

Campbell

Shoreline

AUGUST 2002

The 30th Annual Campbell Regatta

Bad to the Bone!

Hope your summer is going well and that your plans are underway to join us here in Havasu for the 2002 version of the Campbell Regatta, Sept. 6, 7 and 8.

As always, the event starts around 6 PM on Friday with "Burgers, Boats and Beer" at Campbells (aka "Big Bob's Party Barn"). Teddy will have the grill fired up and the "house band" - well, might as well be - The Famous Unknowns will play for dancing. We'll button things up around 10 to insure a well-rested crowd for Saturday's competitive events.

First off at Sailboat Cove at the undergoing renovation Nautical Inn will be the ski race. The thinking here is to get the skiers out before the water gets too rough, but things have not always worked out that way. Makes for some shoreline entertainment though!

As we reset the buoys for the tighter Saturday slalom course, participants can join in the Poker Run. Sign up on the beach around 11 and get your first card, then pick up three other cards at various places around the lake, then get your final card and turn in your hand back at the beach. If you have the best or worst poker hand, this could be a rewarding exercise!

We start the Saturday slalom at 1 and this is always entertaining. Who can forget the year that an owner of a twin engine boat thought he could really cut around the mark if he put the far engine in forward and the near one in reverse! This year rumor has it that we will see everything racing from a little Campbell 18 to a behemoth 32—luckily not at the same time...

We plan to finish the racing about 4 to allow everyone time to get ready for the boat parade, which starts through the channel at 6. The theme this year for decorations and costumes is "villains," so get ready for some hisses and boos. Remember that awards are also given to "best looking" boat in each size category, so join the parade

whether or not you choose to decorate. It's worth it for the goodies passed at the post-parade raft-up. Of course the judges wish to remind you that they will be on the Green Limousine, eagerly awaiting their usual haul of illegal bribes...

Back to the Nautical Convention Center for air conditioning, dinner and dancing. Bob will give out the day's competitive and boat parade awards about 9, so come by then if you're not dining at the Nautical with us. We'll be carrying on until midnight or so as we get a later start on Sunday.

Bright-eyed and out by ten, ready for the hotly contested Powderpuff/Extended Slalom. Each year we get more women going out in the Powderpuff—have to check to see if it means fewer men in the Extended Slalom... In any case, comparing the times is always interesting! We should have Sunday's awards about 2, in time for a relaxing after-Regatta excursion—destination to be announced. If you really want to extend your Regatta weekend, plan to stay over for the after-election party at Campbells boats on Tuesday, Sept. 10 after the polls close at 7 PM. Locals get in with an "I Voted" sticker, but of course Campbell people are always welcome. Looking forward to seeing all of our favorite "villains" in September!

Regatta Theme for
the Saturday boat
parade:

Villains

Saturday, Sept. 7

6 PM



The fully loaded GREEN LIMOUSINE heads out for a slalom run.



Rafting up under London Bridge after Saturday's boat parade.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN LAKE HAVASU CITY WHEN...

You know a swamp cooler is not a Happy Hour drink...

Most of the restaurants have the first name "El" or "Los"...

The water from the cold water tap is the same temperature as the hot one in any other state...

Vehicles with open windows have the right of way in the summer...

You know a local born who is allergic to grass, but didn't know it until she was 15 as she'd never been around it...

The best parking places are determined not by distance, but by shade...

You can correctly pronounce the words: "Acoma", "Saguaro", and the biggie, "Chemehuevi".



BOB WHELAN

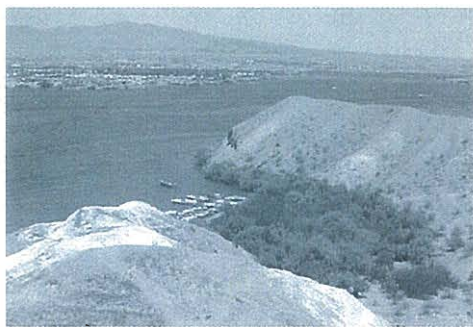
FOR MAYOR

No, the above is not some sort of April Fool's joke (though we think the slogan is pretty catchy). Learning that the incumbent mayor, Melanie Grinstead Hanak, will not seek reelection, and concerned about the city's direction and rapid growth, Bob and several others began to look for candidates in early spring. For various reasons, Bob emerged as the logical candidate and he decided to take on the challenge. He has two opponents and must win the Sept. 10 non-partisan election by 50% plus 1 vote.

As all of you who boat here have noticed, Havasu is growing at a rapid pace, which brings both problems and opportunities. Bob feels that with his experience, enthusiasm, and leadership, the city council can find ways to take advantage of that growth and still retain the Havasu lifestyle. Good thing that Bob likes a challenge!

