

# DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL!

## How do mussels hitch a ride?

By contaminating recreational watercraft and commercial haulers from infested waters:

- Many Southern California freshwaters
- Waters along the Colorado River drainage
- All of the Great Lakes and their tributaries
- Most waters east of the Continental Divide
- Lake Mead, NV/AZ and waters it feeds

## Don't let them ruin your boat or California's waters!

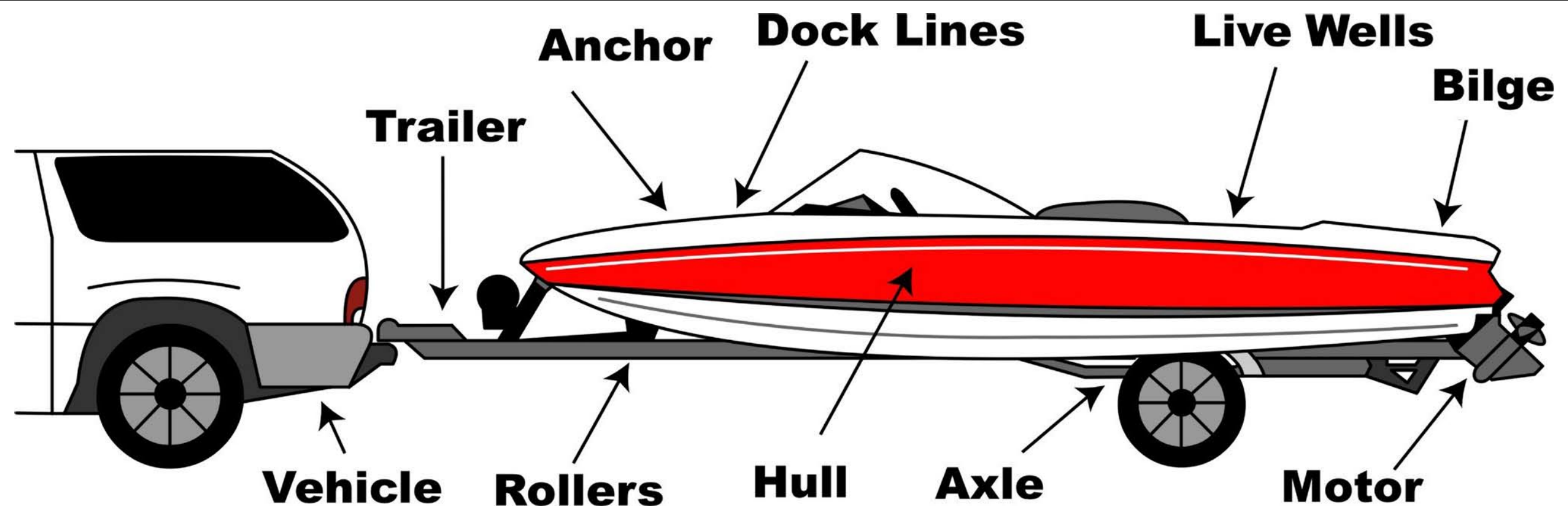
### When leaving the water:

- **Inspect** all exposed surfaces - small mussels feel like sandpaper to the touch.
- **Wash** the hull of each watercraft thoroughly.
- **Remove** all plants and animal material.
- **Drain** all water and **dry** all areas.
- **Drain** and **dry** the lower outboard unit.
- **Clean** and **dry** all live-wells.
- **Empty** and **dry** any buckets.
- **Dispose** of all bait in the trash.
- **Wait** 5 days and keep watercraft dry between launches into different fresh waters.



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## LOOK FOR MUSSELS HERE



## CHECK YOUR BOAT, TRAILER AND VEHICLE

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## **Quagga/zebra mussels**

### **ruin boats and destroy waters**

### **DON'T LET THEM RIDE WITH YOU!**

**Quagga/zebra mussels** in California waters could result in an environmental and economic disaster. They can cause a shift in native species and disrupt the ecological balance of entire bodies of water. The mussels clog water pipes, coat piers, and ruin boat motors. Transferring a boat from an infested water to another water could spread the mussels.



### **YOU CAN STOP THEM!**

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## STOP AQUATIC HITCHIKERS!

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.

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