OCTOBER 2003

# 31st Regatta & the First-Ever Standing Ovation!

We dodged serious weather by one day, as a huge storm hit Thursday night, dumping 2 inches of rain on Havasu in 2 hours! But by Friday evening the roads and skies were clear for the kick-off to the 31st Regatta. We had a good crowd for the usual Burgers, Boats and Beer at Campbell Boats. Karan promised a table dance if we had 60 entrants, but we ended up with 53-oh well, it gives her a year to practice...

Saturday was hot and humid, but the ski race got underway, featuring Haley Roughton as the youngest skier and Tom McEntire as the oldest. He is determined to equal his father's record of skiing in the Regatta at age 80!

The around-the-lake Poker Run was followed by the always-eagerly-anticipated carne asada lunch provided by the Parkers and the Thomases. They are logistical geniuses as somehow every year a fabulous feast magically appears on the beach!

After lunch we ran the Saturday Slalom, which included a run by Doug Anderson in the 32' NUMERO UNO. This was very popular with those



Getting ready for Saturday's boat parade.
This combination of Cerwin's FIREWATER and Justin
Luther's SWIZZLE STICK won Best Decorated.

on the start boat as they had time to jump in for a swim while he was running the course!

e finished the competitive events about 4pm, leaving only 2 hours to decorate for the "Under the Big Top" boat parade at 6pm. Because of Thursday night's storm, we had worried about the Riggens/Proctor entry as we knew they had been working on it across the lake. But they came through with a giant ferriswheel, Uncle Sam on stilts, etc. and even towed a carny game where spectators along Bridgewater channel could throw tennis balls through the clown's mouth (AND win a stuffed animal). The result of their efforts was the first-ever standing ovation at the award ceremony that night! A perfect team, with Brad and Beth as construction superintendents and Steve and Janice doing the fine artwork. Then they had to tow the thing back across the lake after the dancing broke up around midnight and dismantle it so BORN READY would be ready for Sunday's competition!

Sunday's Extended Slalom/Powerpuff got lots of participation. Timed races between drivers are always competitive, then add in the Battle of the Sexes and you have some real excitement! As Steve Parker said, after checking the scores, "Time to go out and break something!" The race results and the winners of the boat parade are enclosed. Hope you will pencil in the weekend after Labor Day to join us in 2004 for what is really a "Large Family Gathering" where you don't meet your in-laws and everyone loves you!



The "Under the Big Top" Tee-Shirt.



It must be in the genes — Daniel Lee has a scoreboard souvenir of his ran in Sunday's Extended Slalom.

### **NEEDED...Boat Parade Participants**

The annual Boat Parade of Lights through Bridgewater Channel has become such a tourist attraction that over 40 buses are scheduled in and we were told that all channel-view restaurants are already completely booked! The parade will again be held on two nights, Saturday, Dec. 6th and Sunday, Dec. 7th.

As usual, we need both Campbell 24s and "drivers". Those of you who have participated before, know that there is virtually no driving involved, as all the boats are harnessed together, pulled by Rudolph in the lead, and braked by the LIMO in the rear. Just don't reveal this to the parade announcers who always give us great credit for our "precision driving"... If you can donate a 24 or participate as a driver on either or both nights, please call Karan at (928) 855-2133. Join us, sit back with some refreshments and enjoy the always-enthusiastic crowds!

#### **4-Wheel Adventure!**

With the boating season winding down, it's time to get out the Jeeps and jitneys for Gary's annual 4-Wheel Drive Trip. The date is Saturday, November 15, and early birds can meet at Campbell Boats for Bloody Marys prior to the 9AM departure.

This year's destination is the old mining town of Chloride, famous now for its "artsy" inhabitants. You will see lots of "front yard art" involving any and all materials. But Chloride is also well known for the colorful murals painted on tall rocks at the edge of town — one man's view of the cosmos. Bring a camera as they are brightly painted and in good condition.

Lest we forget the "drive" part, Gary promises a climb over a 6000' mountain top, so the cars will get some exercise. As always, pack a picnic and some refreshments for the lunch stop. And speaking of food, Gary and Sally Clark again invite all participants over for a post-trip barbeque (and they promise to BE there this time).





## Letter from The President

What a great Regatta! There was super participation in all the events and no wind! This year the Campbell people put on the entire Regatta without much help from Judy and myself who were busy with politics, museum and travel. It

was a fine event and they deserve all the credit!

One thing has become apparent over the years. With the increased traffic on the lake and with our number of competitors, the area around the start and finish line has become very crowded. So for next year, we are going to require that all boats in the competitive events install an ignition lanyard. We will have special prices on parts and labor to do this, and all the competitors we talked to agreed that this might prevent an accident.

As always, I look forward to all the Fall events: The 4 Wheel Prive Trip, The Boat Parade of Lights and the Klambake. Havasu will soon host the 1000 car Run to the Sun and London Bridge Days—and that's just irr-October! So. ioin us soon here in Lake Havasu City!



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#### We Get Letters...

Every once in a while, we get a letter that really makes our day, like this one, which was brief and to the point!

"To Gary: You guys are the best. I am a detail-oriented obsessive prick and you always seem to make me happy. The only negative is soon I will have to pay you for things — thanks again."

Negatia participants will remember the beautiful vintage 1954 Campbell owned by the Hurlburts from Searchlight, Nevada. Prior to the Regatta they had taken the boat to Lake Arrowhead for the Antique and Classic Wooden Boat Show. A bit intimidated by all the lovely Chris Crafts, Garwoods and Centurys etc., they were thrilled to win both "Best 1958 and Older Utility Boat" and "Farthest Travelled Boat"! Of course some of us would question whether something "born" in 1954 should really be classified as an antique.

#### CAMPBELL CALENDAR

Please mark down these important Campbell dates, as the next newsletter doesn't come out until after the Klambake and you wouldn't want to miss out!

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE TRIP

Meet at the Campbell facility prior to the 9AM departure for a Bloody Mary and your instructions from trail boss, Gary McDade. Then, at the end of the trip, enjoy a barbeque at Gary and Sally Clark's home.

# SAT. & SUN., DEC. 6th & 7th BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS

This event has gotten bigger every year and Campbell owners are encouraged to decorate their boats as entries or be part of the official Campbell entry. It's quite a thrill to hear all the cheers of the crowds lining Bridgewater Channel.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2004 KLAUS' KLAMBAKE

Definitely the best way to start the New Year off right is to be a part of Klaus' Klambake. For a whole day you have nothing to do but enjoy fabulous seafood, good beer and wine, and the company of good friends. You need to call Karan for reservations (928) 855-2133, as we are limited by cooking capacity. We're pretty sure that there are those that own a Campbell just so they can come to the Klambake...

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