



The Nevada Yacht Club
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THE REGATTA

Commodore's Column

Ahoy! Mates...

Hope all is well with everyone. The Nevada Yacht Club has had a very busy April. Our Leukemia Cup April 9th & 10th was a huge success, thanks to all of you that contributed by either fundraising, racing, and working the committee's.

A special thank you to Glenn Frank our chairperson for the event. Glenn spent uncountable hours overseeing everything to make sure our Leukemia Cup was a success. Great Job Glenn! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Moving on to April 16th & 17th. Another great success was our spring "Learn To Sail" program. Our Vice Commodore, Joedy Sisler, did a fantastic job in booking a full house for this one. This was the biggest class yet with 58 students.

I also would like to thank the Lake Mead Sail Club for their valuable time instructing and taking students out on the water. Winds were light on Saturday and heavy on Sunday giving our students a taste of what sailing is about on Lake Mead.

Sailing on to April 23rd was our spring race, which delighted our sailors with some nice wind. It was a great day on the water and again we had some students from sail training getting the fever.

April 30th was our Spring Women's Regatta. It was light air to start, but then began to blow in the afternoon. There was a minimum amount of racers out, but I'm sure they had fun.

I would like to remind the membership that if you have any fun stories you would like to share in the newsletter, please email Sherry Gerner at alohamai2@yahoo.com, she would love to hear from you.

Plan to attend our May General Meeting at the Lake Mead Marina restaurant on May 20th 7:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Curt Thompson from Boats for Sail, Inc. Curt deals in new Macgregor boats.

Happy Sailing, John D'Acunto, Commodore

Special Points of Interest:

- Board Meeting, Wed., 5 May, 6:30, The Henry's American Grill, 237 N. Stephanie St., Henderson, 898-5100
Single Handed Race Sat 7 May, 9:00 AM
Jack and Jill Race, Sun, 8 May, 9:00 AM, LMM
May General Meeting, Fri, 20 May, 7:30 PM, LMM
Boulder City Sail Training, Sat., 21 May, INSTRUCTORS NEEDED. See Glenn Frank
Wet Wednesday Race, 1 June, 7:00 PM, LMM
Board Meeting, Wed. 8 June, 6:30 PM

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May General Meeting

Friday, 20 May

7:30 PM

Lake Mead Marina

Nevada Yacht Club
Executive Board Meeting **March 9, 2005**

Meeting commences at 18:42 hrs.
Commodore John D'Acunto presided over the meeting.
Also present Joedy Sisler, Shay Sisler, Glenn Frank, Steve Smith, John Crawford, Sherry Gerner, Marty Smihula and Gloria Bevan.
Meeting location: The Blue Ox Tavern East Side.

John D'Acunto moved that the reading of the minutes for 2/09/2005 be waived. They stand as corrected and printed in the NYC newsletter.

Commodore: John

1. Mail is getting picked up twice a week now.
2. Through e-mail vote it was moved and passed that we a lot \$170.00 for the printing of Sail Training brochures. Joedy has had the brochures printed by John Williams and they were available for our viewing
3. John reported that Judith from Leukemia would be at the next General Meeting.

Vice Commodore: Joedy reported:

1. 12 people have registered for Sail Training as of today.
2. There was discussion as to where the Sail Training will be held. At the banquet room at Lake Mead Marina or the New Water Safety Building, it became difficult to make that decision without more information. Joedy will do some more investigating and bring back a report to us at the next meeting.

Secretary: Gloria reported that Opening Day for Nevada Yacht Club has been scheduled for the same day as the first day of the Leukemia Cup. No decision was made as to what if anything would be done to acknowledge this day.

Treasurer: Beth sent her report via proxy. 44 memberships to date. Checking balance, \$5,921.73 and Savings balance is \$13,202.67. Major expenses this month have been advertising for Sail Training, Brochures \$170.00 and Newspaper ads \$537.00.

Fleet Captain: Steve Smith reported that the Winter Series race #2 had 12 entries, 11 prepaid and 1 new. The results are posted at <http://www.nevadayachtclub.com/racing/results/2005/winter2flet.htm>

Echo Bay Race is this weekend. Steve has not pre-registered anyone. Arrangements have been made with Foster for help launching the committee boat.

