

Campbell

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Part of the traditional after-parade raft-up at last year's Regatta.

23RD CAMPBELL REGATTA "VACATION FANTASY" Sept. 8, 9 & 10, 1995

It's September and you have an UNCONTROLLABLE URGE for a vacation that will be ALMOST HEAVEN. Perhaps you and your SWEET PEA (who's NAUGHTY BUT NICE) might SKIP N' GO NAKED while sipping a STRANGE BREW and watching that TEQUILA SUNRISE. FOLLOW YOUR HEART to the 23rd Campbell Regatta to be held here in Lake Havasu on September 8, 9 and 10.

We start off with registration here at the factory on Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with cocktails, dinner and dancing from 6 to 9 p.m.

On Saturday everything moves to the Nautical Inn for the competitive events, with the ski race starting at 9 a.m. Around 11 we break for lunch and the poker run to different parts of the lake. The competition concludes with the Saturday slalom starting around 1 p.m. Beer and soft refreshments will be available on the beach all day.

The action switches to Bridgewater Channel at 6 p.m. for the famous Campbell Boat Parade. Now we find out just what is your true "Vacation Fantasy"! Some of the whispers we have heard about various interpretations are bizarre to say the least! Remember that prizes are also awarded in the "best looking" category to boats that choose not to decorate for the theme.

After the final raft-up the Campbells are tucked away and the crews gather under the London Bridge for dinner and dancing, with the award presentations and poker run results scheduled for 9 p.m. Frolicking continues...

We sleep in a bit on Sunday and hit the Nautical beach at 10 a.m. for the combined extended slalom and powderpuff. This wide-open course results in some fast runs (and sometimes flying buggy tops...). We finish that last keg as Bob presents the awards for Sunday's events, then you're on your own for a relaxing run upriver or that trip home. In any case, you've had a SWEET REUNION with Campbell friends, and SUM FUN which has been LONG OVERDUE. We'll see you in September!

AHHH - THE CAMPBELL LIFE

There is no question that some of our boats are leading more exciting lives than we are! Take NO PROBLEM for instance. This is the 1973 red and white 32' flybridge which has been owned and run on Havasu for years by Ed and Claudia Breunig.

You may remember the history of this Campbell from the August, 1989 newsletter: how it disappeared from Lake Havasu and was next seen floating on a beach off Veracruz, Mexico. The speculation was that the crew was making a drug run from Mexico to New Orleans and ran out of fuel. It was brought out of Mexico, restored and used on Lake Mead, and then sold to Ed.

Now in our shop, NO PROBLEM is being refurbished and modified for salt water use. She was purchased by Mike Christopher and his dad, Joe Dikoff. Joe has owned Campbells for years, most recently a 24' named COURVOISIER, which will be the 32's new name. Along with new owners and a new name, the boat will be cruising in a new locale - around St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. Some boats (and their owners) have all the luck!





LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We're finally getting our normal, beautiful summer weather after an unusually cool and windy Spring. The lake is full, so trips up-river are safe and fun. The dredging of London Bridge Channel will begin

this Fall, well after the Regatta. The city's new weed mower has been at work, keeping the channel and beaches clear (for the Regatta, I assume).

We have a very interesting Campbell on consignment now - a 28' cuddy cabin with two 850 hp Gale Banks engines with turbo 400 automatic transmissions. Engines and transmissions run standard rotation, and there is a Casale Gear Reverser in the starboard drive train so the props are counter-rotated. This was so the boat can idle at low speed, yet have the advantages of counter-rotation.

I hope the rest of you are working on your VACATION FANTASIES. I started out with a LIMO full of gas, beer and friends and I'm not telling where I ended up! All of us here at Campbell Boats are looking forward to seeing you here in September!

Bob Whelan

CAMPBELL BOAT OWNERS' REGATTA: A BRIEF HISTORY

The first Campbell Regatta, held in the fall of 1972, was just an informal get-together of Campbell owners who boated on Lake Havasu. The only competitive event was a chug-a-lug contest in which each contestant had to chug a beer and put the empty cup on his head before his relay teammate could start. This event was re-enacted 20 years later at the 1992 Regatta with many of the original participants, indicating the loyalty of members of the "Campbell Family."

In the intervening years, competitive events were added, always with a single boat running against the clock. Early on there was an inner tube race, but Campbell owners are competitive and soon the tubes got bigger and faster and the ensuing crashes higher and harder and the Coast Guard shut down that event. Now the competitive events are: the ski race, Saturday slalom (on a tight course that favors skilled driving rather than raw speed), and the Sunday extended slalom and Powderpuff (both run on a wide open course with a minimum of turns). Awards are given to both individuals and to teams formed of one each of different sizes of boats. Saturday's poker run is popular with everyone as it gives boaters a chance to see different sections of the lake (and maybe win several hundred dollars.)

