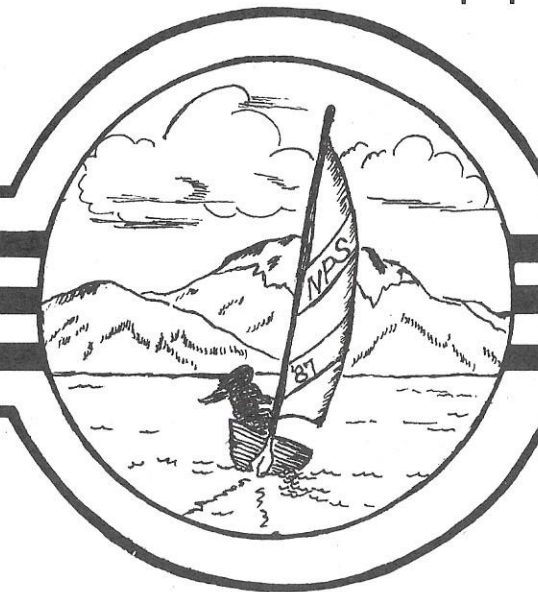


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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

On behalf of the National Park Service, I want to welcome you to one of the most unique areas in the nation. This is the Whiskeytown Unit of the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area. It is a tri-unit recreation area with the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service administering Whiskeytown and the Forest Service under the U.S. Department of Agriculture responsible for the Shasta and Trinity Units.

Each unit's objective is to provide the northern California visitor with a variety of recreational opportunities on and around beautiful man-made reservoirs impounded by a variety of dams.

A primary concern, however, is that you enjoy yourself in a safe and sane manner in whatever activity you choose to pursue, whether it be boating, fishing, hunting, swimming, hiking, etc. Throughout this paper I hope you will find interesting information and articles about Whiskeytown along with hints on how to enjoy yourself safely.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the uniformed employees for assistance or information. We are here to help you and protect you and the resources, and we need your help in both of these areas.

*Ray C. Forest*

## AMERICA'S BIRD Whiskeytown's Bald Eagles

by Marcie Atkinson, Park Ranger

Have you ever seen a Bald Eagle in the wild? I will never forget my first encounter with *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* (white-headed sea eagle). I was sitting quietly by the shore of a pristine mountain lake, enjoying my lunch, when there was a sound of rushing air and a muffled crack, like wind unfurling a canvas sail. Before I knew it an adult Bald Eagle was rising up off the water, a shining fish flapping in its talons. With smooth, bold strokes, the eagle flew up over an adjacent ridge and disappeared from sight.

Native to the North American continent, Bald Eagles have long been revered as a bird of unsurpassed power and grace. According to an ancient

behavior. The most rewarding part of the job is seeing the chicks growing into sleek, brown juveniles and eventually flying away, but other observations are equally important. We are determining flight patterns, fishing techniques, and prey species taken. We are also watching for signs of disturbance: anxious calling behaviors in response to human activity, construction of alternate nests, abandonment of previously-used territories.

You can help us in our attempts to learn more about these beautiful birds by being on the lookout for them and noting their activities. They are easily recognizable with their rich brown plumage and distinctive white head

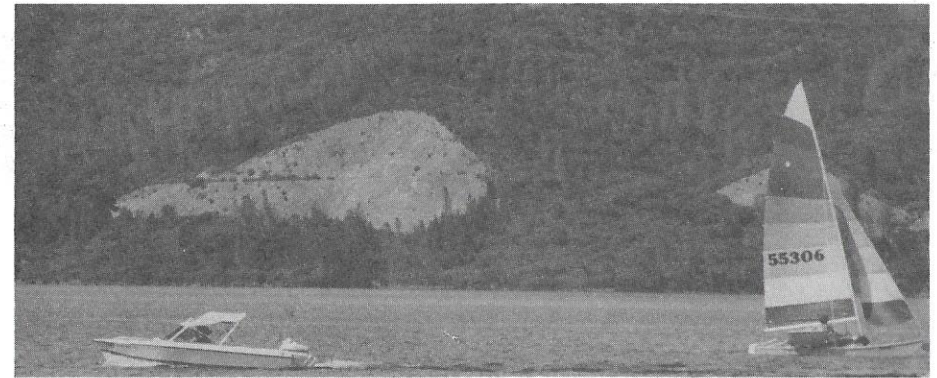


in the event of motor failure.  
Running Lights—All vessels shall

beaming on Whiskeytown Lake, but most importantly that you have a safe day.

almost as much as if you were legally drunk. Adding alcohol to these factors intensifies their effects  
—each drink multiplies your accident

others out enjoying the water.  
Alcohol isn't the sport. Boating is the sport. Enjoy it safely. THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK.



## THOUGHTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

by Paul Berkowitz

Whiskeytown Lake is an area of concurrent Federal jurisdiction. This permits the enforcement of laws and regulations by both Federal and California State/Shasta County law enforcement agencies. For your safety and the safety of other visitors we ask that you obey all laws, including those governing traffic and personal behavior. We want your experience at Whiskeytown Lake to be free of injury, loss and unpleasant experiences.

In an effort to ensure that a relatively peaceful and safe climate exists here, National Park Service Rangers are assigned to perform law enforcement duties. As Federal Law Enforcement Officers, National Park Service Rangers enforce Federal laws as well as applicable California state laws. They have been trained to perform those duties professionally and in an assertive manner in the belief that the laws and regulations were legislated by the people as a means of protecting persons and property as well as this beautiful area. The safety of the visiting

public and the protection of the area's resources can best be ensured through preventative as well as responsive law enforcement actions.

National Park Rangers have broad discretion in handling situations depending upon the individual circumstances which may exist. Enforcement action may range from simple educational explanations and warnings, to issuance of citations carrying fines, to physical arrests for virtually any violation. Experience has shown that a preventative law enforcement program can dramatically reduce the need for other emergency responses by reducing accidents, injuries, losses of property and public disturbances.

We ask the cooperation of each of you while visiting this area to please have respect for the rights and safety of others in order that all may have a quality experience. Please be supportive of our National Park Rangers as they go about their duties in the interest of public safety and resource protection in this unique area.

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