Steve has drained a lot of water out of Grillville. The Sailing instructions and map for the race are posted on the website.

Cruising Captain: John Crawford reported 5 boats have been rented for the San Juan, Anacortes, Friday harbor trip. The 15% discount is still available. John will send in an article for the Newsletter about the Desert Princess trip. A great time was had by all.

Staff Commodore: Leukemia Cup: Glenn reported that the plans are going well.

1. There are 100 shirts available for sale. Price \$10.00 each, sell for \$20.00 as a donation.

1. 5 Boats are registered and \$3,200.00 raised.
2. Volunteers are needed for calling to help get people registered. March 25, 2005 is the deadline for pre-registration.

NEW Business:

Website: Marty reported that he is working on changes to the website adding officer photos and clean up.

Membership: Shay reported that we have 2 additional members this month. She is starting to keep track of when each member joins. Shay noted that today is Joedy's Birthday. Thanks Joedy for your loyalty. NYC Board meeting on your birthday. Happy Birthday!!

Newsletter: Sherry went over the rough draft of the newsletter plus the new handbook, plus the NYC new flier. There was some discussion about enclosing the membership list in the handbook. It was decided not to staple it in but loosely enclose it, which would allow for addition and on going corrections through out the year. Great job!! Thank you for all your work, Sherry.

Sail Training: Joedy reported that he and John would be taping a plug for the Sail Training and the Nevada Yacht Club, which would be used on the air for the Sunday Community Forum on KSNE 106.5

Next **Executive Board Meeting** will be 4/6/2005 6:30 PM location TBA

Next **General Meeting** is Friday, March 18, 7:30 PM at Lake Mead Marina

There was no other discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 19:50 hrs

Gloria Bevan, Secretary

US Sailing Race Seminar
Lake Havasu, Sunday June 12th.

Please forward this to any of your sailing friends, colleagues and anyone interested in learning more about sailing.
<http://www.lhyc.net/Seminars.htm>

Thanks in Advance.
Yours in Safe Boating,

Capt. Kathy Weydig
Fleet Captain Sail
Lake Havasu Yacht Club

Commodore Recommends:

Great book for the beginning and advanced sailor

The Annapolis Book Of Seamanship
by John Rousmaniere

A revised edition of the definitive guide to sailing and seamanship, based on the Naval Academy's courses in navigation, and seamanship. This book has a lot of great info on sailing, safety and more. About \$29 bucks, and worth it.

Nevada Yacht Club
General Meeting Minutes March 18, 2005

General Meeting held at Lake Mead Marina commenced at 19:35 hours.

Commodore John D'Acunto, called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests (27 members present and 2 guests). Introductions were made.

John Introduced Judy Mitchell, Executive Director the Southern Nevada Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Deann Cline, Campaign Director of the Leukemia Regatta Cup. Judy spoke about the upcoming event and played a video about Gary Jobson. As of this date there are 11 boats registered for the April 9-10, 2005 event.

Secretary: Reading of the minutes was waived and accepted as printed. Gloria went over some missing and wrong e-mail addresses. If members are not getting the announcement e-mails and would like them please e-mail: bevang139@earthlink.net.

Vice Commodore: Joedy Sisler reported on Sail Training. (16 people are signed up as of now) Joedy and John D'Acunto will be on Sunny 106.5 at 6:00 AM Sunday morning, promoting the Nevada Yacht Club and the Sail Training. More instructors are needed for Sail Training and Joedy thinks he will need enough boats to take out 40 people on the days of training. Joedy thanked the crew on the committee for Echo Bay.

Treasurer: Beth reported that checking has \$5,816.73 and \$13,202.67 in savings.

Fleet Captain: Steve Smith reported that the *Winter Series #3* will be Sunday the 20th of March. Glenn will launch the committee boat. Echo Bay was a 5-way tie. Results of the race are posted on the website. This was a great event everyone who participated had quite the experience.

Floyd White the Race Committee Chairperson for the *Leukemia Regatta Cup*. Announced that the Lake Mead Sailing Club will help with the set up of that race.

