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# Mark Your Calendars For The 43rd Annual Fishing Derby

The first weekend of the Fishing Derby will be held on **April 17th-19th**.

The second weekend will be **May 1st-3rd**.

The third weekend will be held over Memorial Day weekend, **May 22nd-25th**.

The last day of the Fishing Derby will be Friday **June 5th**.

The Fish Fry and awards ceremony will be Saturday **June 6th** at Gus Brown Plaza (Fry Shack) in Cholla.

## Dear "Concerned Homeowner"

*(January Chatter)*

Notwithstanding the Vecinos many years of voluntary assistance of about \$20,000/yr to help with police services, the new administration in Puerto Peñasco fired Augustin (soon after, rehired), and his staff without even consulting the Vecinos. Attempts by the Vecinos to have input as to police services were poorly received. Two of the Vecinos police vehicles were "taken" by Peñasco; one run without oil ruining the motor, and tires taken from it. All other Vecinos equipment was inventoried and preserved.

Accordingly, your Vecinos Board decided to withhold assistance until such time as Peñasco was willing to work with us.

Representatives of the Board later met with the Mayor and Comandante at which time they were shown the extent of our assistance and our desire to have input and cooperation. The meeting was a success; funding was reinstated and relations are back to normal.

We are satisfied that these unfortunate events occurred because they were so new to administration of governmental affairs as to have no idea as to our long history of substantial financial assistance and cooperation. Our new Police Chief in Cholla is Victor Manuel, he and three other officers are on duty 24 hrs/day.

*Bucky Maud, Chrmn Police Cmte.*

## '98 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 10 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 10 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 11 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 Chatter Articles due

### MARCH

- 10 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 10 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 11 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter Articles due

### APRIL

- 8 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 14 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 14 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 17-19 CBSC Fishing Derby Starts
- 18 Breakfast @ Fry Shack

## Meeting Days & Locations !!

### - CHOLLA -

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### - TUCSON -

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### - PHOENIX -

2nd Wednesday of each month  
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# Phoenix Chatter

The January meeting of the Phoenix chapter was held on the 14th at 7:30pm at the Arizona American Italian Club. The first '98 meeting of the Phoenix Chapter had 12 members and 2 visitors in attendance. It seems that quite a few members are fighting the annual flu bug or maybe just recuperating from the holidays. Hopefully they will sufficiently recover before the February meeting and our attendance will recover. We miss all of you.

A warm welcome goes out to our newest members, Mark Smallwood and Tom Watson. The January meeting was the second time these gentlemen have honored us with their presence and they signed up at the meeting. We are glad to have them.

A Ranger VHF radio was raffled off at the meeting. Our very own treasurer Lylia Hagerty was the lucky winner. And it just so happens that the Hagerty family is radio poor (not on accident, insists Mike).

It was brought up in the meeting that the Chatter could use more advertisers. If you are a business owner, think about it. Even if you work for someone else, hit them up. Rates are very reasonable and specific information about our huge subscriber base can be obtained from Dave or Kelley Adams. Also, Derby time is on its way and Derby sponsors are needed. **THINK ABOUT IT!**

Wrapping this letter up, I would like to issue a challenge to Phoenix club members, **ATTEND!** And for those of you that have never attended a meeting, vow to attend just one meeting this year. Give it a try! Come share your thoughts and ideas about Mexico and fishing. Or maybe you have a few questions. What better way to clear up confusion than one on one discussions with other club members. I promise, it will not be a waste of your time. Hope to see and meet more of you at the February meeting.

*See ya there, Kathy Curtis*

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# TUCSON CHITTER CHATTER

Jerry Kitchens called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for all their support during his tenure and with that he officially turned the meeting to our new President, Ken Harnett.

Ken thanked Sal Otanez for being his vice-president and for all his support.

Welcome to our newest members, Robert and Lois Bradshaw.

Once again, Shirley and Alan Peterson were thanked for procuring the 1998 tide charts. They still have plenty available if you haven't already purchased one.

Everyone was reminded to pay their dues.

Thank you Mickie Babbitt for agreeing to maintain the Ships Store. Remember they have lots of different items for sale.

