as donations to the Memorial and Gift Fund.

Mobil Home Trailer, 19', sleeps seven, Lot #18, Butane stove & oven, separate bath house, shower, toilet & water tank. \$1900.00.

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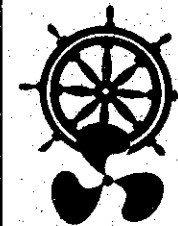
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by Bill Valentine

Back in the Good Old Days ('50 to '70), during March, April and May, you could almost guarantee yourself a stringerfull of mixed seatrout & pompano (big jaw leather-jack) by diligently working the sandy beaches between the estuaries to the south of Rocky Point. By flipping chromed spoons and feather jigs into the green water along the shoreline in the vicinity of Black Mountain, you could also occasionally add a careless flounder or speedy sierra mackerel.

The multitude of mono gillnets set out to intercept the slowly migrating schools, has dang near eliminated the sport of surf spinning. But, once in a while, a lucky caster will find a heard of fish that has somehow eluded the murderous mesh of the nets. This happens just often enough to keep a dedicated surf-fisherman working the beaches in hopes that he'll luck onto pay-dirt.

Likewise, the spring of the year brought some of the larger members of the croaker clan, the yellowfin (orangemouth) corvina, young totuava and California white seabass cruising the shoreline in search of baby mullet, sardines or anchoveys. Having a lure inhaled by one of these superfish just has to be the supreme thrill of a hardnosed surf-fisherman's life. All 3 of these beauts will fight to the absolute finish, giving the angler a test of skill no other species can match. When you do finally beach one of these battlers, after a long line-stretching fight, he'll just lay on the sand like a log. They do all of their fighting, dang near to the death, while still in the water.

Probably the most exciting fish that a caster can tangle with is a big sierra or

Spanish mackerel. These razortoothed speedsters, if over 5 pounds, can make line seem to melt off of a reel spool. One of the most spectacular, heart stopping, fish fights I've ever had, was when an 8 pound sierra took a Dixie Jet I'd flipped out from a rocky perch just south of Pelican Point. I was using a Cardinal 7 reel filled with 8 pound line mounted on an Ellis 8 foot light spinstick. On that rascals first run, he took almost half the mono on the spool and it took a good 20 minutes to finally subdue & land him. Usually the macks you luck into during springtime, are much smaller than the ones caught later in the fall. The average weight will run from about a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. to about 2 pounds. A mack of any size, however, is well equipped with a set of choppers that will slice through fishing string like a hot knife through butter. So if you toss a lure in the vicinity of a feeding school of sierras, be sure to have a stout steel leader between your line and lure, otherwise goodbye lure.

The charm of surffishing is in the mystery involved as you cast a lure far out into the unknown. Your customer could be anything from an 8 oz. lizardfish to a 150 pound rattail stingray. The prime times to fling hardware seaward, is from shortly before dawn (ideally on an incoming tide) until about an hour after first light, or from about an hour before sunset until it gets too dark to tie a leader.

Like I said earlier, there is still a chance to luck into a feeding school that has slipped past the hungry nets. So, take a shot at surfspinning---you might hook a Merrimaids.

We have a fishing map from Bill for May.
Just in time for the DERBY!

NEWS FROM THE LAUNCHING RAMP

Betty Munro

All boat owners are supposed to fill out a blue card. These can be picked up at the radio room. They list the equipment aboard and are kept on file at the radio room. These are for Search and Rescue purposes. If you have a card on file and get into trouble, DONDOS can tell at a glance, what type motor you have and what emergency equipment you have on hand. This enables him to help you a lot faster and saves asking questions on the radio.

There is one man who always keeps his blue card up to date and that is Slim Kemp. The only thing is, that Slim has filled out more blue cards for this office than any other boat owner I can name. In a seven year period, Slim and Emma Lou have owned six different EMMA LOU's. Number 1 was a 17' Crestliner; 2, a 22½' Fiberform; 3, a 26' Reinell; 4, a 30' Lars, 5, a 25' Albin motor-sailer and number 6 (they say the last) is a beautiful 31' custom job. She really looks neat in the water and Emma is most happy with the inside cabin.