The boat parade under London Bridge starts at 6 p.m., and all boats are eligible for awards, whether decorated or not. Today's elaborate costumes and decorations evolved from a few owners who attached balloons to their boats. Now each boat parade has a theme such as: "Heroes," "Song Titles," etc., which makes the event more enjoyable to participants and spectators alike.

Saturday evening concludes with a dinner served under London Bridge, followed by the awards ceremony and dancing to the band that played at Friday's dinner and dance at the factory.

Over its 23 years the Regatta has become less fiercely competitive and more family oriented. After all, those little toddlers who played in the sand at the first Regattas are now parents and boat owners themselves-the "Campbell Family" continues to grow!

SPRIN(KLE) ROUNDUP

The official Spring boating season (at least for Campbell owners) kicked off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, with the annual Spring Roundup.

Owners gathered at the factory for the traditional 5 gallon water bottle of Bloody Marys and a look at some of the interesting Campbells both old and new.

Despite a pretty good wind and threatening rain, around 30 boats made the trip downriver to Three Dunes Cove below Black Meadows. Apparently the rough water resulted in a little wife-swapping as Beth Rikken, for one, deserted Brad in their 20' CAPITAL LOSS, for the luxury (and well-stocked cooler) of Klaus and Ilona Brittinger's 24' HAPPY PAPPY.

Once the boats were beached, the high lake level made it difficult to walk from boat to boat, but Bob and Diane Artunian's son and daughter kindly converted their SeaDoo into a floating merchandise mart, selling t-shirts and poker hands. Whenever there is a job to be done, someone always steps up to help out.

After the food, margaritas and socializing, we finished the day with drawings for all sorts of items, ranging from the ridiculous (a transom plug necklace) to the sublime (a free trip to the Regatta). The latter was won by Bob and Mimi Richardson who are always great Regatta participants in WAKE MAKER. Poker winners were Mike and Tammy Kenny for low hand and Eric Burns for the high hand.

Most of us made it in, but those who stayed out to ski got caught in a bit of a cloudburst, including some hail. But, as David Kahn said after coming in from the tidal-wave like conditions on Thompson Bay on the July 4th weekend, "Nothing bothers a Campbell!"



"Hey, Bill, these guys aren't buyers—they just want to fondle the equipment on MAKIN' OUT."

Cliff Lee goes up for a closer look at Bob and Judy's "new" old Campbell, the 1968 24' Daycruiser MISSY, once owned by Dan Blocker. Among other Campbells once owned by "Hoss" were the 24' cuddy TOP BONANZA and the one-of-a-kind 40' LADY IN CEMENT.





Getting situated on Three Dunes Beach.



When the food comes out, the crowd gathers...



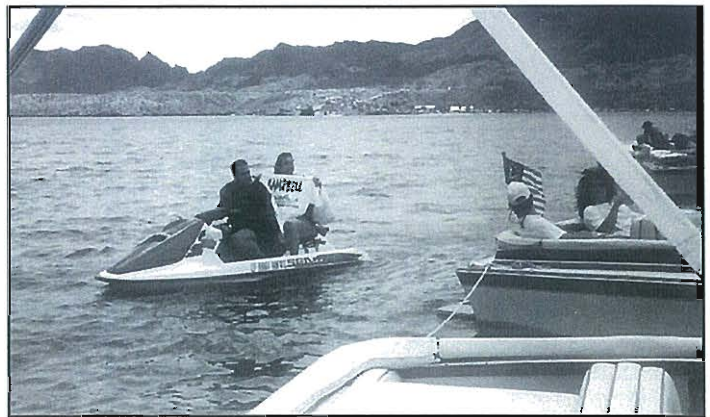
Dick Thompson of HAPPY HOUR, HAPPY HOUR finds the trip home a bit chilly. (Notice that Jan took this photo from the comfort of the cabin...)

REGATTA ROOM RATE SPECIALS

Both the Nautical Inn and the London Bridge Resort have offered the following room rates for Campbell owners for Sept. 8, 9 and 10:

London Bridge Resort (520) 855-0888 Kings and Doubles for \$89. Slips available on arrival at \$10/day.

Nautical Inn (520) 855-2141 (Includes free mooring of boats in bay area). Beach Room-\$65, Bay Room-\$90 Point Room-\$100.