Tere Wilson is back on her feet again after spending Christmas and New Years in the hospital with pneumonia. We are so glad to have her back!

Mark your calendars for April 18th. Ken Hartnett and Jerry Kitchens will be cooking breakfast for all those fishermen and everyone else as the kickoff for the Fishing Derby. Watch the next couple chatters for more details.


Door prizes were won by; Shirley Peterson, Mike Carnes and Sylvia Kitchens. Raffle prize were won by Sylvia Kitchens, Glenn Hotchkiss, Marion Hotchkiss (2), Lois Bradshaw, Bob Rothrock, Shirley Reid, Ken Hartnett and Carla Stephens. With that the meeting was adjourned.

*Carla Stephens*

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# What About Fishing

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Red snapper are the most abundant of all snapper and are also the most stupid, which makes them easy to catch. Most fishermen use squid on the bottom to entice the snappers. They will however hit a feathered jig also. To find snapper you are going to have to fish deep, from 140ft. to 200 ft. deep. I've caught red snapper on top of the 22 mile, but on the deepest point. For tackle, I use a Peen 113HLW on a Peen Tuna Stick. This rig is way too heavy for snapper fishing, but you are fishing deep and snapper are not the only critters down there that might bite. The last thing you want is to lose a good sea bass or grouper to light line. Also fishing deep I use 150lb. line because I have hooked fish that deep on 80lb. and lost them. Your line and rig are completely up to you, my preferences are just that, my preferences.

The wind has been blowing a lot in Cholla but, on the calm days when the boats do get out, the catch has been worth the wait.

*Go catch a bunch of snapper and  
Good Luck from 2nd Chance*

♡ ♡ *Stop by and pick up something special for you Valentine!* ♡ ♡

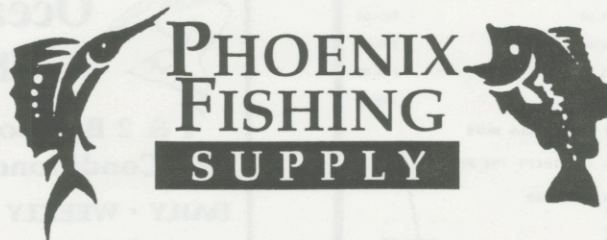
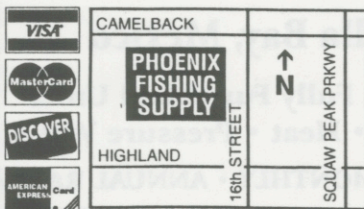
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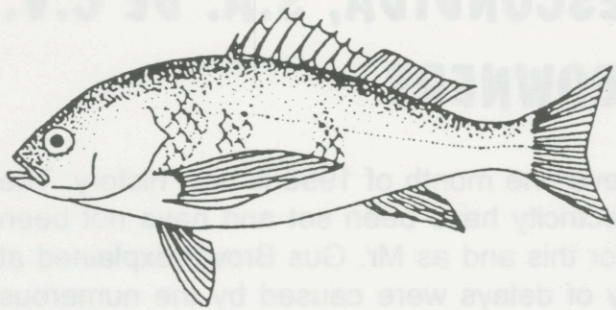


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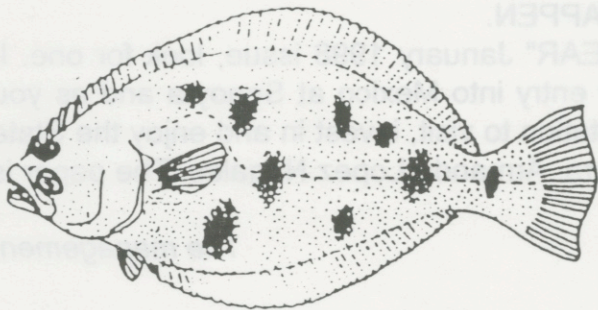
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### Cortez Halibut (Lenguado)

A flat fish with both eyes on one side. Found throughout the Sea of Cortez both inshore and offshore. Dark brown above with 8-10 dark spots and a white underside. Prefers sandy bottoms. Takes drifted live or dead baits and small feathers. the mouth has a large single row of sharp teeth in each jaw. They average 3-5 lbs. but can get up to 25 lbs. and are excellent eating.