Maybe "this is it", but knowing Slim, I doubt it. He just can't resist a good bargain and the water always looks bluer on the other side.

Fishing has been super and we've a lot of witnesses to prove it.

The Martin group on the TWEETY BIRD, brought in a grouper of 75# or over. Dick Harmon on the DOTTIE H, enjoyed the filets of his 40# grouper. Jack Machmer flopped a grandaddy grouper onto the decks of the PARTY TIME. It was in the 70-80 lb. class. Gene McFarland brought in a nice 12# pinto.

On the other side of the coin, Don Parry went fishing on his NORMA and reported he caught a cabria smaller than the martin plug he was using.

The FREEDOM WON gang went home happy - and when I say gang, I mean gang. When you get Tim and Tammy Bottcher's group gathered for a fishing trip you have a load of people. Tim was a little upset with his esposa, Tammy. She had him out-fished three pinto and a load of rock bass to nada. In the end, however, Tim went home the smiling champ when he caught a 75# grouper.

That Cottonwood - Clarkdale group, THE RIVER WITCH, MUD DOBBER and the JOLLY HOOKER, DID IT AGAIN. (Translated into boats and owners in order: Harley Ginn and Art Moore of Cottonwood, Rubin Martinez of Clarkdale, a brand new Club member) They went home grouper rich. Rubin did the best, I think three was his count. Art as usual, got his grouper and busted a finger on the BIG one he lost. Sly, quiet lil' ol' Harley waited until the last day and then showed them all up with an 80 lber. A week well spent in Cholla.

Don and Betty Hoffman took their BIG DIPPER out and really dipped into King Neptune's domain. Five times they have had their new boat out and five times they have returned with grouper. On the last trip, they had guests from Nebraska, Don's sister Barbara Weeder and her husband, Carl, Earl and Lila Pritchit. It was Earl's 1st try at deep sea fishing and on his 2nd day out, he got a beaut of a grouper. Folks back home will hear about this trip for a long time.

George and Maxine Rodgers joined Chuck and Iris Hoyt on the EASY RIDER for a day of fishing. Happy George came back with a 100 lb. black sea bass and Iris landed a 75 lb. grouper. Chuck lost four and Maxine-

well, she just wasn't bragging about her catch.

Roy CHINA DOLL Ong and friends initiated his new CHINITA II with champagne and all the trimmings. While on the subject of trimmings. - Roy knows he has trim tabs on the boat. It seems that when they first put it into the water, Roy turned the wheel over to his buddy Clarence Allums and Roy went below to take his usual snooze, then something unusual happened. Clarence had a tough time steering the boat. He fought the wheel all the way out and back again before they discovered that when Roy went below, he hit the trim tab switch and they had gone to the reef and back with the trim tabs down. After they discovered the problem, the boat worked like the dream boat it is. The CHINITA II also loaded up with a terrific catch of grouper and snapper. Esther Ong has to be the Snapper Queen. Catching snapper is her specialty for sure.

Bob and Mildred Parnell were down at the launching ramp, not bragging about the fish they caught, but instead, bragging about being new grandparents. Their daughter, Barbara Deramus of Show Low, has just presented them with a beautiful grand daughter, Colleen. Congratulations!

It's nice to have Tom Farrah back in the bay after a three month illness.

All our thoughts and prayers are with our dear friend, Phil Hunziker. I hope he knows how much his friends here in Mexico miss him. Hurry home, Phil.

The launchers have informed me that it is necessary to raise the price of launching \$1.00. So, whatever you have been paying, increase it by \$1.00.

So, with that good news as a closer, I'll sign off for this month.

BOAT NAMES and CB HANDLES

I received a short note from Butch and Ethel Heldt. His handle - FIRECRACKER!

Butch at first, thought of RED DEVIL, but that didn't fit him and there was already a YANKEE DOODLE, so he settled on FIRECRACKER. Firecrackers are used on the 4th of July to celebrate our Independence. You see, Butch was born (if you haven't already guessed) on the 4th of July 19???

Butch has had 10 good years of retirement at the bay. Also, in case you don't recognize him, he has been on a diet and lost 50 pounds.

One of the most appropriate names I have heard in some time, belonged to a former member of the Club. He named his boat the NO YAT YET. He felt that when he got a boat of 24 feet or more, then he would have a YACHT!