Cruising Captain: John Crawford reminded us of some coming events:

1. The March 19th Monthly Cruise with LMSC to Middle Point 6:00 AM LMM Patio
4. The Founders Cup Cruise on Saturday 5/14/2005 9:00 AM LMM Patio
5. The San Juan Island Trip July 16-23, 2005 (6 boats are registered). For boat rental information ,CD and brochures call 1-800-233-3004
6. John will have a write-up on the Desert Princess Cruise in the next newsletter.

Staff Commodore: Glenn Frank reminded the membership of the Sail Training at the Boulder City Park and Recreation Department the 3rd Saturday morning of each month for the next 6 months. Please sign up with Pat Cooper at the Rec. Dept if you are interested in helping out. You will need a background check. The club will get \$50.00 of the \$75.00 charged. This is a good contract so we need good support.

Leukemia Cup Regatta:

1. Program Book deadline is tonight for ads and donations. If not in by tonight talk to Sherry Gerner for extended time.
2. Shirts: \$10.00 each, sell for whatever you want, suggested \$20.00. All proceeds go to Leukemia. Good tool to help with donations.
3. Schedule of events TBA
4. Auction: Good items have been procured
5. 55 ft VIP Party boat will be available
6. Gary Jobson table will be auctioned off plus escorting Gary from Airport and driving him around.

Membership: Shay has been cleaning up the board at the LMM Patio. It looks great. 2 new family memberships (4 people).

Newsletter: Please send all photos, articles for the newsletter by the 5th of the month to Sherry Gerner. alohamai2@cox.net. John Crawford is making a list of members who would like their newsletter mailed to them. Call John Crawford to get your name on that list. 510-2350

New Member Handbooks are done.

Website: No report.

There was no further business or discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:52 hrs

Next General Meeting will be April 15, 2005, 7:30 PM at the Lake Mead Marina.

Next Board Meeting will be April 6, 2005, 6:30 PM at Long Life Vegetarian Restaurant, 4130 S Sandhill Rd #A4 Las Vegas, NV 436-4488

Gloria Bevan, NYC Secretary

Sail Training Boulder City – Instructors Needed

Anyone wishing to help instruct classes for the Boulder City Parks and Recreation sail training classes needs to be approved by the city and processed as a independent contractor. They need some ID and will perform a brief background check so you can teach the class.

The sail training dates are all on Saturdays:

5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/10

Remember we get about 50.00 per student so this is a great way to raise some extra funds for the club. We have a limit of 6 students per class. We can increase the students when we have more people checked out to teach the class for the city. Please volunteer to take a couple of people out for the class. It is only 4 hours on Saturdays.

Thanks, Glenn Frank, Call me at 592-2009
 or Patricia Cooper, Boulder City Administrative Supervisor of Parks and Recreation Dept. at 293-9256

Nevada Yacht Club
Executive Board Meeting **April 6, 2005**

Meeting commences at 18:43 hrs.

Commodore John D'Acunto presided over the meeting.
Also present Joedy Sisler, Shay Sisler, Glenn Frank, John Crawford, Marty Smihula and Gloria Bevan.
Meeting location Long Life Vegetarian Restaurant.

John D'Acunto moved that the reading of the minutes for 3/09/2005 be waived. They stand as printed in the NYC newsletter.

Commodore: John wanted to clear up any last minute items for the Leukemia Cup Regatta

1. Signage for the entrance to Lake Mead: Glenn reported that there would be signs outside and at the road. We have 5 red plastic signs. Also the schedule of events & information has been posted on the website.

Vice Commodore: Joedy reported:

There have been 36 sign-ups for Sail training so far. There will be a continental breakfast. The marina will furnish drinks with the room rent. The club will furnish bagels and muffins. The days will need 40 boats to take participants out for training.

Treasurer: Gloria reported in Beth's absence: \$6298.92 in Checking and \$13,208.28 in Savings. Bank statement attached.

Fleet Captain: No report.

Cruising Captain: John Crawford reported on the coming cruising events:

Spring Cruise 5/21-22/2005 Middle point in conjunction with the Lake Mead Sailing club. Skipper's meeting 8:00 LLM patio

San Juan Islands, July 16-23, 2005, 5 boats so far. With a lot of people signed up.

John is getting together an article for the Newsletter regarding the Desert Princess Cruise.

Staff Commodore: Leukemia Cup: Glenn reported that the plans are going well.

