

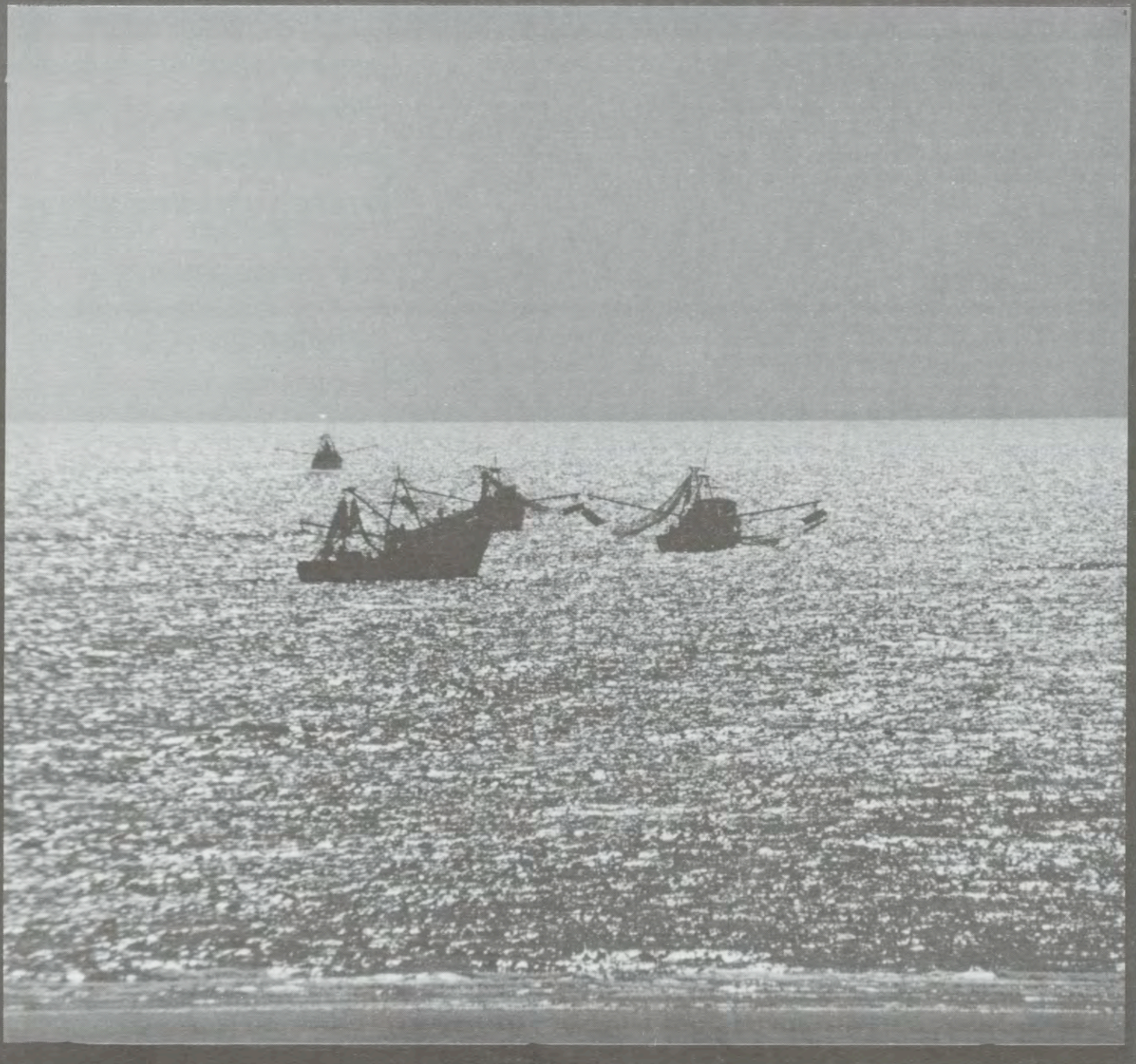


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MARCH

- 8 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 9 Council Meeting
- 11 OBSC Kite Flying
- 14 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 14 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors

APRIL

- 1 JJ's Golf Tournament
- 8 JJ's Jetski Races
- 8,9 JJ's Sailboat Races
- 11 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 11 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 12 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors
- 21-23 CBSC Fishing Derby Begins
- 22 JJ's Chili Cookoff
- 29 OBSC Bash
- 29 JJ's Bathtub Races

MAY

- 5 - 7 CBSC Fishing Derby Continues
- 9 Cholla Chapter Meeting
- 9 Tucson Chapter Meeting
- 10 Phoenix Chapter Meeting
- 18 Chatter articles due to Editors
- 26-29 CBSC Fishing Derby Continues
- 28 CBSC Steak Fry



