



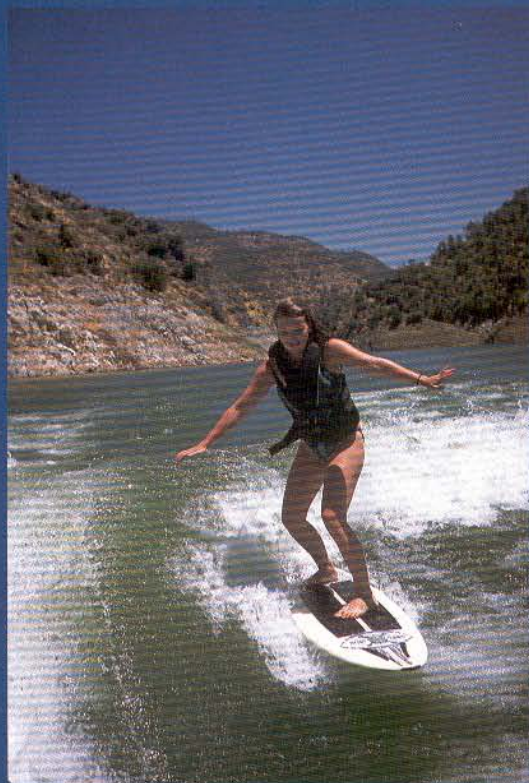
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# NEW MELONES LAKE

Escape to the Newest Lake in California's Central Sierra Gold Country! Magnificent scenery, miles of secluded shoreline and fantastic boating and wakesurfing make New Melones Lake the perfect place for an extended houseboat vacation! This large reservoir offers a multitude of recreational opportunities and shoreline camping in settings that are nothing short of Sierra Nevada perfection.

First filled in 1983, New Melones Lake has 12,500 surface acres when full and more than 100 miles of scenic shoreline to explore. The lake is framed by topography ranging from the rugged Stanislaus River Canyon cliffs to oak-studded golden Sierra foothills. Fishermen number New Melones Lake among their favorites for its excellent trout, bass, crappie and catfish action. Something's always biting. Hundreds of wildlife species including deer, fox, coyote, beaver, otter, and raccoon can be seen along New Melones Lake's shore. Up above, eagles, heron, hawks, osprey, cormorant and grebe are common sights.

Although New Melones Lake is a wonderful recreation destination all by itself, it happens to be right in the heart of the Sierra Mother Lode, one of California's most popular tourists spots. If you're looking for more than a water-oriented vacation, the choices here are endless! The lake is surrounded by the Gold Rush towns of Jamestown, Angels Camp, Murphys, Sonora and Columbia, a restored 1860's era State Historic Park. There are wineries with tasting rooms, cave tours, gigantic underground caverns, river rafting, Calaveras County's Jumping Frog Jubilee, Stanislaus National Forest and much more!



Wakesurfing is why we came and New Melones Lake delivers all the glass first time wakesurfer Fae Haglund needs.



The New Melones Lake marina store has all of the supplies, gas and souvenirs you'll need top off your supplies.



New Melones Lake is bigger than you might expect with over 100 miles of shoreline and is in fact the third largest lake in California.



WakeSurfer Magazine loading up the houseboats at the marina.

## New Melones Houseboats

Houseboating is the best way to discover New Melones Lake and it is the preferred WakeSurfer Magazine method of really getting to know the turf. By day, houseboats are the perfect hub for the day's wakesurfing. Later, slip your houseboat into a secluded cove and enjoy a peaceful Central Sierra evening. Both the Eclipse and Odyssey model houseboats that are available at the lake feature a hot tub on the upper deck, perfect for watching the Sierra's unique show of stars each evening.

New Melones Lake Marina  
PO Box 1389  
Angels Camp, CA 95222  
(209) 785-3300



An early morning shot, it just doesn't get any better than this for a wakesurfing vacation.

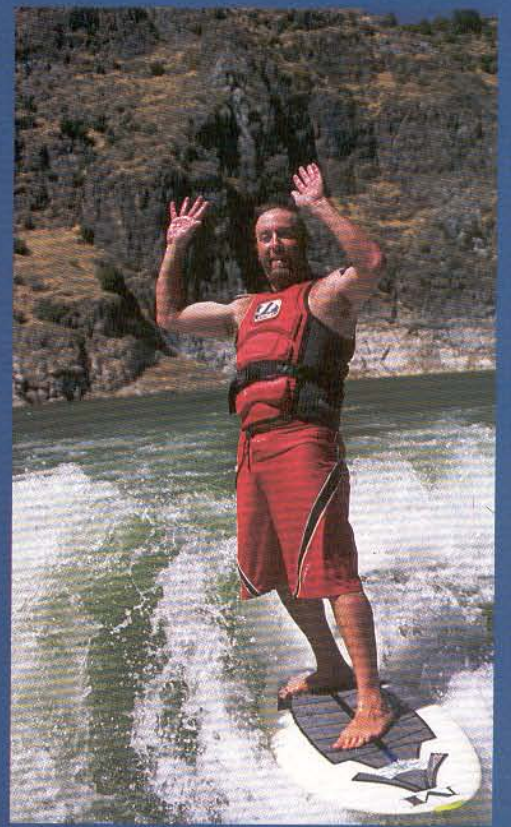
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Good friends make for good times. Keep the coolers loaded.