## REMEMBER:

The early bird gets the worm but,  
the second mouse gets the cheese.

## Bottom Dwellers Active on Shallow Reefs and Sandy Flats

by Steve Rothbard

It is now mid February and the weather at the "Bay" has moderated. The water has cooled and most of the cool weather species common in the northern gulf are active.

This is the time of year when the Halibut move into shallow water and are easier to catch on drifted baits. Live bait works best, but well presented fresh dead bait whole or strip baits and some plastics such as small scampi will also work.

Find a flat sandy bottom and drift your bait on a dropper loop rig or spreader rig. Right now depths of 80-100ft are OK, but as the spawn progresses you should work shallower water, almost up to the beach, with success.

When you hook a Halibut remember they have a soft mouth, so keep a tight line with steady pressure and no jerking. Have a strong gaff ready for when they surface. Gaff them quickly and knock them out with a club. Halibut can wreck a boat in short order when he is boated.

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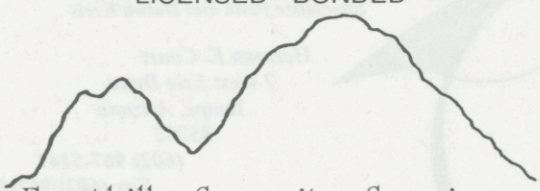
The old saying 'time flies' is really true... it's hard to believe one month of 1998 is now history. The Company is very much aware many deadlines for the electricity have been set and have not been met and are now registered in history. We do apologize for this and as Mr. Gus Brown explained at the January 3rd homeowners board meeting the majority of delays were caused by the numerous changes required by various governmental offices. Most of the changes were requirements for materials not available near to us. Then when we did locate the source of materials they were not assembled. Once we located the source and assembled the parts, the next step was to get the stamp of approval by the authorities. All this has been anything but a quick, simple project. Then to add to the dilemma along came the holidays and the necessary channels of communication were closed. This created further delays for meeting deadlines.

We are progressing even though when you look around you may find that statement hard to believe. Our one big consolation is knowing that what we are doing is the best and up to all standards certified by the proper authorities. We are all aware we will have many situations to deal with as the project becomes a reality. We will just have to deal with them on a one on one basis, but those situations will be workable and minor compared to the ones we have already met and dealt with. Hang in... extend a little more patients and IT WILL HAPPEN.

If you haven't received a copy of the "SO MUCH SO NEAR" January 1998 issue, look for one. It contains some very interesting information regarding your entry into Mexico at Sonoyta and as you venture on down to the Peñasco-Cholla Bay area. The invitation to visit, invest in and enjoy the State of Sonora is extended to you by the new Governor of Sonora, Armando Lopez Nogales. The paper is well worth reading.

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## Don't Forget, Dues Are Due

Don't forget that January 1st. membership dues are due if you are a member of the Cholla Chapter or the Tucson Chapter of the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club.

Membership dues should be mailed to your chapters address found in the back of the chatter on the membership application.

Please pay your dues early to help make it easier on the membership people, and to avoid being deleted from the chatter mailing list.

Remember your membership dues support the VHF radio network.



# CHOLLA CHAPTER CHITTER CHATTER

Dear readers,

The Cholla Chapter held their January meeting in the new 'Saloon' at Hotel Paraiso del Desierto. 70 members and guest were present.

Guest included Margaret Miller, Ed Gernest, Joy Hopkins and Peggy Mitchell. New members are Bob and Alice Omang, Tom and Carolyn Lowe.

Mickey Babbitt transferred from Phoenix Chapter. She is our new Ships Store, and announced that at our next meeting there will be a clearance sale to make way for new merchandise. Lots of bargains!

Sick bay reported that Deena Belk and Clara Hickman were under the weather. Also on the sick list this month were Frenchy, Ginger Tupper and Sis. Hope everyone is feeling better by now!

Lots of nice door and raffle prizes were awarded. Thank You, to all who donated and to our new prize procuring committee, Donna and Char.

Thank You to the Cholla Bay Homeowners Association for their generous donation towards the radio room. Remember, channel 26 on the VHF is for marine use only. Please change to another channel for conversation. Keep channel 26 open.