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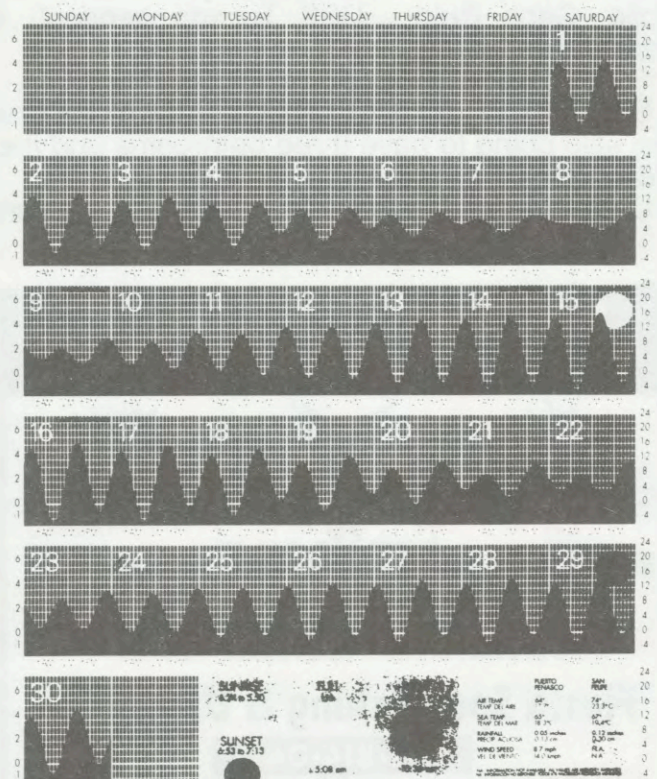
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Tucson Chitter Chatter

"Top of the morning to ye all", this fine St. Patrick's month. May ye fishermen have the wind at your back and all you colleens enjoy the sweet nothings which were promised last month on St. Valentine's Day.

A bit of a tip which was passed on to me by Grandmother O' Shea--Mercy! Heavens to Betsy! It's discussing the way folks behave on St. Patrick's Day. Drinking, shouting, kissing, singing, dancing, coverting, everyone should stay home and pray the day passes without temptation. Sakes alive, as the old dear dropped her teeth in my beer, passed out, and slid off the bar stool. Enjoy - Happy St. Patrick's Day. (Borrowed from John-Richard Allen Card)

The small group of Tucson CBSC was brought to order by Pres. Billy Drake. The jovial group which were enjoying food and drink took a few minutes to settle down to some serious talk. Introductions of each member with reports of officers and representatives followed.

A pause of a very heart rendering moment to all of us as we heard the family of Don Christian (Our Candyman) give their appreciation for all the remembrances to the Club. The Christian's all look well but, it is still a little hard to talk of Don. We have a little candyman coming up in J.W., the grandson who passed out delicious caramel suckers to the members. Thank You.

Sandi Maeser read the January minutes, Joan Nichols gave treasurer report and she told us we have money started for the Fry Shack property and Christmas Party Fund. Good for us. Membership report by Shirley Reid has given us 69 paid members. Dues are still being accepted. Billy Drake paid his so he couldn't be impeached. Please send your dues in - we need you. Sick Bay by Irene Drake had a clean slate until someone mentioned Wally, the "Super Grouper." Wally our prayers are with you at this time in your serious ordeal. Hang in there guy. Talk of the hand held VHF to be raffled to raise money for Fry Shack property was the next item before we had a break.

Meeting was resumed and on to the fun part. Door Prizes and raffle headed by Joe Wood vice-president, and assisted by Sandi Maeser and Sylvia Kitchens. Joe showed a little spunk to this rowdy bunch, do you think we need to find a magnifying glass for those numbers. Ha.

Corrections, Corrections, Woods were the donators last meeting not the winners of the raffle. (Jan. meeting)

So good luck to me hoping to get this info correct. This is getting to be serious business.

Donations by: Joe & Mary Wood - Irene Drake - Sylvia Kitchens -Sandi Maeser - Hilda Tozzi - Bill Hohmann and a mystery person who got left out?

Winners: Shirley Reid - stuffed bear and bazzie, Mary Wood - smoke alarm, T. Wilson - glass candle holder and engraver, J.W. - combination lock, Hilda Tozzi - flash light, Irene Drake - clock, Sammie Rothrock - money, Jerry Kitchens - basket with candy, S. Reid - plant, Glenn Hotchkiss - Tulip, Gene Reid - USS Tucson pendant, Glenn Hotchkiss - USS Tucson pendant. Meeting adjourned.

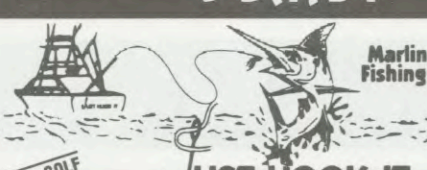
Scuttlebutt:

Shirley Reid went on a boat trip to watch the whales. Reids are spending quiet time in Choya. They are also going to have three bathrooms and the plumbers wife only has one. Bob Rothrock has Ham Radio booklets for sale.

Catch you later on more scuttlebutt. Jackie and Ross are you being watched?