Spring Roundup

As you can see from the pictures, we had a nice crowd for Spring Roundup on May 4, with the weather cooperating fully. Best of all, May 4 was close enough to Cinco de Mayo to keep Steve Parker busy with his motorcycle margarita blender (when he was not



Maybe we'll have to call this "Campbell Cove"!
— photo by Laurie & Mike Chatterton

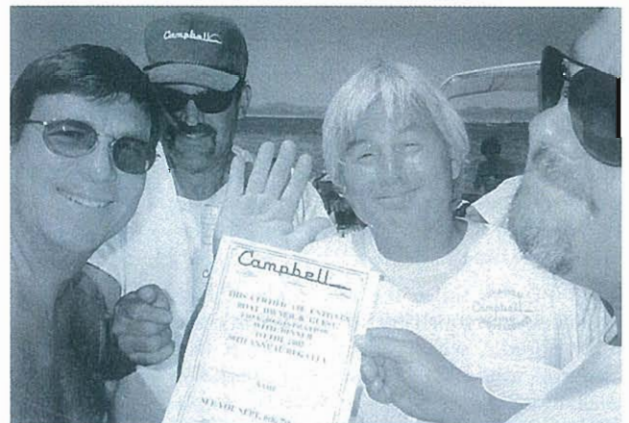
cooking hot dogs and bratwursts or making fresh salsa on the beach). Lots of good food and fun was had by all, especially those lucky enough to make a little money as well. Bob and Mimi Richardson had the high poker hand and split the pot with Dan and Vicki Cowin who had the low hand. Cliff Lee got the draw of a free trip to the Regatta. We should have restricted the number of Campbells that could be registered by any one owner!



First, fire up the blender!
— photo by Laurie & Mike Chatterton



The bow of a Campbell makes an excellent buffet table!
— photo by Terri Parker

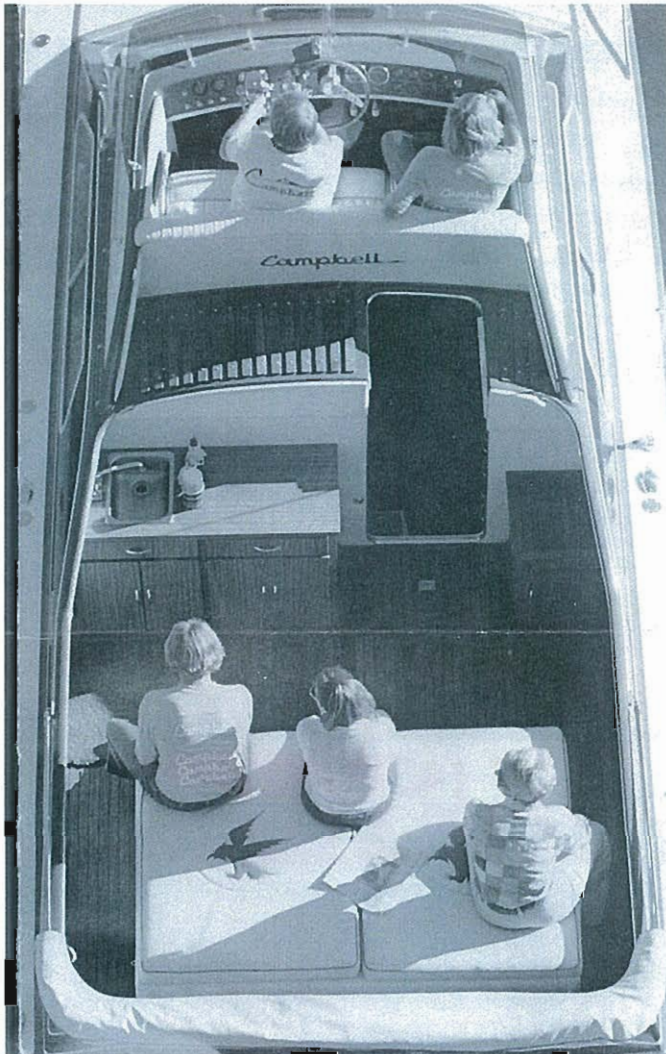


Cliff Lee finds Bill, Kermit & Steve volunteering to be his Regatta guests.

We Can Do That!

Last month we received a letter from a Campbell owner, Richard Rose, who is enjoying boating on Lake Michigan with his 28' flybridge. He wrote to ask if we could fill him in on the history of his boat. But we were fascinated by the history of the boat as he told it and I quote:

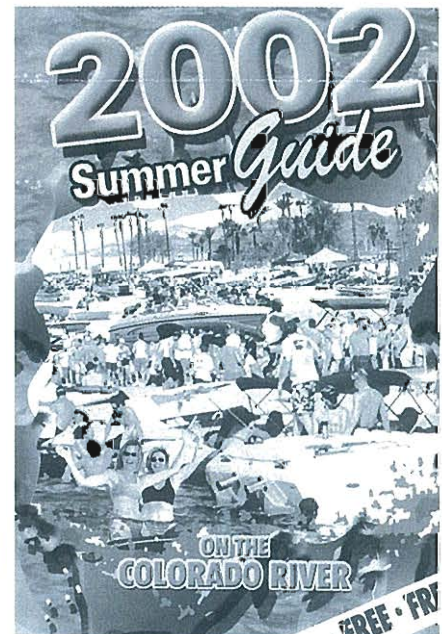
"Originally we found our Campbell laying on its side in the desert sand with no trailer and, after tunneling under the boat in three areas, we were able to rent a crane and lift the craft onto a low-boy transport and bring it home where we put it in drydock. After doing some research, we contacted R&S Trailer Co. in Lake Havasu and arranged to have them use their original patterns and make us a new trailer for our trek across the United States to Wisconsin. The trouble is, we know very little about the boat's past, although the people we purchased it from originally said it spent time on Lake Mead where it was "run hard and put away wet." The original brochures and all paperwork were still in the boat. The sinks and head still had the stickers on them and have never been used. We'd like to restore the boat to original specs, but since there is not another Campbell boat up here, we rely on pictures in the "Shoreline." Thank you for any help you can give us."



Of course we went immediately to our Campbell Owner Information System (lots of manila folders with names crossed out and others added) and we were able to answer Richard's questions about the boat's past, and an interesting one it is. In 1976 (in the height of our boat-building glory), we were contacted by a rep who had connections in Kuwait. He said that a Kuwaiti group was shopping for 1000 boats of different varieties. All the boats in our group were to be made in the U.S. and our main competition was a similar group in the Netherlands. Our part was for 50 28' flybridge cruisers and so we built two as samples. Unfortunately, our Kuwait "family" apparently was not as powerful as the family backing the Netherlands, so they got the contract and we sold those two boats, which we nicknamed "Kuwait I and II." Richard Rose owns "Kuwait I" which was a rust-colored flybridge built in July of 1977, and was extensively pictured in our "white book" catalogue. (see photos)

The boat was sold to Beany Walker whose son removed the flybridge but never got around to moving the controls. We never heard much about the boat until Richard got in touch with us. Strange that a boat that was built for the desert and found in the desert is now adjusting to life in Wisconsin! The "flying Phoenix bird" which he described on the engine cover was the motif suggested to appeal to the Kuwaitis. We will be sending Richard all the information we have to help him restore the boat to its original condition.

It would be fun to spotlight the history of a particular Campbell boat in the newsletter. Send suggestions and as much information as you have, and we'll take it from there!



ELECTION RESULTS

If you can't be here for Bob's after-election party on September 10, you can get the results online from Wednesday's newspaper. The address is www.havasunews.com.

Recognize these "cover girls"? Not sure that Mitch and Bill would say they were "free"...



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to the great people who work at Campbell Boats, I have been able to take the time to run for mayor and feel comfortable that I can devote however much time is required if I am elected. After the election on Sept. 10, we will be having a Campbell-style party at the shop to celebrate whichever of the three possible outcomes occurs; win, lose or draw (with a runoff in November). It'll be the usual blast; Ballots, Burgers, Beer, Band, Boats and Babes. If it's "lose" we may have to add Booze...

You may have been hearing some discussion about the temporary banning of personal watercraft on the National Park Service-administered Lakes Powell, Mead and Mohave. The San Francisco-based Bluewater Network filed a lawsuit two years ago to mandate that the Park Service prove by Sept. 15, 2002, that PWCs do not harm the environment, a task and deadline that they knew the NPS could not meet. Naturally the Park Service was unable to accomplish this within this time frame, so a ban will go into place on Sept. 15 until that report is completed. The Bluewater Network has also sought to ban camping on many of the most popular beaches, and the closure of entire coves and canyons to boating.

While Lake Havasu is not yet affected, as it is not administered by the Park Service, the concern is that the ban on PWCs is just a foothold and the ultimate goal of the Bluewater Network is to ban all motorized marine vessels. Since power boats are not vulnerable on the "emissions" issue, they will do this by attempting to enforce the current sound level limits. These are set low enough that virtually no boats over 24' can comply (thus explaining why it has never been enforced). The explanation for Bluewater's attitude (and its extensive funding for legal action) may be explained by the fact that the largest contributor by far is Ted Tuner, a sailor and "rag man" for years.

As of yet we have no idea what the impact of this ban will be on Lake Havasu, other than we may see a lot more PWCs. Of more concern to all of us who love boating is what will happen to this issue in the future. Keep an eye out for future developments.

We have completed the restoration, or more correctly, complete reconstruction of our turbocharged 20 Daycruiser. After some soul searching, Judy and I have decided that MISSY, SNOOPY, and the LIMO are enough boats for our personal fleet, and we are offering the FLAGSHIP for sale. It is a great boat with a lot of good memories, so give us a call if you're interested in learning more.

As always, looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the Regatta!



Another party at "Big Bob's Party Barn" (aka Campbell Boats). This is a Hawaiian fiesta farewell for visitors from Ciudad Guzman in Jalisco, Mexico. Nice bikini on that guy—

Bob Whelan

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