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## PRESIDENT'S CAST



Hello, hope the fishing has been good for all of you since we last saw each other. The summer months bring a long stretch of idle time for the Federation but we are getting back to action soon. Heading into the final stretch of the 2009 season we have a tight battle brewing for the state team. This years qualifiers will get to represent Arizona in Arizona as we are the 2010 Western divisional host. In case you have not heard, we are trying to hold the event at Martinez, May 17 - 21, 2010, and the city of Yuma has offered to host the event. Fishing ought to be excellent at this event with big sacks!

The final two youth fishing events of the season will be 10/11 at Pleasant and 11/18 at Bartlett. If you can be available as a boater please let us know. We always need boats and mentors for these kids. The State Championship for Casting will be November 1st and volunteers will be needed there as well.

With the poor participation in the recent raffles, we have decided to simply sell our Alliance product we receive each year at State Team level pricing or better. The list of goods typically includes props, trolling motors, and Lowrance graph. Contact me if you need any product.

One area of concern for me is the lack of participation at the state monthly meetings. I understand how hard it is to make them if you live in Sierra Vista, Tucson, or Prescott, especially in these tough economic times, but we need to hear your voice. Ideas are always welcomed and will be discussed in full. Please put some thought into this and help us resolve the issue.

In closing, I want to let you know that if you have any questions, suggestions, or Alliance product purchase needs, feel free to contact me at [president@arizonabassfishing.com](mailto:president@arizonabassfishing.com) or call me at 928-671-0061. Good Fishin', Kip Pollay AZBFN State President.

## TOURNAMENT TRAIL

As the year comes to a close, there will be two qualifiers left before the AZ Federation Nation can determine its State team which will represent our State at the Western Divisionals hosted by AZ the week of May 17-21 next year. The last two qualifiers will be October 17 at Alamo and December 5 at Pleasant. The December 5 Tournament will be a first and last qualifier.





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## UP-COMING EVENTS



- **September 25th -26th** Cabelas Outdoor Days
- **October 14th** Meeting / Alamo Draw
- **November 4th** Member Meeting
- **December 2nd** Meeting / Pleasant Draw

## YOUTH DIGEST



As for the past few months, The Federation Nation youth has put together a family fishing series for Cabelas to promote family fishing. We called it our Cabelas Hot Summer Nights fun fishing events. Based on four Saturday night derbies in June. These events were preceded by Thursday night seminars at Cabelas. We fished Rio Vista in Peoria, Surprise Lake in Surprise, Desert West in Phoenix and Papago Ponds in Phoenix. These events were a big hit and had lots of support, over 100 people combined and lots of repeat families fished multiple events. Cabelas provided all the bait hooks weights, rods everything needed for families to get hooked on fishing. The final conclusion was Bob Kettelman donated a custom made rod built just for the youth in mind. Rod and reel combo was awarded to Daniel Posey family, this father has 2 boys Chris and Brandon who he takes fishing almost every weekend. Other rods combos were given away during the events and grab bags were raffled off at the end.

1. Casting Kids Finals November 1st 2009 at Cabelas from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm / regular Casting Kids Competition from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
2. Jr. Bass Events
  - A. Pleasant 10/11/09
  - B. Bartlett 11/08/09



## CONSERVATION CORNER

### Focus On Boating Safety This Season



PHOENIX ∅ Spring heat is setting in, and that means many Arizonans will be heading to the water to cool off. As boating season arrives, the [Arizona Game and Fish Department](#) wants to remind you to stay safe, especially because Arizona has six of the 20 most dangerous waterways in the United States.

"National Safe Boating Week [was] celebrated from May 20-26, but boating safety is really important. Always be sure to take the precautions that will help keep your boating trip safe and fun."

Among the things you should do before heading out on a lake or river:

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all the right size, Coast Guard-approved and in good working order, free from holes.
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3. Know the passenger and weight limits for your boat (they have been upgraded), so you can avoid overloading it.
4. Make sure your fire extinguishers work.
5. Put drain plugs back in your boat after winter storage.
6. F q p ø v " g x g t " f t k p m " c p f " f t k x g " c " d q c v 0



The Arizona Game and Fish Department schedules operating under the influence (OUI) checkpoints at various times throughout boating season. The department also uses high-saturation or "wolf-pack" patrols, where officers patrol high-use areas, looking for impaired boat operators on our waterways. "We want everyone to enjoy their time on the water in a responsible way," says Bergersen. "By following the tips above, folks can have a great time, and needless tragedies can hopefully be avoided.

The U.S. Coast Guard estimates more than 400 lives could have been saved nationwide in 2003 if all boaters had worn life jackets. In 2004, 12 people lost their lives in Arizona, six of who could possibly still be alive today if they had worn life jackets.

Also, alcohol was a contributing factor in about one-third of all reported recreational boating deaths. We want to educate everyone about the things they can do to protect themselves and their families."

The Arizona Game and Fish Department recommends taking a boating education class. Statistics show knowledgeable boaters are safe boaters. Those interested in taking a Game and Fish boating safety class can call (602) 789-3235 or visit [azgfd.gov/boating](http://azgfd.gov/boating) for more information.

*\*Article from Arizona Boating and Watersports\**



## TOP 10 TOURNAMENT FISH CARE TIPS

1. *Minimize handling and air exposure time. Land fish and remove hook as quickly as possible.*
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When surface water temperature is less than 75 degrees (F) aerate the livewell by flushing with fresh water.
3. *When surface water temperature is less than 75 degrees (F) aerate the livewell by flushing with fresh water.*
4. *Run recirculating aeration continuously when the boat is moving and cannot pump in fresh water.*
5. *When surface temperatures exceed 75 degrees, use continuous recirculation. Add a block of ice to cool the water.*



Surface Water Temperature

Target Livewell Water Temp

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6. When operating livewell in recirculation mode with more 5 lbs of bass, replace half of the livewell water with fresh water every 3 hours to remove ammonia. Add ice to lower temperature to the target livewell temperature range.
7. When recirculating, add 1/3 cup of non-iodized salt for each 5 gallons of livewell water.
8. At weigh-in use only bags provided by the tournament officials. Fill with at least 2 gallons of livewell water.
9. While waiting in line, dip fresh water into your bag several times from life-support tanks.
10. Handle fish with wet hands, hold bass vertically by the lower jaw or support the fish with two hands.

For more information visit [Bassmaster.com/conservation](http://Bassmaster.com/conservation)



## Boaters

### May Brief

PHOENIX The spring boating season is underway and the Arizona Game and Fish Department is asking boaters and anglers to take simple steps to avoid moving destructive quagga mussels and other invasive species from one lake to another.



These tiny invaders can easily hitchhike on your boat 10,000 or more microscopic larvae can be carried in a single drop of water. For more information visit [www.azgfd.com](http://www.azgfd.com) for the Game and Fish Department.

In fact, these tiny invaders are so prolific that a single adult quagga mussel can produce up to a half-million microscopic larvae in a single year and can eventually carpet large areas of a lake. So please Clean, Drain and Dry your boat each and every time you visit a lake.



- **Drain** - the water from the boat, livewell and the lower unit
- **Clean** - the hull and remove all plant and animal material
- **Dry** - the boat and inspect all exposed surfaces

Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.