"Pst, wanna buy a Campbell tee shirt? Free delivery to your boat!"

OLD BOAT - NEW OWNER

Can you identify the new owners of these Campbells?? In most cases the boat name has not changed and I added a description to help you out. Hopefully you'll be able to introduce yourself to these "new" owners at the Regatta!

BOAT & FORMER OWNER

OWNER

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| ___ 1. 24W-BUCKIN & BOBBIN
Buck Beeler | A. Randy McKeehan |
| ___ 2. '80 24CC-DEFIANT Gary Boling | B. Gerald Moffatt |
| ___ 3. '77-24CC-OVERDUE
Frank Sheldon & Bill Ragan | C. Jennifer Thomas |
| ___ 4. '73 32' Flybridge-NO PROBLEM
Ed Breunig | D. Rick Kalisz |
| ___ 5. '73 24CC-(NO NAME)
Pancho Gonzales | E. Frank Butta |
| ___ 6. '76 24CC-SILVER FOX
Wayne Artus | F. Walt Kee |
| ___ 7. '76 24CC-Mohave County
Sheriff's boat | G. Danny Cates |
| ___ 8. '82 28CC-FANCY FREE
Don Cunningham | H. Bob Rohrer |
| ___ 9. '78 24CC-BEATS WORKING
Howdy Hart | I. Jim Teagarden |
| ___ 10. '80 28CC-BALD EAGLE
Ted Coss | J. Joe Dikoff |
| ___ 11. '69 24CC-YELLOW ROSE
Bill Ellis (This is a tough one...) | K. Rick Howard |
| ___ 12. '79 24CC-ORANGE BLOSSOM
Len Crabtree | L. Roger Trainor |
| ___ 13. '72 20DC-SNOOPY Dean Petersen | M. Jeff Bradshaw (Carl) |
| ___ 14. '70 20DC-SUMMER LOVE
Jack Howard (easy!) | N. Roy Serrano |
| ___ 15. '78 24CC-A WEAKIE Larry Presley | O. Bill Macfarlane |
| ___ 16. '77 22CC-FOOLISH PLEASURE
Jim Spurlin | P. Pete Ellis |
| ___ 17. '65 22CC-BITTERSWEET
Tom McEntire | Q. the Joe McAndrews &
the Mike McAndrews |
| ___ 18. '73 24CC-SWING SHIFT
Gary Hanson | R. Cap Peckham |
| ___ 19. '75 24CC-IT'S THE REAL THING
Pat Dolce | S. Scott Zalibra |
| ___ 20. '68 24' DC-MISSY Joe Refsnes | T. Bob Whelan |

(just checking to see if you read the newsletter...)

13-B, 14-K, 15-R, 16-A, 17-C, 18-S, 19-D, 20-T
1-Q, 2-M, 3-L, 4-J, 5-I, 6-E, 7-N, 8-G, 9-F, 10-H, 11-P, 12-O,

ANSWERS

THINKING ABOUT A NEW (OR USED) BOAT

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Regatta! While you're here, take time to look over the new and used boats we have in inventory. A full listing is included in this newsletter.

In addition to our consignment boats, we also have new boats in stock made by Cobalt and Century. Cobalt is the industry leader in quality production boats. We picked up the Century line because they build multi-purpose boats for fishing, skiing, etc.

For any Campbell owner thinking about moving up, I can't think of a better time to place an order, especially before the L.A. Boat Show. See Bob or me for specific details on this limited special offer.

I look forward to seeing everyone in September and to having the opportunity to meet those I haven't met before. Please stop by and introduce yourself!

Ed Ramsden

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Schedule of Events for
September 8, 9 & 10, 1995

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1995

Registration at Campbell Boat Service Co., 850 London Bridge Road from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cocktail party, dinner, dancing and continued registration at the factory 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1995

Free beer on the Nautical Beach from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Timed ski races off Nautical Inn 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Two runs, best time, any skier. Poker run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sign up on the beach, \$15 per poker hand and \$5 per "21" hand.
Timed slalom race 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Best time of two runs.
Boat parade from the south end of the channel to under the London Bridge from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Theme: "VACATION FANTASY"
Dinner under the London Bridge from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Tables will be cleared at 8:30. Awards at approximately 9 p.m. and dancing until midnight.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1995

Free beer on the Nautical Beach after 10 a.m.
Ladies Powderpuff timed race on extended slalom course at 10 a.m. Best time of two runs. Extended slalom off Nautical Inn 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (to be run concurrently with the Powderpuff.) Best of two runs.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU;
HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!**

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