We are still working on getting some kind of weather report in English on channel 26. Also, someone mentioned that the red light on the radio shack is not working. We asked Don Schmidli to check into it.

It looks like another busy fun year. No dates set yet but, we will let you know ahead of time. As of our meeting we still need a Chairman for the Fishing Derby and someone to work on getting the prizes together.

The 'Gringo' Christmas Party was a fun evening. There were 109 people in attendance. Turn out wasn't what we expected, so the hotel gave us a break. We had money left over so we donated \$100 to Casa Hogar and \$100 to La Montana. Thank you all so much!

All in all our meeting was a fun one. We closed the evening with several aspiring stand-up comedians telling jokes. Most of us left laughing!

The February 10th meeting will be at Rocky's & Points, with 'Happy Hour' starting at 5.00pm. I have been told that we are going to have some surprises. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget, DUES ARE DUE!!  
L.D.

## Should You Toss Last Summer's Sunscreen?

Probably not. The Food and Drug Administration says that sun blocks will stay potent for three years from the date of manufacture. But watch out for lotions that contain lots of other cosmetic and fragrant ingredients, says Dr. Sheldon Pinnell of the Duke University medical School. With these products, the SPF can lose potency before the printed expiration date. What are your best bets? Unfancy formulas, especially those that contain such ingredients as titanium dioxide or micronized zinc oxide. Sun-protection products tend to be short-lived if they're packed full of botanicals or sold in wide-mouthed jars (easy to contaminate).



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# 1997 Fiesta de la Navidad - Cholla Bay Style

Whew! Thanks to El Niño for being good to us. December 20 was a glorious day in the Bay. The winds were calm and once again, the children started the fiesta by singing alternately with a group of mothers the traditional Las Posadas verses, asking to come into the Fry Shack to begin the fiesta de la navidad.

This year Santa's deep voiced "Ho Ho Ho" resounded from the ever jolly and smiley Manuel Arvizu, one of our neighbors here in Cholla Bay. None of the children seemed to recognize him and posed happily on his lap for family pictures which thrilled the mothers. Roger Harmon, assisted by Bob Adams and Dell Moore took about 140 pictures. Mrs. Santa, Tere Wilson, was ill and not able to attend the party. She's a traditional and delightful part of the fiesta and we hope she'll be with us next year. Glenda Maud, looking like Christmas assisted Santa by passing out candy canes and helping the children pose for the pictures.

Santa's land was again magically decorated by Lois and Mary Osborn with a beautiful tree and decorations all along the bar. Walt Osborn was greatly missed this year. He'd always assisted generously in many ways. Glenn and D. Martin provided and set up a life size display of Santa and his reindeer with Rudolph in the lead which fascinated the children. We hope it will become a permanent part of the party decor.

About 180 children delighted in making Santa Claus paper bag puppets in Santa's Workshop (El Taller de Santa Claus). Ginger Sinanovic, D. Martin, Peggy and Al Felton, LD Bleeker, Jesse Arvizu, Jesse Villa and several other Mexican mothers guided the children through the process. Thanks to anyone else who helped with the Santas whose names aren't included.

Agustin, our able and amiable MC, was an invaluable help by also delivering invitations to the families, and purchasing the meat locally from Fruteria Karen. Alan Peterson set up the sound system and stood by to assure that it worked smoothly.

Chuck and Joanie Dernberger purchased, set up and served cookies and punch to the children after they had visited Santa. D. Martin assisted them. The Mexican children of Cholla Bay entertained by singing 6 traditional Mexican Christmas Carols and accompanied themselves with rhythm instruments. Jesse Villa, Patricia Carruche, Chely León and Nancy Schmidli helped organize the singers and Lew Felton accompanied them with his violin and Sandy Moore with her guitar. Nine year old Jesús Villa sang a solo a Capella.