Respectfully, Tere

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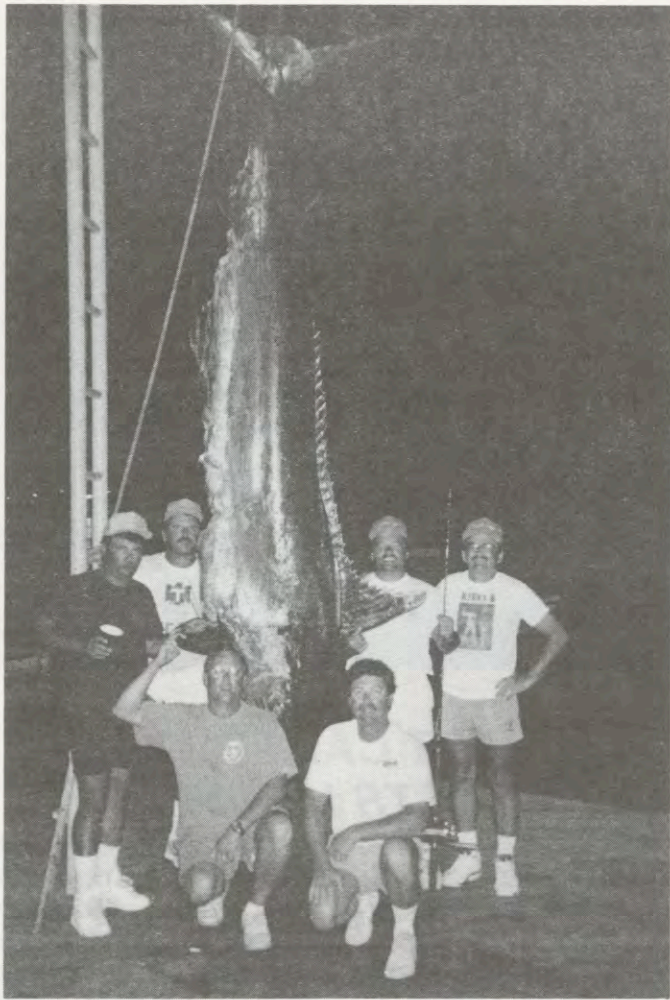
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PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETING

Our February meeting got off to a great start as our vice president Dick Gardener introduced our speakers for the evening. Becky & Terry Thiessen from DLD Truck Straps, Inc. brought samples of their products and gave a great presentation on the variety of items and uses. After answering our questions, they left us with the sample items to do with as we saw fit. We held a raffle for these items only, and what a success. We would like to thank Becky & Terry for coming.

The February 18th trip to Gillespie's Gold Mine was discussed. The mine might be reopened soon, so this may be one of the last trips there. Other possible off-road trips: Cochran - coke ovens east of Florence., overnight trip to Lobos, ???.

Presidents weekend in Mexico will be a busy one: gold mine trip, JJ's fishing derby, OBSC mardi gras parade, make plans now.

On a sad note, it was announced that Bob Lounsbury had recently passed away. A memorial service will be held in Cholla / JJ's on March 25, 95. Our sympathy to his family.

Frank Flynn obtained a copy of an old movie of Seth Smith's. What an interesting film, it was taken in the late 50's and early 60's in Cholla and the lakes around Phoenix. It showed the beginnings of Cholla, the highboys, estuaries, and a lot of fish. Many of the Club members, from past to present were caught on this film. It also showed the latest models of Smith Craft boats.

Bob McManus once again won the bottle of cheer.

The March meeting will be sand casting, so bring shells, sand, plaster of paris and a frame. Hope to see you there.

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The Barco "Tom Cat" skippered by "No Le Hace" took two separate boat loads of whale watchers out from Cholla Bay the weekend of February 11th & 12th. Due the expertise of Tom and Ken, many of the 50-60 or so thousand pound giants were seen.

We believe that we encountered Fin Whales, due to a distinctive "chevron" on their sides and their large size.

In addition, whales were sighted cruising parallel to the beaches at Las Conchas, around the harbor mouth in Puerto Peñasco, and off Cholla's Pelican Point. There were reports of many sightings around the sand dune area.

So get a boat and head out 20 or so miles, and maybe you too can get lucky and spot some of these magnificent creatures.

Hum Babe



Our collection is almost complete!!

We would like to thank the many members who have graciously donated their old Chatters, so that we could fill in the gaps of our files.

We are still missing the following issues: (If you aren't willing to donate the original issue, a copy of each page will be greatly appreciated!!)

1: The 1st issue style (letter)

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If you're able to contribute to the Club's library, please contact Frank Flynn, Phoenix Days: 602-956-9608 • Eves: 602-956-3386.

AUGUST CAMPOUT SET HOSTS NEEDED!

August 9th - 15th is the date for the annual August Campout. This year we have reserved the Kiwanis Moqui Campground, 30 miles north of Pine. This new campground offers the following: water, garbage cans, grills, tables, restrooms, fishing & boating at the Blue Ridge Reservoir, hiking, wildlife, a store appx. 10 miles away, and more.

