



Whiskeytown, Shasta & Trinity Lakes National Recreation Area Boater Alert



Please help us protect our lakes and everyone's recreational experience!

CLEAN, DRAIN & DRY

We don't have them now, we don't ever want to have them, and we should all do everything we can to prevent them from coming here!

Quagga and zebra mussels are a threat to our area and are now close by! The Colorado River system and many lakes in southern California have recently become infested (see list below). Since invading the U.S. in 1989, Quagga and zebra mussels have become a 5 billion dollar maintenance and damage problem east of the Rockies. They have altered fish and aquatic ecosystems, have caused extensive damage to boats, marinas, and water intake facilities, and will undoubtedly hurt us locally if they become established here.



Quagga Mussels

Preventing the spread of these mussels will save a lot of money for private boaters and government, and will avoid significant and possibly irreversible damage to our ecosystems.



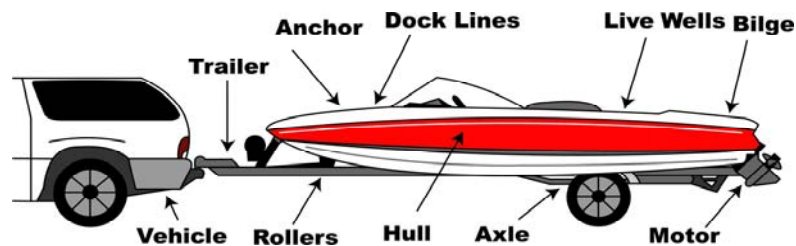
Zebra Mussels

If your vessel has been moored anywhere in fresh water outside of Shasta or Trinity County you present a high risk!

Do not launch your boat into local waters without a thorough cleaning and inspection that follows the instructions below. A certified inspection and cleaning is recommended, but you may do this yourself. Contact Fish & Game or your marina operator for instructions and assistance.

If your vessel has been moored in infested waters (see list below) you present the most extreme risk!

Do not launch your boat into local waters without a thorough cleaning and certified inspection. Contact Fish & Game or your marina operator for instructions on how to certify your boat.



To clean your vessel:

- Inspect all exposed surfaces – mussels may be quite small, and may feel like sandpaper to the touch
- Wash the hull of your watercraft thoroughly (hot water is best – 140° kills the mussels)
- Remove all plant and animal material, drain all water, and dry all areas (do not forget to dry behind the motor, around clamps, wake-boarding ballast, trailer cushions, etc.)
- Drain and dry the lower outboard unit (don't forget inside and around the drain plug)
- Clean and dry any live-wells, holding areas, buckets, ice chests, etc. Dispose of all bait in the trash.
- Keep your vessel dry for 5 days between launches into different fresh water lakes
- Do not let potentially contaminated water enter storm drains or other areas away from the source lake

**The one time you fail to act may be the time that hurts us all!
Please clean your vessel every time! Thank you for doing your part.**

Infested Waters (March, 2009): Colorado River (Lake Powell, Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Lake Havasu, Imperial Dam), Copper Basin Reservoir, Lake Mathews, Lake Skinner, Dixon Reservoir, Lower Otay Lake, San Vicente Reservoir, Murray Reservoir, Lake Miramar, Sweetwater Reservoir, San Justo Lake, El Capitan Reservoir, Lake Jennings, Olivenhain Reservoir, Irvine Lake, and Rattlesnake Reservoir.