Let me hear from some more of you good people out there in Cholla Land. As yet, Tucson hasn't sent any info.

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A BIG THANK YOU to George Rodgers!!!

George has to have a heart as big as all out doors. Thanks to George and Maxine, the new school marm at Cholla has a roof over her head. They gave the house trailer from their lot to the school marm as she did not have a place to stay.

What SUPER PEOPLE we do have in Cholla Bay!

SURPRISE!!!! Did anyone realize that their boat names had been stenciled on their trailer? If you happened to be down at the radio shack the weekend of March 8-9, you would have seen some busy activity around the trailers parked there. The "spray paint can phantoms" struck and labeled 14 trailers. At least it's a start and if any of these folks come in after dark - finding their trailers won't be the problem it has been in the past. There were some that did notice the addition and were generous in donating funds towards this project. The donations are going to be donated to the Cholla Bay School...Isn't that great!!!

It only takes a few minutes (and a few black or white fingers, if you don't hold the spray can just right) to stencil the names. Why not take just a couple of minutes - that might save you quite a few minutes some time - and label your trailer. All the supplies that you will need are at the radio shack - just ask.

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PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING

Marie MacGill

For the people who attend the general meetings, the 2nd Wednesday of each month, there is always fun and excitement and March 13th was no exception.

Pat Rudolph of the Phoenix Fire Department, who is a paramedic instructor, and also an instructor for the American Heart Association, gave a very interesting and worthwhile presentation on CPR and other life saving techniques. If we have enough interested members, we will schedule two - four hour sessions of emergency medical instruction. Sounds like a very good idea to attend and perhaps acquire the skills necessary to one day save a life. Thanks very much for your efforts, Pat. Your dedication to your profession was evident in the response of our membership.

President, Chuck Woodward, said that if anyone has a medical emergency while at the bay, there are medical supplies in the First Aid room next to the Radio Shack.

Chuck Hoyt is fishing derby chairman this year, so we know that it will be a big success. The Derby Days will be the weekend of May 17 & 18 and Memorial weekend, May 24th & 25th with the fish Fry and presentation of prizes on the 25th.

A nice plaque was presented to Dave Conner for his fine job as Phoenix Chapter President for the year of 1979. Thanks Dave, you did a lot to bring it all back together!

W. J. Waggoner, was the guest of his father Bill Waggoner. Thanks for coming. Also, thanks to Mr. Policeman of Cholla Bay, Rubin Ortiz for dropping by.

Our sympathy and get well wishes to Dale Riley who had a heart attack about six months ago and then another one a couple weeks prior to this last meeting. Please hurry and get well, Dale.

It was again reported that launching fees are now \$1.00 for each time your boat goes into the water, regardless of how many people are in the boat.

Was nice having Marion Barlow attend the meeting with hubby, Ralph. We hadn't seen her there for some time. It was more than good to see Ray Hemphill looking so well after his illness.

The door prizes were won by Elnora Westfall - a thermos jug; Larry Bridges - a Kerosine wall lantern and Marion Barlow - a set of battery jumper cables. Ralph no longer has to shift his only set from car to boat and back again. Marion has solved that problem.

We were told that if you want to get in on the latest weather reports, you may turn your TV to Channel 8 in Phoenix at 5:45 AM, five days a week and you will get a very complete report.

Our next meeting will be at the same place but at 7:30 PM, don't forget! Joe Dougherty of Channel 10 news will be our guest speaker and we must begin on time to allow Joe the time to return to the studio to prepare for his 10:00 PM weather report. We're most anxious to meet this delightful person, who spent most of his 30 year Air Force career in the Weather Service.

See you there in April.

No ONE IS PERFECT!

On March 14th, our stalwart head of Search & Rescue, Don Barber and our pretty radio operator, Betty Munro, both strong advocates of turning in your yellow launch slip when returning from a boating/fishing trip, decided to crank up the DONDOS and visit the tug boat towing a huge oil rig which had just arrived near the bay.