We are in need of a host/hostess. It's a easy job and a lot of fun, not to mention a great way to get to meet and get know people. For further info on how you can help, call Von or Lew Frazier 602-946-6986.

AVID BEACH COMBER OR SHELL COLLECTOR??

Bring your favorite sea shell, starfish, coral, etc., and learn to make a beautiful framed sand-casting. Iva Henry will demonstrate this technique at the Phoenix Chapter Meeting March 8, 95 - 7:30 pm.

If time permits after the demo & meeting, we will go outside and try our hand at he art of sand-casting.

Bring the children, a picture frame, plaster of paris, sand, sea shells, etc. and lets see what we can do.

What programs would you like to have at future meetings??? Your ideas are appreciated, please contact your officers.

CHOLLA CHAPTER CHITTER CHATTER

by Elaine Rimsza

Kind of like the Energizer Bunny keeps going and going, the Cholla Chapter meetings keep GROWING and GROWING! For Valentine's Day, February 14, at La Curva, a total of 98 members and guests attended. The room was truly packed with this record attendance. And this was a dreadful day, with rain and strong winds making it miserable to be out. It was good to see all the regulars turn out, as well as members from Phoenix and Tucson Chapters, and a special welcome to our guest and new members. Thanks, La Curva, for taking such good care of our large group.

We're so sad to report that dear friend Bob Lounsbury passed away on January 26th. The family plans to have a memorial service at JJ's Cantina on March 25th, and request that friends wishing to make donations in Bob's memory contribute to JJ's Christmas Party fund. Bob devoted much time and effort to CBSC activities and JJ's activities. We'll miss him as a friend and neighbor, and our community also will miss him. Sincere sympathy to his family.

Welcome back to Wally Schmerfeld, and hope you're feeling much better after your recent surgery. Was good to see Wally and Elizabeth back at this meeting. And Clay Hulett is back in Cholla after his recent surgery. All good wishes to Clay and Dawn Hulett.

After the Mexican dinner that La Curva does so well, our Valentine's Day meeting was sweetened by candies and cupcakes baked by some of our ladies. Thanks to Pat Goodin, Betty Pearson, Pat Foss and their helpers for this special treat!

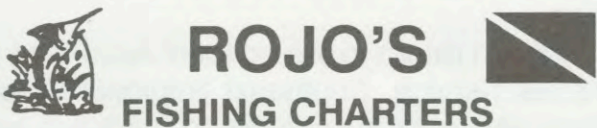
With two super salesmen selling raffle prize tickets to this large crowd, the raffle was quite a success! Vice President Jack Kleine and Tony Rimsza used their winsome ways to bring in \$350. These funds subsidize our dinners and buy prizes for future meetings.

Special thanks for raffle prize donations: Bill and Marilyn Childers, a giant can of popcorn; Pablo and Helen, Pablo's Kite shop, Two kites, and we thank them for their frequent donations; and La Curva again donated two free Mexican dinners. Thank you all.

Membership dues are past due. Check to be sure you have paid for 1995. The Derby activities are beginning to organize. This chapter's activities are being discussed. Let your Board Members know how you're willing to help.

The weather in January was, for the most part, calm and warm. It seemed the migration of whales to the Sea of Cortez was abundant this year. We heard sightings from numerous sources in Cholla and Las Conchas, and not just one whale, but several all together. They were sighted from shore, as well as fishing boats, and some happy whale-watchers got excellent views. The last sighting we're aware of was on February 11th, where Bruce Beidler spotted one out from Tucson Beach. A small group watched him as he moved around Pelican Point towards Peñasco. Hope they'll stay around for awhile so all of you who are coming down in March might have a chance to see them.

Next meeting will be March 14th at La Curva. See you there!



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- 1. Do not use a gaff hook to land questionable size fish.** Keep a landing net on board your boat to assist in landing questionable size fish.
- 2. Do not let the fish hit the deck.** A flopping fish on the deck can lose scales, mucus and skin which protects it from infection.
- 3. Handle the fish with a wet rag.** By using a rag dipped in sea water the fish will be much less likely to lose scales and mucus.
- 4. Remove the hook carefully.** A fish hooked in the forward part of the mouth should not be difficult to remove. If the fish is deep hooked, a long pair of needle nose pliers usually works well. If the hook can not be removed without damage, it is best to cut the line close to the hook and release the fish. Chances are the fish will survive and the hook will rust or work its way out within a short time.
- 5. Avoid the use of treble hooks.** Lures with treble hooks are difficult to remove without damaging the fish in most cases. Treble hooks can be replaced by single hooks on most lures.
- 6. Use barbless hooks.** Another good idea is to make the hook barbless by closing the barb with a pair of pliers.
- 7. Deflate bloated fish.** The most successful method found was to insert a hypodermic needle through the side of the fish into the air bladder. The pressurized air rushes out the open end of the needle, a process sped-up by compressing the sides of the fish. The stomach can be repositioned by pushing it back into the fish. When the fish regains a normal appearance, it can be returned to the water.

