

# NO WAKE ZONE



## Lake Mohave Power Squadron

A Unit of the United States Power Squadron®  
Bullhead City, AZ



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**Executive Meetings** are held the first Wednesday of each month at Re/Max Realty, 3726 Highway 95, Bullhead City.

**General Dinner Meetings** are held the second Wednesday of the month at The Terrace Restaurant at the El Rio Country Club, 1 Paseo El Rio, Mohave Valley.

All meetings start at 7:00PM



### Commander's Corner

From all accounts the Lake Mohave Power Squadron has once again brought great pride to the USPS. The involvement of our members at the Safe Boating Week activities gave us exposure to many people through the hard work and dedication of our members. Due to previously scheduled family obligations, my wife, Linda, and I were unable to take part in the activities. An enormous amount of praise, gratitude, and credit must be given to our Executive and Administrative Officers for their tireless work in the weeks ahead and during the event. Both Sharon and Jo Anne hit the streets of Bullhead City and got together an amazing array of donations for our booth, worked out all the logistics with the venue management and coordinated the scheduling and assignments of the individual squadron members. I could not be more proud or thankful for everyone's involvement. See? I told you guys you didn't need me!

Being rather close to the editor of this newsletter, he has asked me to announce that due partly to his absence during the time that the *No Wake Zone* for May would have normally been published, this issue will cover both May and June. From now on the issues for any particular month will be issued at the end of the previous month. This will be in keeping with normally accepted publishing practice.

On a final note, I sometimes feel that our members are a little removed from the true scope of the USPS, and since I have **not** been able to coax members other than officers to contribute to the *No Wake Zone*, I am going to try, on a monthly basis, to feature a newsletter from one of our sister squadrons in District 28. This month I have selected *The Mariner's Needle* from the San Luis Rey squadron. You can access the most recent issue at the following link:

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/slr/The%20Mariners%20Needle%20June.pdf> . If any of you have

not already checked it out, I think you will find it enjoyable reading if not only to just look at the pictures. Nice work Loie and Jill.

I returned home to find that as yet an unexplained die off of carp in the lake is taking place. Dead fish are littering the beaches and I understand the odor is not at all pleasant. Authorities are working on the problem and hope to have an answer soon. No other fish seem to be affected. The rangers at Katherine Landing are trying to keep the most popular areas clear by picking up the dead fish. See more from JoAnne below.

The squadron is going to be taking a little bit of a summer break, so there will be no meetings during July and August, but our Wednesdays on the lake and some social events will still be taking place and of course Pat Bramble will continue to pursue VSC's. Sharon Dack will be doing some follow up announcing via email and/or phone calls so I hope to see you all during the summer at one of these events. We will try to continue to publish *The No Wake Zone* during the summer months although perhaps in a more abbreviated form. ....Andy Pensavalle



From the Exec

Ahoy!

As you all know, our Safe Boating Week event at the Mojave Crossings Event Center went very well. I would like to thank all those who participated in making that activity a success. We are now "seasoned pros" and I am sure we are all looking forward to future activities to participate in. See Sharon Dack's report for further information.



**Safety Week Display At The Mohave Valley Home Expo**

Not very much is going on right now since it is so close to our Summer Break. I have scheduled a meeting with Sally Butler, Sales Executive, News West Publishing, for next week regarding an advertisement we are preparing for the upcoming special edition honoring Bullhead City's 25th anniversary. Look for it when it comes out which should be just prior to the annual Bullhead City Regatta.

It has been rumored that the restaurant at El Rio will be shutting down, and then rumored that it will only be closed through September. Until either scenario is confirmed, we all should be considering where we should have our September meeting, in addition to future meetings if the restaurant at El Rio remains closed. Please send your suggestions to me and I will check each out for meeting rooms, prices, etc., and advise everyone what I have found out prior to our September meeting.

See you all on the lake; well, after the dead carp are gone that is! An NPS update as of June 5 states, "Dead carp washing up on beaches in some areas, water safe for swimming". Visitors can expect an unpleasant odor in some areas. As a precaution visitors are advised to avoid handling dead fish." Your choice, mateys! Personally, I have a very sensitive nose! Have a Happy Summer Break!.....Jo Ann Waller



### [Education Officer's Report](#)

One of, if not the most, important missions of the USPS is education. The USPS has put together a fantastic list of "Seminars" that are available to the boating public. In some cases, non boaters could also benefit or have some interest in the subjects offered. Although our experience in the Mohave Valley area is that these are not a popular vehicle for our populace, they are, none the less, available throughout the areas served by many squadrons. I invite you to take a look at the list of available subjects and tell your friends that might be interested.

- **Advanced Powerboat Handling**
  - **Anchoring**
- **Basic Coastal Navigation**
- **Boat Handling under Power**
  - **How to Use a Chart**
  - **Hurricanes and Boats**
- **Knots, Bends and Hitches**
  - **Marine RADAR**
  - **Mariner's Compass**
- **Onboard Weather Forecasting**
  - **Paddle Smart**
- **Sail Trim and Rig Tuning**
  - **Trailer Your Boat**
    - **Using GPS**
- **Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio**

If you would like to read more information on these interesting subjects, check out the following link. [http://www.usps.org/e\\_stuff/seminars.htm](http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars.htm) .....John Militello



Administrative Officer's Report

Memorial Weekend Memorable!!

Our Lake Mohave Power Squadron participated in the *Home Design Expo and More at Mojave Crossings* on Memorial Day Weekend. It was a perfect ending to Safe Boating Week. We brought in a new pontoon boat, loaned to us by Bullhead City's Holiday RV & Marine. It was a beautiful tool for our "show and tell" demos about requirements for vessel safety checks, carbon monoxide poisoning, Quagga mussels and general boating safety information.



Display Of Required Items



Information Display



Quagga Mussels On A Line

Thanks to our members for working long hours in the booth, hauling tables, the popcorn machine, a T.V. for boat safety videos, and all the miscellaneous items that made our booth stand out. We were a well-oiled machine!



Safety Display



Interested Visitors



Members Explaining Safety Issues

Our raffle prizes were outstanding, and helped to pay for our booth expenses and will enable us to continue with our educational programs. The popcorn machine brought in donation money, as well, besides being a lot of fun.

We may be a small Squadron, but we have a powerful group of members. I'm proud of what we accomplished!! Thanks Barb Bramble for the surprise luncheon you brought in for Executive Officer, Joanne Waller's birthday. Very thoughtful! Wait till next year!

**Dates to Remember**

Our June overnight boating trip on Lake Mohave has been changed to Wednesday and Thursday, the 24th & 25th. We will be sending out more information in the future.

Also mark your calendars for our Fourth of July party at Ken and Dawn Pierce's home, which happens to overlook the Laughlin casinos and will be a perfect viewing spot for the fireworks. More information will follow.

Now that we are quickly approaching our summer season, the Wednesdays on the lake will be something to look forward to. If anyone plans to go out, why don't you drop a quick email so we know who to rendezvous with? See you on the water.....Sharon Dack

Birthdays

**Maureen Evens: June 11**

**Linda Lehman: June 15**



**Ken Pierce: July 7**

**Eileen Truman: July 10**

In Closing

I am happy to say that as I write this newsletter we have received word that Maureen Evans has been released from the hospital and is home recovering from the back surgery that was performed as a result of the injuries she suffered in an automobile accident. We all wish Maureen a speedy and complete recovery and look forward to the time she and Dave can once again join us on the lake. Maureen, we are happy that you are here to celebrate your birthday.