The children then broke the piñatas by age group while several mothers sang the traditional "Dale, Dale" song. Loosely translated the song says... Hit it, hit it! Don't miss the mark. Measure the distance between you and the piñata. If you miss it you're nothing but a pepper! The mothers had their own piñata to break, again this year and the merriment seemed to reach it's peak when they swung mightily. Alan and Shirley Peterson prepared and hung the piñatas and Shirley Peterson, Glenda Maud, LD, Ginger Sinanovic and Adriana Adams passed out extra candy to make sure that everyone got his share. The children and all of us missed our darling Bette Horton who always enjoyed throwing the candy as much as the children enjoyed scrambling for it. Of course, she had her little favorites who knew to stick close by her. We know she was there in spirit. She helped in so many ways to make the Christmas party a reality each year.

A total of 116 families then lined up to receive their gifts of food and toys. Lew and Agnes Felton, Bob Adams, Chuck Dernberger, Don Schmidli, LD and Dennis Bleeker, Al Felton, Craig Bower, Agustin León and Dell Moore helped give the boxes out.

About a week prior to the party the following CBSC members bagged beans and rice and packed the gift boxes: Mary Hawley, Chuck and Joanie Dernberger, Mary Ann Oren and her neat friend Pat, Lois and Mary Osborn, Bob Adams, Jerry and Ila Kettelhut, Don Schmidli and Dell Moore. Mary Hawley sewed draw-string bags that were filled with marbles as gifts for the children. Agnes and Lew Felton organized the meat distribution. Gracias.



The following generous folks either contributed food, supplies, toys or money which, of course made this wonderful event possible.

Alan and Peggy Felton  
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 Thelma Brown  
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 Sharon Bradford



If you should be on this list and were overlooked we extend our apologies. Please let us know who you are. We appreciate all of your behind-the-scenes support and help and pass along to you a warm thanks from the Mexican families who live or work in Cholla Bay.

We're already planning for next year. We try to buy merchandise when it's on sale and are able to buy much of the food and school supplies in Rocky Point.

*We wish each of you a happy and healthy new year. See you in the Bay.*  
 Nancy Schmidli and Sandy Moore, Mexican Christmas Party Co-chairpersons

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**FEB. 14** **WHIPLASH AUTO RACE**  
**CARS TRUCKS**

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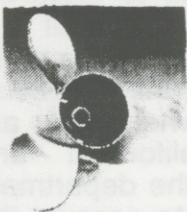
**Spring Break**  
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# You Don't Want This Adventure

by Nick T.

It was my first trip to Sandy Beach in my pre-owned Datsun 200SX several years ago. I got stuck in the sand when I turned too soon to find parking to the right of the rocky area where the R.V.s like to park. But how wonderful it was when some fellow gringos from Tucson pushed me out after much spinning of tires and choking dust. It looked good after that and the weekend passed in a civilized way. I pulled away from margaritaville and headed north on Mexico 8 on Saturday when "Boom" the tire exploded and I almost lost the shoulder. Now they have magnifico shoulders, but on the old 8 it was different. Be that as it may, I put on my spare donut and continued to Phoenix when "Boom", the other tire exploded. It was after 8 pm and I was north of Gila Bend. I didn't have another spare but, a real estate agent from Ajo was a good samaritan when he saw me in his headlights. He was kind enough to take me back to Gila Bend but, the man who had the key to the tire storage room was at home. So I had to get a motel room for the night in Gila Bend, until the next morning when I could purchase a tire. These two exploding tires scared me to death, so I examined them only to find out that they were very old and it seems reasonable that all the spinning in the sand began to balloon separations. Don't use old tires sports persons or tires that were made in Yugoslavia.



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**She loved Cholla and its people.**

**She loved to walk the shore line  
and see what the sea had left there.**

**She loved to watch the birds soar over the water.**

**However, her favorite was watching the dolphins.**

**This lady was Marilyn "Pockets" Childers.**

**She was my friend, my love and my wife for 43 years.**

**Her children Bill, Karen and Lori Ann,  
and her 4 grandchildren have lost her,  
but her love goes on in their hearts.**

**She fought a long battle with cancer,  
but one day, November 11th, 1997  
she said enough, layed back on her pillow  
and went to sleep. We'll miss her.**

**May she rest in Gods hands.**

*Her Family*



## GRILLED FISH WITH VEGETABLES

*all cooked on the grill*

- 2C shredded carrots
- 1C shredded zucchini
- 1C sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 C chopped green onion
- 1C clove garlic, minced
- 1 T sesame seed
- 2 T butter
- 4 fish fillets
- salt & pepper to taste

Make a grill pan by shaping two large sheets of heavy foil; spray the foil pan lightly with cooking spray. Combine vegetables with all ingredients except fish and butter; place mixture around the edges of grill pan leaving room in the middle for fish. Place fillets in center, season with salt and pepper and dot with butter. Grill 15-18 minutes.