How to release deep-dwelling reef and bottom fish.

Although the verdict's not in yet on this one, initial studies offer some encouraging data. For instance, several studies involving Red Snapper caught off the Gulf Coast oil rigs in water approximately 100 ft. deep showed a very high rate of survival if the fish had no hook injuries and weren't eaten on the way back to the bottom. In fact most of the Snappers had no problem returning to the bottom on their own. Some of the Snappers were kept in cages on the bottom and observed for several days after release with no ill effects noted.

The bad news is that fish caught in depths over 100 ft. showed a rapid increase in mortality after being observed in cages, and many of the "free released" fish weren't able to return to the bottom because of buoyancy caused by expanded stomach gas. It appears that the deeper the water, the higher the mortality due to injuries caused by decompression.

What about the practice of deflating the fish's abdomen so it can return to the bottom? According to Ron Schnied, special assistant for National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office, deflating a fish is better than leaving it floating on the surface, where it's susceptible to predation and exposure to the sun. It's the same principal as leaving the hook in a gut-hooked fish: sure, it isn't the ideal situation, but at least the fish has a chance.

Another biologist who advocates abdomen deflation is Dr. Ray Wilson of the University of South Florida. Wilson is currently studying hook-caught Groupers taken from South Florida's offshore reefs, and has found that released survival is relatively high if the fish are taken in less than 200 ft. of water. Here the process of decompression and recompression doesn't seem to affect survival. Any

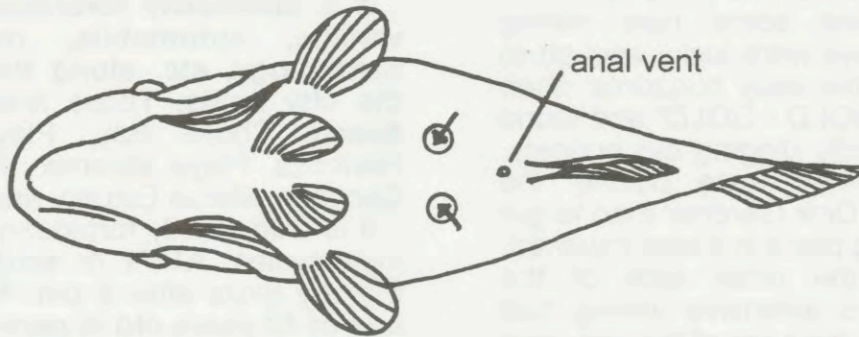
deeper than 200 ft., however, any decompression injury becomes a factor and the survival rate rapidly decreases.

"Don't have the attitude that you're throwing away a good fish," Wilson says, regarding a common misconception shared by many bottom fishermen. If you can get the fish in quickly so it's not completely exhausted, and deflate the abdomen, the fish has a good chance of surviving. Wilson recommends using a clean hypodermic needle (around 14 gauge) to deflate the abdomen, because it has a hole in the center that allows the gas to bleed off. Naturally, you need to remove the syringe for it to work. If you can't obtain a needle, a clean ice pick, bait stitching needle or a debarbed hook will work in a pinch. Later, the puncture hole will heal.

How to deflate Grouper

The best way to deflate, or aspirate, a Grouper is to turn the fish over on its back and insert a needle or other device on either side of the centerline just forward of the anus. **(Many people confuse the large bulbous sac protruding from the mouth of the Grouper or Snapper as the swim bladder. This is actually the stomach of the fish that has been everted by the expanding gas and should not be punctured.)** Gently massage the gas out of the abdomen and return the fish to the water. If the fish appears to be too exhausted to swim, you can keep it in a live well just long enough for its breathing to return to normal. Groupers are surprisingly hardy, and have a fairly good chance of surviving if returned to the water in under three minutes. Some Groupers have been kept out of water for up to five minutes and have survived release.

The survival rate of released fish can be greatly improved if the above procedures are followed. Remember, the survival of the undersized fish you release is an important factor in the quality of fishing you may expect in future years.



To deflate a Grouper, hold the fish upside down and insert a hypodermic needle (or other clean, sharp object) on either side of the abdomen just forward of the anal vent. Gently massage all the gas from the abdomen and quickly return the fish to the water.

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February 18th, 1995, 40 adventurous souls set out in 9 off road vehicles and one ATV for a trip to the gold mine.

First stop was the second estuary, site of the pier and the narrow gauge locomotive. A VW bug meandered by with Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bower from Sacramento, CA. On the cliff above the beach we explored the mill site and the ore dump, where Jack Bower proves to be an avid asset to the group. Jack has lots of experience with mines and ore, and answered many of our questions about what we were discovering. We invited them to come along with us to the mine. All day he kept reminding us of what a "happy day" it was for him and how thrilled he was to come along on our adventure. We stopped at the Gillespie ranch to discover someone had removed the giant ore crusher that weighed many tons. One of the group mentioned that he had read that a Canadian or English company had recently purchased the mine.