Showing some style Greg Harris knows the spot.



Big Steve Schultz on a roll, cruise city.



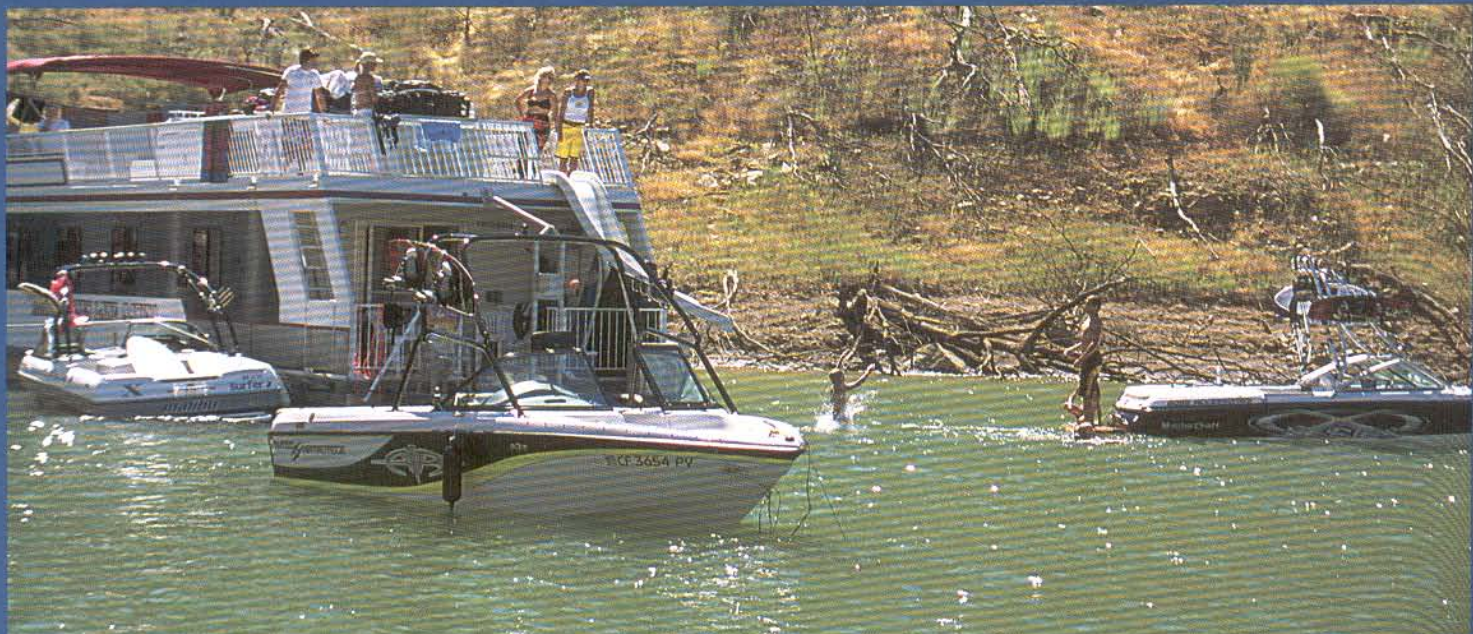
Nick of Wet Box catches a little water time during their visit with WakeSurfer.

## How you find it

**From Central California:** Take Highway 108 east from Modesto, then 49 north or Highway 4 east from Stockton, and stay on 49 south through downtown Angels Camp, and at about a half mile beyond city limits there is a sign on the right for the "Glory Hole Recreation Area" (at Glory Hole Sports), turn right at that sign onto Glory Hole Road and follow the signs down to New Melones Lake Marina, (exactly five miles from Highway 49). There will be a left turn lane for the marina turn-off, the only one on Glory Hole Road.

**From Sacramento:** Take Highway 99 south to Galt. Just past Galt take the Liberty Road exit and turn left, heading east. At the stop sign at Highway 88 turn right. That dead ends at Highway 12, turn left and head east to the foothills. Highway 12 transitions into Highway 49 south in San Andreas. Continue on Highway 49 on through downtown Angels Camp, and at about a half mile beyond city limits there is a sign on the right for the "Glory Hole Recreation Area" (at Glory Hole Sports), turn right at that sign onto Glory Hole Road and follow the signs down to New Melones Lake Marina, exactly five miles from Highway 49. There will be a left turn lane for the marina turn-off, the only one on Glory Hole Road.

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When you're having fun, time really does fly.

