

Boating with a group is a lot of fun

I belong to two boating organizations and each tries to include fun events during the year. At a recent Las Vegas Power Squadron meeting plans were discussed for a lake cruise and overnight stay at Temple Bar and Sandy Cove. To top off the trip there will be dinner at the Temple Bar Marina restaurant, and fun and games. There will be some famous "guests" in attendance in the form of the crew from Gilligan's Island. The discussion then centered on which member would assume what role. A new member myself, I am still learning names and faces, but I looked over those near me to see who might fit the role of Gilligan ... and Ginger. Characters will dress in au-

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thetic costumes. I have a previous commitment that weekend but it certainly sounds like it will be successful. Maybe I'll get to go on the next cruise. As I have said many times, the Power Squadron has a main purpose: To teach boat safety and regularly scheduled boat safety classes. The fall class has 34 students registered. Clint Moore advised me more classes will be held in the Henderson and Boulder City areas soon. I will publish the dates and times when classes are set.

Even with the classes, this organization always has social events, often at regular meetings. They do throw a mean pot luck. If interested in membership, call Commander Herb Herpolsheimer, 736-4001. The requirements are simple: Pass or have passed a safe boating class, and the minimum age is 16. Family memberships are encouraged. Members can take advantage of a diverse educational program. Whether a part-timer or boat full time, knowing more about boat safety and the its operation, can help offer greater enjoyment in all of boating activities. All classes are taught by qualified instructors. If you are like most of us who

are still working, you are hard pressed to find free time. After working all day, I look forward to sitting down in front of my new television or do some work in the garden, but there are groups like the LVPS for which I make time. As well as the social aspect, I am very interested in safe boat operation and in keeping Lake Mead free from accidents. I am sure there will be a boat or two from the squadron entered in the Parade of Lights. Come enter your boat and meet the members. Until next time...keep your bilge dry. Eicher, a long-time valley resident, considers himself a part-time boater and fisherman.

Lightest fly rods introduced

MANCHESTER, Vt.—Fifteen new Orvis Trident fresh- and saltwater rods, known as Trident TL rods, will be introduced for the 1998 season. Trident TL rods feature a 57 million modulus graphite with a unique compound taper that places them among the very lightest in the industry, and the lightest Orvis has ever produced. The rods also have the patented Orvis MVR vibration reduction technology found on all Orvis Trident rods. Compound tapers offer more consistency in action throughout a rod series and offer weight reduction in the rod blank itself. They incorporate a different type

of compound taper than conventional tapered fly rods. Instead of one continuous taper, these rods have several tapers incorporated into one mandril. It allows engineers to make dimensional changes where necessary in order to put stiffness where it needs to be, and removes a significant amount of material from the blank, reducing the weight. The weight difference is apparent in both actual mass and perceived "in the hand" weight. In addition to being the lightest rods Orvis has ever built, the Trident TL rods also weigh less than the leading competitor. Orvis Trident TL 905-3.085 oz;

top competitor 905-3.525 oz.; % difference-12%. Orvis Trident TL 864-2.685 oz.; competitor 864-3.160 oz.; % difference-16%. The new rods will be green, polished with high gloss, durable double epoxy, with gold anodized aluminum and maple burl reel seats on the trout models and black aluminum reel seats on the saltwater models. Stripping guides will be black titanium carbonitride for extra wear resistance. The 15 new rods are available in two and four piece models, a variety of flex indexes, and in premium and Silver Label versions.

Hunters to check guzzlers

Upland game bird hunters are being asked by NDOW to inspect water developments they are hunting near to make sure the devices are in working condition. More than 240 small game water developments (guzzlers) are found in the southern portion of the state, providing a year-round source of water for quail, chukar and other wildlife. Hunters should check to make sure tanks are holding water and there is no apparent damage to awnings, gutters, drain pipes and fences.

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Star gazing program on TV-10

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card and mailed to the station, or entry forms are available in retail stores throughout the state. The winning adventure will be selected by the crew and will be featured on the show. The grand prize winner will receive a three-day house boat vacation. Other prizes include a Swiss Army watch, Vasque hiking boots, a Jansport back pack and a Tilley hat. "The mission has always been to show Nevadans all there is to do and see in this great state.

This contest is just another way for us to learn about what people do and what they enjoy in the outdoors of Nevada," said executive producer and Henderson resident Dan Garrison. "Outdoor Nevada" is a production of KLVX TV-10 and is made possible in part by contributions from the Clark County Desert Conservation Program and Nevada Power Co. The program is seen at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 1:30 a.m. Wednesdays, and 5:30 p.m. Saturdays.

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