We continued on, wondering if we would ever be permitted to enter the mine when we got there. There was some new mining equipment there but, we were lucky enough to enter both shafts. In the easy horizontal shaft we heard shouts of "GOLD - GOLD" and found two of our gals excitedly digging out nuggets. For safe keeping, they were putting the nuggets in their bras. Dick Gardner tried to get into their secret hiding place but was thwarted. We later explored the other side of the mountain where some extensive mining had been done and where the ruins of houses were located. It was a beautiful trip with lots of flowers in bloom and lots of nice people.



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It is absolutely forbidden to operate any vehicle, automobile, motorcycle, ATV, sandbuggy, etc. along the beaches within the city limits. Those areas include: Sandy Beach, Cholla Bay, Playa Bonita, Playa Hermosa, Playa Miramar, Playa de Oro, Las Conchas, Morua Estuary and Playa Encanto.

It is also strictly forbidden to operate or ride motorcycles, ATV's or similar vehicles within the city limits after 6 pm. **No one under the age of 18 years old is permitted to drive any vehicle of any kind at any time.**

Please help keep our city and beaches clean by depositing your trash in special bags and taking your trash with you when you leave or placing it in proper trash cans.

Travel only where motorized vehicles are permitted; **respect the rights of others to enjoy their activities undisturbed;** educate yourself as to what the signs mean and always ask permission to cross private property. Avoid streams, lakes, meadows, muddy roads, trails, steep hillsides, wildlife and livestock. **Drive responsibly to protect the environment.**

Avoid night driving if possible or take a rest and stretch frequently. **The maximum speed limit is around 60 miles per hour on the highways and in town and cities the limit is 18 miles per hour.** Drive defensively and stay alert.

Do not drink and drive. Call a friend or a taxi. The life you save could be your own.

What Boaters Can Do To Be Environmentally Friendly

Protecting the environment comes naturally to most boaters and others who practice being a good neighbor, on land or water. On water, especially, every action or sound a boater makes impacts others sharing the waterway, the water itself, marine life living in it, and the near-shore and shoreline ecosystem and inhabitants. In almost all cases, common sense approach while boating will help protect the aquatic environment. The following is a few suggestions that will help to protect that environment.

- 1. Observe local and federal marine toilet rules.** Use holding tanks or "porta potties" to keep your sewage out of the water. If you have a Type I or Type II device, always flush your system in open water, preferably in a depth of 20 ft. or more. This will allow natural tidal or other water movements to disperse the waste material more quickly and completely. Additionally, discharging in deep rather than shallow water greatly reduces damage to shellfish beds.
- 2. Know and use legal bottom paints.** Anti-fouling paints work by releasing toxic chemicals from the hull into the water. In general, the more effective the paint, the more toxic its ingredients. Tin based paints are very effective at killing growth on the bottom of boats. Unfortunately, the highly toxic tin is also absorbed by fish through their gills and accumulates to high levels in sediment. Oysters, clams and fish are threatened by this paint as well. Check with your marine painting professional to determine if there are alternatives and choose the most environmentally friendly one.
- 3. When sanding your boat hull take special precautions.** When your boat is being scraped or sanded, use a vacuum sander or place a dry cloth underneath to catch paint scrapings and dust. Treat the dust and scrapings as hazardous waste, and dispose of properly. Keep all dust, scrapings, cleaners and thinners from being washed into the water.
- 4. Don't litter on the water. Bring it home.** Plastic and litter not only ruin the natural beauty of boating waters, they can also injure or kill aquatic life. Install a garbage can on your boat, and use it. When guests come aboard your boat, let them know about your commitment to clean water and that you have a boat policy not to throw trash overboard. If something accidentally blows overboard, go back and pick it up. Use it as a man overboard practice!
- 5. Use biodegradable chemical boat cleaners whenever possible.** Many products are available for cleaning and maintaining decks, topsides, teak and brightwork, and their toxicity's vary widely. Do not assume that a product labeled "biodegradable" is safe; some present clear danger to users. A number of maintenance product manufactures list toll-free "800" phone numbers on the labels; call them with questions about product composition and uses.
- 6. Buy your chemicals in sizes which can be used in a years time.** When purchasing paints, varnishes, thinners, etc. only buy the amount needed for the job. That way you won't have to dispose of any stale products.
- 7. Avoid spills on the water.** Oil can be a particular problem since a single quart, when spilled, can cover an area of up to two acres. Consider placing a bilge "pillow" (an oil-absorbing sponge available at many marine stores) in your bilge to remove oil from your bilge water. That way the oil will not be pumped overboard by your bilge pump. Be wary of bilge cleaners, which merely disperse the oil in the bilge water.
- 8. Keep your engine well-tuned.** It will use fuel more efficiently and reduce your fuel consumption. It will also discharge fewer pollutants into the water.
- 9. Catch and release.** Think about your needs ahead of time and keep only those fish you need for eating. Practice "catch and release" with the rest of the fish you catch, to help secure a fishing future for our children, grandchildren and future generations.