Being the conscientious head of Search & Rescue that he is, Don filed a launch slip and after returning from this short trip, committed the unpardonable sin of leaving the yellow slip in his shirt pocket. He did not discover it until very late in the PM. Meanwhile, back at the Radio Shack, not a peep from Betty. The red on Don's face was not from the sun!

As yet, I haven't seen or talked to Betty.



SIR VEZA

LIVING IN CHOLLA BAY

Please note! Make this correction on your copy of the Reef Headings which appeared in your February CHATTER. The outbound heading on the very bottom line should be 290° with the inbound, 110°.

Fuel Tax Credit ?

This form was changed for 1979 and you can no longer claim a refund on fuel and oil purchased for personal use. SORRY!

Friday afternoon, March 15th, Frank Abram delivered 18 chairs to the Orphanage in Sonoita. This project was made possible through the efforts of Lou and Mary Parker who donated the chairs, Frank who provided welding equipment and knowhow to repair the chairs and Paul and Joanne Vanover for painting them.

Frank reports that the residents of LaGranja Feliz (The Happy Farm) were extremely pleased.

Lou and Mary Parker have also indicated that they have the bases for five tables which they will also donate to the orphanage as soon as they have table-tops to attach to these bases. If you can help in anyway, please contact Lou and Mary.

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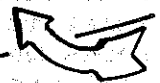
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OUR BAJA ADVENTURE

(Second of three parts)

by Lee Cashion

Leaving the beautiful bay of Las Animas at 6:40 A.M., our destination was again San Francisquito, a distance of 34 miles. Our running time was $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours, with nothing but mostly calm seas, and we were happy to see this protected inner harbor. We took the life raft to explore the beach where we met people from San Diego who were camping. One of the fellows offered us a sand buggy ride to the resort around the point from our anchorage, Santa Teresa. This resort was lovely and we enjoyed a dollar coke. Walking back to the raft, we picked up shells, conversed with the San Diegoans, had supper on deck and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

Up early the following morning, we passed Rancho Baril about 8:00 AM. Beautiful day, not a ripple on the water - perfect! We arrived at what we think was Bahia Santa Anna. This was a fisherman's camp and we asked if this was Santa Anna. The places are sometimes named different locally from the names on the charts. These fishermen were gill netters. We talked with them, fished, walked shelled and enjoyed.

Our journey the next day was with nice seas and sunny skies. We docked at Santa Rosalia about 11:00 AM alongside a Mexican Coast Guard ship - did our 32 foot vessel look small beside that one!

We checked in with the Port Captain and his secretary took care of our papers. After clearing Immigration, we walked into the town, looked around and found a lovely French restaurant with filet mignon on the

menu. We really enjoyed this quaint small town as it was a touch of civilization to us after being in the wilds for about two weeks. The Pemex station loaned Doug it's pickup to take two barrels of diesel to the dock, then they helped him carry the 5 gallon plastic containers from the truck to the boat. The stores and markets all close from 1:00 until 3:00 for siesta, so we did the same. The first American boat we saw here was the HIATUS 2 which tied up in front of the OJALA. This boat had been launched in San Felipe.

Relaxing after a full day, we were enjoying plums, apples, grapes and bananas from our shopping trip, when we were surprised with an unwelcome visitor. We had forgotten that rats climb up anchor ropes and this was precisely what had happened. We had to pull anchor and move away from the dock in the middle of the night. Luring this creature, which we had fondly named, "Oscar", with a partially chewed on apple, we chased him into the chain locker. There he stayed and accompanied us to Mulege.

Saturday, we started out for Mulege and the water was calm and very clear. So clear that it looked like a swimming pool. The reason being that it was so shallow. We were trying to stay away from the detached rocks off San Marcos Island, but we were getting too close to the shallow water near Punta Chivato. We had a lot to learn each day. Mulege is a tropical town with lots of growth - palm trees and foliage. We tied up to a small dock there and a young Mexican couple watched. The man offered to take Doug to town to buy ice. We were so pleased at 300 pounds of ice costing only 60 pesos. We gave Richardo 200 pesos for the use of his car and left for Conception Bay as it was only 12 noon. We set up a date to meet Richardo and Charlotte the next day at Coyote Bay in Conception

Bay. We anchored in Santispac Bay instead of Coyote Bay in Conception Bay as we had come into the bay with the usual prevailing winds and rough seas which seemed to be ever present in the afternoons. Our visitor, Oscar, made lots of noise trying to get out of the chain locker.