Late Entry fees will be doubled

40+ boats have paid entry fees.

112 on the list for dinner. More will sign up as the week goes on. Expecting 130.

In the future Glenn has some ideas to improve the event for next year.

Auction and all logistics stuff are coming together. We have raised \$20,000. -22,000. So far.

Event information has been posted on the website.

NEW Business:

Website: Marty reported that he is still working on changes to the website. Sail training is on the website.

Membership: Shay reported that we have 1 new member this month, Chris and Frank Carroll. There was a question as to the status of John Haydukovich's membership. Some one will contact him.

Boulder City Grant: Last year this was submitted in July. We received \$600.00 for Youth Sail training. We need to look to getting this in again this year.

OLD Business

Joedy reported on miscellaneous items:

He is in the process of trying to get the Use Permit renewed. The radio spot came out well plus we picked up 1 person for sail training. Good job the spot aired at 6:00 AM on a Sunday morning.

Joedy reminded us all about getting your code to the gates at LMM. The marina has a new entry system.

Next **Executive Board Meeting** will be 5/11/2005 6:30 PM Henry's American Grill

Next **General Meeting** is Friday, April 15, 2005 7:30 PM at Lake Mead Marina

Leukemia Cup Regatta is this weekend April 9-10, 2005

There was no other discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 19:20 hrs

Gloria Bevan, Secretary

From the Fleet Captain

Echo Bay Race Saturday & Sunday, March 12 & 13, 2005

The preliminary results for the Echo Bay race have been posted to the NYC web site. The numbers are still being checked so there may be some changes but this should be pretty close. We had 18 boats participate this year - quite a good turnout. Thanks the Steve, Gloria and Bill for doing a great job on Race Committee and to Steve for organizing a great event. Marty Smihula

Results by Fleet: <http://www.nevadayachtclub.com/racing/results/2005/fleetechobay.htm>

Overall Results: <http://www.nevadayachtclub.com/racing/results/2005/overallechobay.htm>

Leukemia Cup Regatta Monohull Results

Check out the NYC web site

www.nevadayachtclub.com

~ **New Race Fees** ~

Members: \$10. Pre-registration, \$15. Day of race

Non-Members: \$20. Pre-registration, \$25. Day of race

Contact Steve Smith for more information (702) 278-4229

Nevada Yacht Club
General Meeting Minutes April 15, 2005

General Meeting held at Lake Mead Marina commenced at 19:35 hours.

Commodore John D'Acunto, called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests. Introductions were made.

John commented on the Leukemia Cup Regatta: The club raised \$28,000.00+. Many Thanks to Glenn for a "bang-up" job and to all who came out and supported the event in any way. There will be a wrap up meeting, TBA. Any outstanding bill needs to be presented to Deanne Cline, thank you.

Secretary: Reading of the minutes was waived and accepted as printed. Beth Clark is acting secretary in Gloria Bevan's absence.

Vice Commodore: Joedy Sisler reported on Sail Training April 16-17, 2005. 58 participants signed up so far. Joedy went over the details for Sail Training Weekend.

Treasurer: No Report.

Fleet Captain: Steve Smith reported that the Spring Race is April 23, 2005 Skipper's Meeting at 9:00 Am on the LLM Patio.

Trophies for the winter series are not in yet. The final race results for the last race are not finished as yet. Marty is working diligently on them and he will post the results ASAP.

Cruising Captain: John Crawford reminded us of some coming events:

1. Middlepoint Cruise in conjunction with Lake Mead Sailing Club, May 21-22, 2005, Skipper's Meeting 8:00 AM LLM Patio.
2. John will have more on the San Juan Trip in July later.

Staff Commodore: No Report.

New Business

Women's Regatta: *April 30, 2005. Participants can have a man on board but he can only act in the event of personnel or property damage.* Many Thanks and Kudo's again to all Leukemia Cup Regatta participants. Without YOU this event would not be what it is.

There was no further business or discussion.
 The meeting was adjourned at 20:19 hrs

Next General Meeting will be May 20, 2005, 7:30 PM at the Lake Mead Marina.