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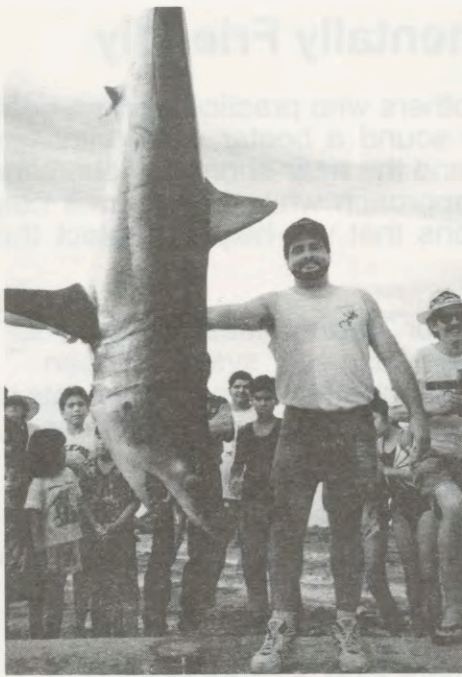
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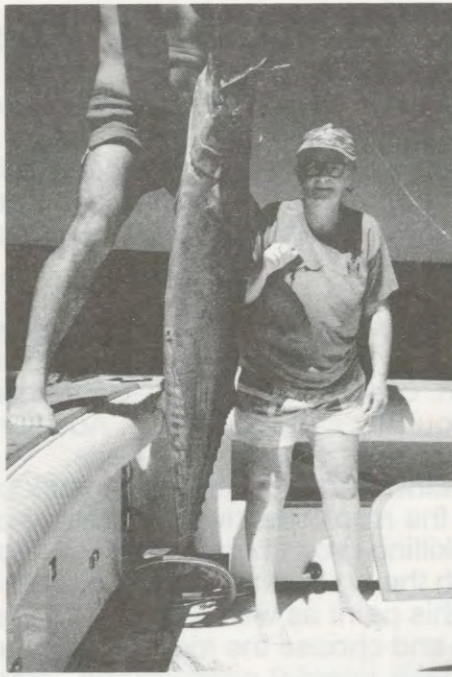
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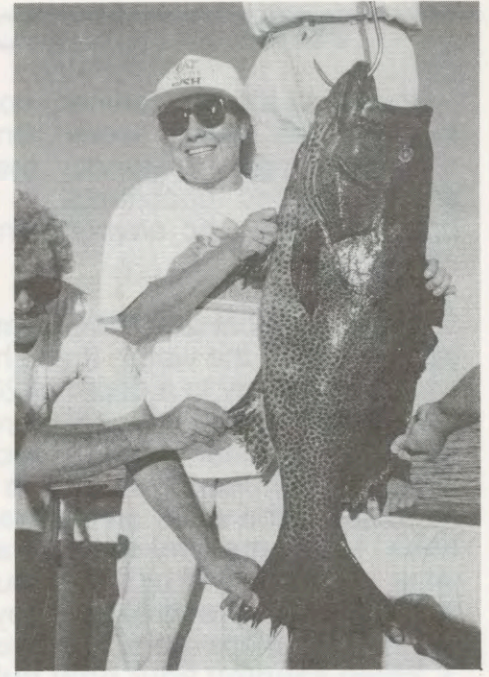
- It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Bob Lounsbury. Bob passed away January 26, 1995. A memorial service will be held on March 25th in Cholla / JJ's Cantina. The family request in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the JJ's Children's Christmas Party Fund.
- Bob will be greatly missed by his friends and all of Cholla Bay.



Danny Brown with his 337lb. Mako Shark

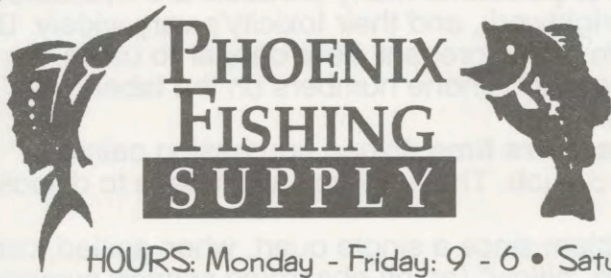


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Good news for travelers of highway 8. The Secretary of Tourism for the State of Sonora paid a visit to Puerto Peñasco on February 14th. While he was here he announced that Governor Beltrones has arranged with the Federal Government for the highway between Sonoita and Puerto Peñasco to be completed in spite of the crisis in the economy of Mexico. The goal for completion is by the end of 1995 if not sooner.