The next day we met our friends and took them on our boat to Punta Renada, near Isla Requeson. The guys dove for clams, large grey and chocolate brown ones. They used their masks and flippers and after about 30 minutes, we had plenty and ate them with lemon and salsa. Everyone had a good time but as usual, it was rough going back to Santispac. We took our friends to shore in the raft and gave the surplus clams to campers on the beach.

That night was rather exciting as we had to get our visitor off the boat, somehow, somehow! We had borrowed a large rat trap from a Mexican family, but "Oscar" seemed to know exactly what it was for and didn't bite! We closed up the cabin & chased the rat out of the chain locker. Doug just about poked holes in the floor of the cabin with his spear gun trying to get him. Finally he disappeared over the stern. We had heard these rats can swim.

We had been informed by the Port Captain at Santa Rosalia, that we might expect a Tropical Storm by Monday - Tropical Storm Ignacio. All reports were correct and Monday night the wind blew all night and it was very uncomfortable. That was the one day we didn't move the boat or take the raft any place. We relaxed, read, washed sheets and cleaned cupboards. Doug did regular maintenance routine of batteries, engines, etc. Conception Bay is 22 miles

Conception Bay is 22 miles long and from $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles to about 4 miles wide. We stayed in Conception Bay for eight days, exploring the different bays, anchorages, enjoy-

ing the beautiful water, scenery and seafood in abundance. We took a warm springs bath at Coyote Bay and walked the various beaches. Several beautiful homes are located in Coyote Bay and we were told they belonged to Americans. There were friendly people in Posado Conception, a very modern trailer park. One couple from Apple Valley, Calif., gave us some ice from their Servel.

Conception Bay is truly a paradise where you could spend months on end without getting bored. We were waiting for the 3rd quarter moon to return northward and with reluctance, we got underway November 4th for Mulege. After securing the OJALA we took the raft up the Mulege River. It was so shallow we could only occasionally use the Seagull motor and did shear the pin on the prop. The river was so muddy you couldn't see bottom so Doug ended up rowing the two miles back to the boat. Mulege is closed on Sunday, so couldn't buy any groceries. The hotels and restaurants did not serve dinners until evening, but we dined in a small private cafe. It looked like a Mexican home turned cafe. A very filling meal for only 70 pesos. We enjoyed the boat trip on the river with all the tropical foliage. We were unable to contact Cholla Bay radio as we were too close to Sombrerito Point. We slept well, although leaving Mulege saddened us.

Monday morning we were up early getting in gear for Santa Rosalia. We departed at 6:20 AM only to return at 7:47 AM. About 10 miles out of Mulege, the engine warning alarm sounded. The seas were rather rough but Doug diagnosed the trouble as broken fan belts - two of them. Under the most adverse conditions, he replaced the old belts. We decided to return to Mulege for belt replacements and to see if we might be able to order a spare water pump. After waiting for 3 hours to get a phone line to

the states, we gave up on the part. Then Bill Alvarado, who has taken over as owner of the lodge at Punta Chivato, gave us a ride to the parts store. We spent some time watching people from a park bench, at Hershey Bars from a market and took a taxi to buy dates and ice, then spent one more night at El Sombrerito Point.

Arriving safely at Santa Rosalia, we changed our destination northward via Kino Bay rather than return the way we had come. We had to inform the Port Captain to change our papers, arranged for some diesel and heard Cholla Bay radio very clearly. We watched the ferry come in from Guaymas and went to the station to watch the passengers disembark. This time we closed the cabin so we wouldn't have any more rats. We left Santa Rosalia the next day and saw no shrimp boats or boas. We anchored at San Carlos Bay and had five lobster tails for lunch, fresh from the water. What a repast! Anchorage was rough and winds were up. We were content until a Mexican cowboy on a mule came up on shore from out of nowhere, and told us we could get a better, quieter anchorage a few miles away. He also wanted us to visit his ranch. We pulled anchor and followed his instructions finding a somewhat better place to anchor, although it was rough and windy. This friendly person kept shouting from the beach, "Come to my ranch". He was disappointed that we didn't and we were disappointed that we couldn't leave the boat. The people in Baja are very friendly.