Next Board Meeting will be May 11, 2005, 6:30 PM at: Henry's American Grill 237 N Stephanie St Henderson, NV 898-5100

Beth Clark, Acting Secretary

*Deadline for next newsletter is
 June 5, 2005*

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April Belated Happy Birthdays!

Maribeth Clark
 Eli Delgado
 Jerry Morris
 Steve Smith
 Floyd White



May Happy Birthdays!

John D'Acunto
 Sherry Gerner
 Debbie Grubbs
 Ellen King
 Candi McDowell
 Craig Ruark
 Christine Ward



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Nevada boating laws updated

By: C. Douglas Nielsen

Over the last two years, Nevada boating law has been significantly changed, mostly affecting children and young adults. Some laws are already in effect, and several will take effect Jan. 1, 2003. New rules mandate education for some Nevadans, require life jackets for children under the age of 12 and raise the legal age for operating a personal water craft (PWC) to 14 years old.

Officials with the Nevada Division of Wildlife, the state's boating safety agency, feel the new requirements have already saved many lives and will continue to do so into the future. "We anticipate a significant improvement in boating safety on waters throughout the state, especially through the mandatory education process. Some boaters may see this as an inconvenience, but the life saved as a result of this program could be their very own or that of someone they love," said Fred Messmann, NDOW's state boating law administrator.

Lifejackets For Kids Under 12

Children under the age of 12 are now required to wear a life jacket when under way on a vessel unless in an enclosed cabin. In addition, all passengers on a personal watercraft (PWC), regardless of their age, are also required to wear a life jacket when their boat is under way. According to the new statute, "a vessel is 'under way' if it is adrift, making way, or being propelled, and it is not aground, made fast to the shore, or tied or made fast to a dock or mooring."

Nevada joins 37 other states that require children to wear their life jackets, including the neighboring states of Arizona, California and Utah. According to the U.S. Coast Guard, more than 700 people die in boating accidents every year. Of those, 90 percent are not wearing a life jacket at the time of death.

Mandatory Boater Education

Beginning Jan. 1, 2003, boaters who were born on or after Jan. 1, 1983 will be required to complete a boater education course before operating a boat on Nevada's interstate waters. This requirement applies only to operators using a motorboat with a motor exceeding 15-horsepower. Nevada's interstate waters include Lake

Mead, Lake Mohave, the Colorado River from Davis Dam south to the California state line, Lake Tahoe and Topaz Lake.

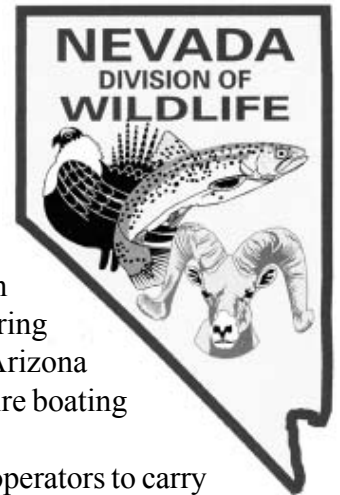
This brings the total number of states requiring some kind of boater education to 30, including the neighboring states of Idaho and Oregon. Arizona and California do not yet require boating education.

The Nevada law requires operators to carry proof of completion of a boater education course when on interstate waters. Only those courses approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) will meet Nevada's education requirement. Currently, approved courses include NDOW's home study course, *Boat Nevada*, as well as the agency's Internet course at www.boatnevada.org, and those taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary or the U.S. Sail & Power Squadrons. Boaters who wish to challenge the course will be able to do so through a proctored exam. Boaters will be required to submit proof of course completion to NDOW.

Some boaters are exempt from the boater education requirement including: licensed Coast Guard operators, U.S. or Canadian; buyers of a new or used boat for up to 60 days; boat renters who receive instruction from a licensed livery operator, and nonresidents over 18-years of age who meet the education requirements in their home state. Operators must carry their certificate or other documentation proving they are eligible for an exempted status.

Legal Age To Operating a PWC Raised

In another change affecting younger boaters, the age at which young people can begin operating personal watercraft has been raised from 12 to 14 years, also beginning Jan. 1, 2003.