Who had the most fun at the OBSC Mardi Gras Fiesta?? Children or adults?? One thing for certain, all their planning and hard work was worth their efforts. They had fun doing it and we all had fun watching it. The parade was very entertaining and the bystanders got showered with handfuls of candies and goodies. First prize winning float went to "JAWS", created by Ken & Pat Goodin, Don & Nancy Schmidli, Del & Sandy Moore. "Jaws" was fronted by a jeep, "The Boat", Jaws was supposed to be trying to gobble up the boat, but Jaws drivers Ken & Don got carried away watching all the pretty ladies standing on the sidelines, and veered off course letting the boat get away. The Singles Club float "Beverly Hillbillies" ran Jaws a close second. The Parade was followed by a gourmet meal of Cajun meatball and all the trimmings served at the OBSC. Congratulations for a well organized, "tasty" fiesta go to Gary Anderson and chef Gail.

JJ's first phase of "Angler of the Year" fishing derby got off to a slow start due to wind and tides but the wind did settle and the boats got out, so phase one is now history. Second phase of this derby is set for the last weekend of June and the first week of July. Now you know how to plan your Fourth of July holiday.

March events for Cholla Bay should be equally entertaining ... be there.

Please don't forget the Company has opened up an office in Puerto Peñasco, complete with direct dial phone service, fax and answering machine, etc. Mr. Reyel Taylor, the Companies General Manager, can be reached at this office Monday thru Friday, 8 am - 5 pm. This service was set up for your convenience, so please call if you have questions that need answers. 011-52-638-35790.

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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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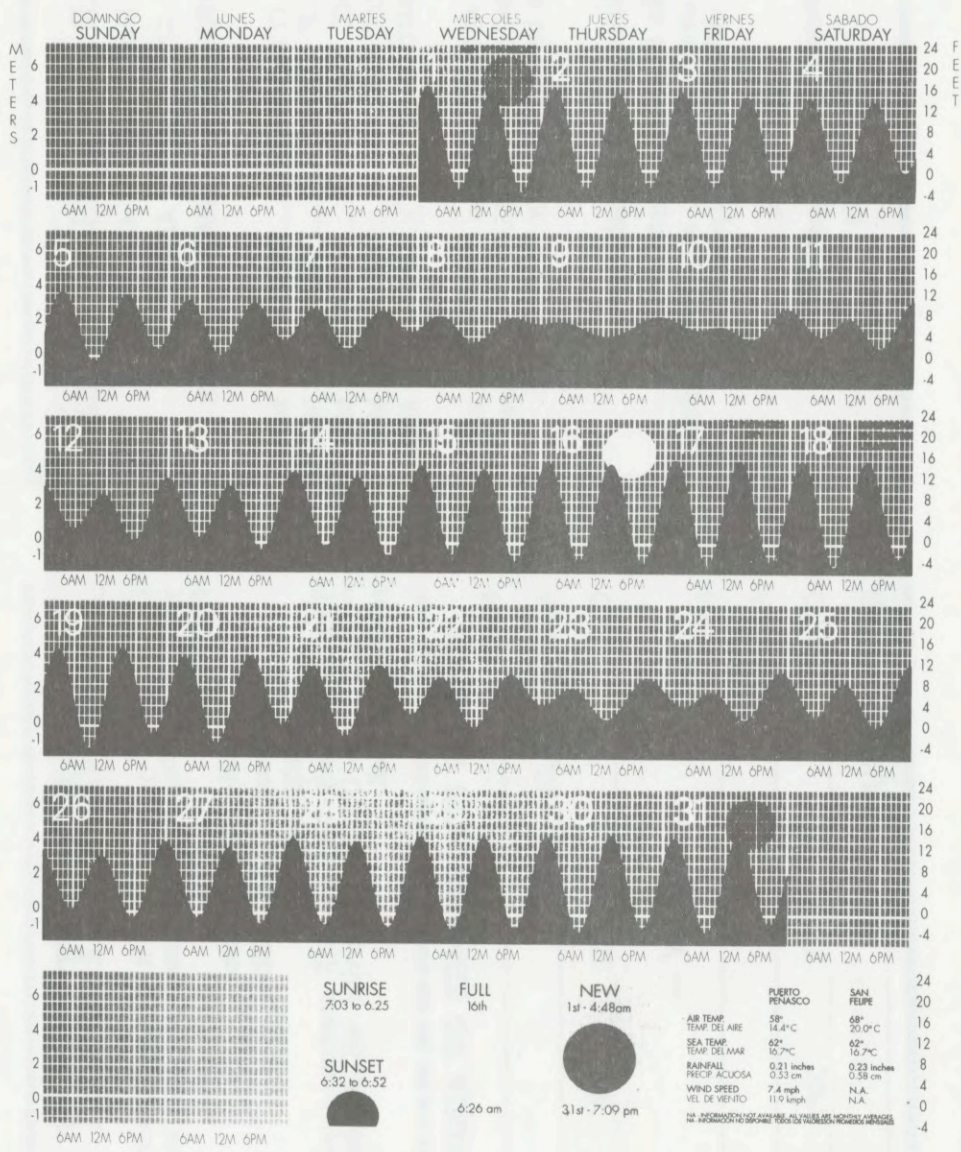
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