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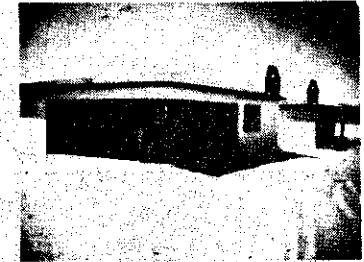
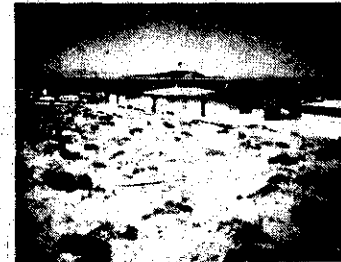
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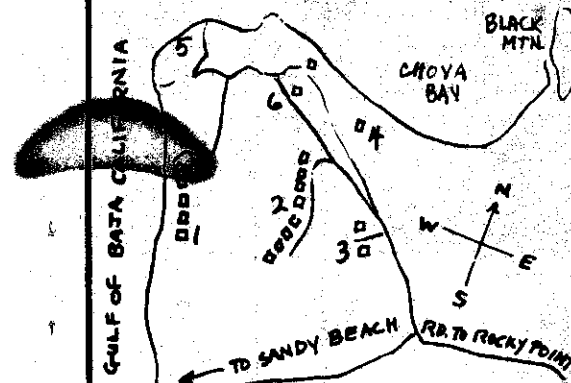
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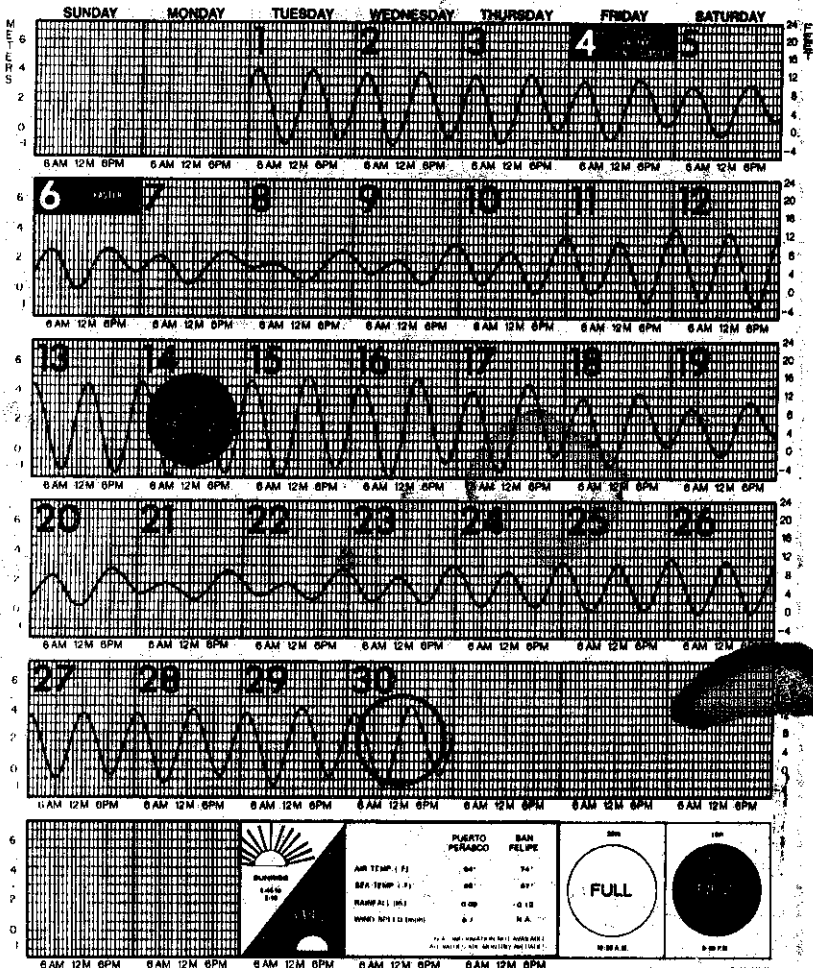
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