## SEAFOOD QUESDILLA

- 1 large flour tortilla
- 1/4 lb. each shrimp, crab and scallops
- 2 T chopped onion
- 2 T chopped green peppers
- 2 T chopped green chilies
- 1 C shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Heat both sides of flour tortilla in a large fry pan until slightly crisp; place shell on a cookie sheet. Arrange seafood on tortilla, sprinkle with onion, green peppers and chilies. Cover with cheese. Bake at 400° until seafood is cooked and cheese is melted. About 10 minutes.

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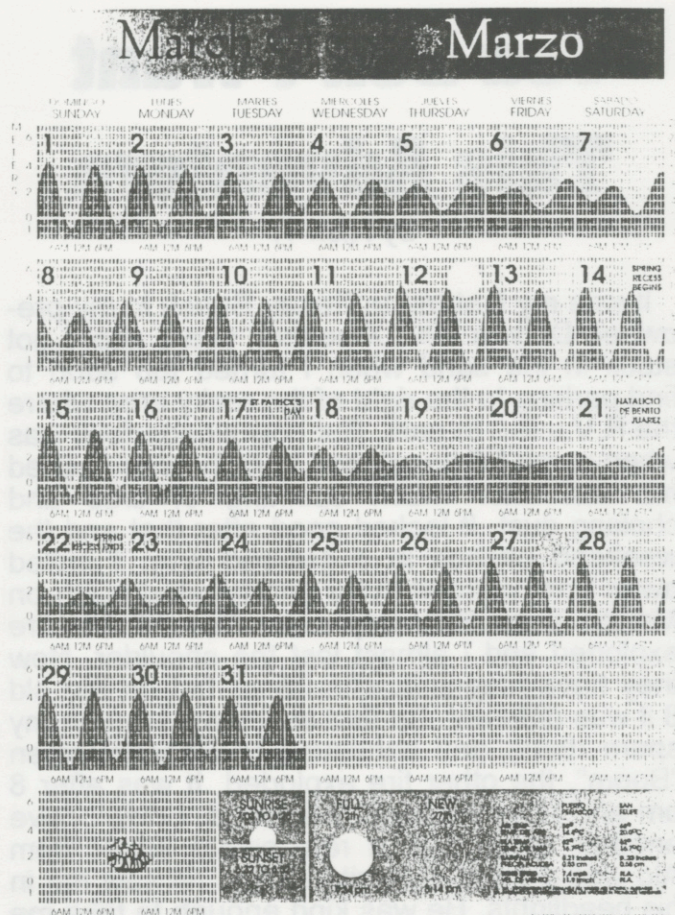
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## Trouble for Mexican Billfish

from Saltwater Sportsman Magazine  
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According to a recent letter to SWS from Geronimo Cevallos, harbormaster for the El Cid resort in Mazatlan, Mexico, the Fisheries Department of Mexico is attempting to remove swordfish, marlin, sailfish and dorado from the list of species protected from commercial harvest, which would allow commercial fishermen to target these fish with longlines, gillnets and drift nets. According to Cevallos, the Fisheries Department is arguing that it is unfair to prevent Mexican commercial fishermen from harvesting migratory species that often enter U.S. waters, where they are fished commercially by Californian and Hawaiian fishermen. However, the department does not appear to be taking into account the long-term economic benefits that a healthy sport fishery can provide to Mexico in terms of dollars spent by visiting anglers. We can help by sending letters urging the Mexican government to continue to protect these species to: Fisheries Department of Mexico, c/o Mr. Carlos Camacho Gaos, SEMARNAP, Under-Secretary of Fisheries, Anillo Periferico #4209-5o. piso, Tlalpan - Mexico, D.F. (14210).



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