Visit Nevada's safe boating web site: www.boatnevada.org

Safety tips every boater should know

By: Edwin Lyngar

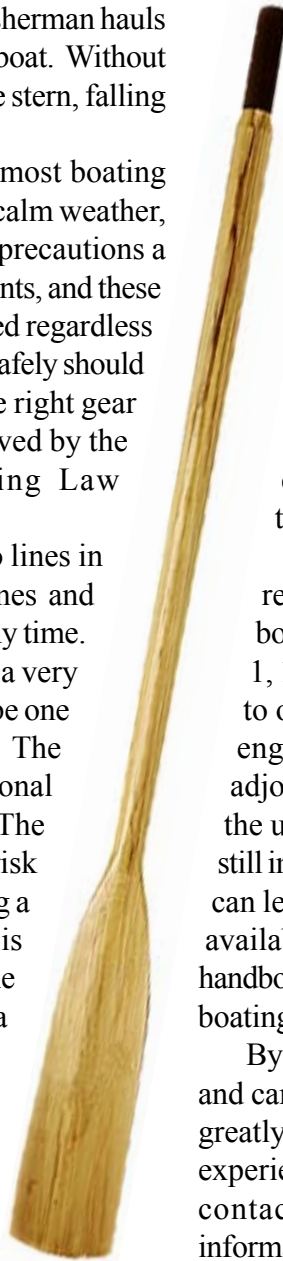
The sky is blue and the air is warm. A fisherman hauls a trout over the stern of his 16-foot pleasure boat. Without warning, the fisherman leans too far over the stern, falling into frigid waters.

Contrary to what many boaters think, most boating accidents happen without warning, during calm weather, and when least expected. There are many precautions a boater can take to avoid these types of accidents, and these boating principals should always be followed regardless of the conditions. Boaters who want to boat safely should learn to operate the boat properly, carry the right gear and take a boating education course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

Unlike operating a car, boats follow no lines in the road. Aside from some restricted zones and channels, a boat can go in any direction at any time. The freedom to go where one wants can be a very enjoyable aspect of boating, but it can also be one of the more dangerous parts of boating. The maneuverability of boats, particularly personal watercraft, may create a risk of collision. The boat operator or “skipper” can reduce that risk by learning the rules of the road and keeping a sharp lookout. Even though the skipper is responsible for the boat’s operation, he or she can ask passengers to keep a lookout for extra safety.

The skipper is responsible for ensuring the boat is properly outfitted, including carrying the most important piece of equipment – a life jacket. Each passenger aboard a boat must have a properly fitted, Coast Guard approved life jacket. Children under 12 must wear the life jacket at all times unless going into an enclosed cabin, and it is a good idea for all passengers to wear lifejackets.

Just as lifejackets are required, every motorboat must carry a Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher. For larger vessels, more than one fire extinguisher may be required. For more complete details on specific sizes and types of extinguishers required, check the *Nevada Boating Handbook*. Should a fire break out aboard your vessel,



know where your extinguishers are stored. When putting out a boat fire, aim the fire extinguisher at the base of the flame, sweeping back and forth until the fire is out.

Boaters who carry all the required safety gear have a good start at safe boating, but there are other important requirements to consider. When loading a boat, a skipper should evenly distribute the gear and people. Too much weight on one side of the boat will make the craft unsteady. Boaters should never exceed the weight of gear and people the boat is rated to hold. The capacity plate near the helm of the vessel has all the information a skipper needs to load a boat safely.

Boaters who wish to know more about boating requirements, equipment and safety should take a boater education course. Boaters born on or after Jan. 1, 1983, must complete one of these courses in order to operate a vessel with more than a 15-horsepower engine on any of Nevada’s interstate waters (see adjoining article). Even if a boater does not fall under the umbrella of mandatory education, boating classes still improve boating skills, and even experienced boaters can learn something new. To find out what courses are available in your area or to request a Nevada boating handbook, call the contact numbers below or visit Nevada’s boating web site: www.boatnevada.org.

By wearing a lifejacket, knowing the rules of the road and carrying all the right safety equipment, a boater can greatly reduce his or her chances of having a bad boating experience. Boaters with specific boating questions can contact the Division of Wildlife below for more information.

Northern Nevada:

Edwin Lyngar
775.688.1548
elyngar@ndow.org

Southern Nevada:

Douglas Nielsen
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Always wear a life jacket -- it won't work, if you don't wear it!