

Birch Barker

A Publication for the Members of Birch Lake Yacht Club

Volume Four, June 17, 2000

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Last weekend we had wonderful warm lake weather (if a bit wet Sunday). Past Commodores Beck & Cover seemed to have an arrangement with the weatherman for 1999 & 1998 – maybe we can impose on them to help for the rest of 2000. We'd still like lots of rain on weekdays after dark.

I want to thank everyone who brought youngsters to the Kidz Fizz. Being kidz, all we need to do is offer an opportunity & they make their own fun (with very little intervention on our part). I'm pleased to see them forming a brood. Hopefully the Class of 2000 will take over when we are all in our rocking chairs. A young lady asked me a question that haunts me still: "So, are we welcome at the Yacht Club?" The notion that the Club is for adults only is precisely why I want to make an effort to involve Kidz – you are welcome!

The Commodore's Cocktail was a fine affair. Many came to renew old friendships & start others fresh. The trifle table was excellent (again) as was the selection of wine. We have a good start on the lending library due to the generosity of early contributors – please keep 'em coming. Holly Troeger & Patti Russwurm lent a hand behind the bar – though at some times there were so many folks gathered around both sides I'm not sure who else to thank. The Vitales, Kim Pritz & Leslie worked on set-up, & numerous ladies cleaned while we chatted on the deck late Saturday night.

Cross the Fancy Pants Dance off your calendar. For starters, it was just a figment of my imagination. That is, until Ilene Golden called last week. The Golden's are jet-setting (sort of) but will reunite & find a date to sponsor a gathering later this summer. Pardon me for any confusion / disappointment I have caused in this & keep them fancy pants handy for a party coming soon.

My apologies that some of those who sent dues & fireworks contributions were not listed in last week's Barker. We have people sending checks to multiple officers & data-sharing got a bit behind. Hopefully this week we have made amends. Be aware that we make every effort to spell names right & include all our generous donors in the list. For those who have not sent dues, please do so today so I can move on to other missions! Make checks to: Birch Lake Yacht Club. Mail or drop off to Holly Troeger (see coupon within).

See you on the water,



-Bob King, C2k

SWIMMER'S ITCH ALERT

Several residents have alerted us to the return of swimmer's itch — Dr. Plain recommends rinsing off with soap and water when you exit the lake as a simple precaution.

And the summer's
just begun...

Image supplied by Steve Cranmer



Happy Father's Day from the Kruggel's

Herm was given a beautifully framed poem from his daughter, Leslie, and family for Father's Day. It was written by his granddaughter, Alexa, 10 years old. We would like to share it with all fathers and grandfathers at Birch Lake.

MY GRANDPARENT'S LAKE

My favorite outdoor place is my Grandparent's lake.

The lake is greenish-blue.

The water is clean, so you can swim in it.

The grass is bright green.

It's fun to catch turtles and frogs in the lake.

You can hear the sound of water splashing against the pier.

It's fun to suck on popsicles when you're sticking your feet in the water.

There's huge fish that swim in the water.

My Grandparent's lake is my favorite outdoor place.

-Alexa Kay Roytek

Calendar for June 17-July 2*

06/17 - 9-10:30 am - Board Meeting
07/01 - 11 am - 4th of July Regatta
07/01 - dark - Fireworks
07/02 - dark - Fireworks rain date

07/02 - 8 am - Pancake Breakfast
07/02 - Noon - Boat Parade
07/02 - 2 pm - 4th of July Regatta
cancelled - Vice Commodore's Cocktail

*See <http://www.hometown.aol.com/blcking/BLYC.html> for the full calendar of events.

If you have items for the BARKER, please put all materials in the Barker box (at the Yacht Club) by 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, or e-mail the info to me at sailorphil@webcraftarts.com. If you must, mail (10 days prior to desired publication date) to Phil Vitale, 122 So. Michigan, So. Bend, IN 46601, call Phil at (219) 232-3735, or fax your items to (219) 232-3853.



Note: All times in the Barker are IST (Indiana Standard Time) unless stated otherwise

Birch Lake Notes

NEW TO THE LAKE

Margaret and David Bouwkamp recently moved here from Cincinnati and purchased the home next to the public landing.

They are in the process of remodeling and cleaning up. They have two sons: Scott (15) and Spencer (10). Both are currently attending Constitute schools.

Margaret is a special education speech pathologist for the South Bend school system and also teaches a graduate course at Bowling Green University. David owns and manages a distribution company.

Stop by cottage 140 on the East side and meet *Chuck and Pat Gollatz* who are from Mishawaka/Osceola. They bought the Mumaw cottage and have been renovating and changing the cottage. Chuck is an old Birch Laker — he lived with his parents on the West Side near the Cove. For history buffs, he lived near the Wentworth's who were the parents of Shirley Blue and now he lives near Shirley again but on the East Side. Cottage 140 used to also belong to the

Mechling's who were also Mishawaka people.

Maryann and Bill O'Neill of cottage #7 on the East Side hill are now permanent Birch Lakers. They have sold their home in Country Club Hills (near Chicago) and are now trying to fit two houses full of stuff into one house—not easy as other Birch Laker's who've moved to the lake can testify.

A BELATED BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE KRUGGELS

The 12th grandchild of Bev and Herm was born to Kurt and Kristy on September 18, 1999. Her name is Ana Eve Kruggel. She has a sister, Sydney 5, and a brother, Colorado 2, all born in the month of September.

HOOKED ON FISHING

After only one lesson from Tom DeCocker's Kidz Hooked on Fishing class, Alex Wilson caught a 16" bass off the pier

on Sunday. After taking it's picture, it was released to be caught again another day. He also caught several small ones, all of which were released.

ANOTHER FISH TALE

Along the same line (if you'll pardon the pun), Calvin King caught his first fish, a "monster" bluegill off Grandpa and Grandma King's pier.

Congratulations to all the junior anglers.

CAMP STUFF

Each summer, Camp Tannadoonah receives requests from youth who would like to attend camp but whose families cannot afford to sent them. The Camp staff is looking for donors who would like to sponsor a child to attend and have the experience of Tannadoonah. If you are interested contact Campfire at 219-234-4145 or the Camp at 616-476-2177.

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Fleet News

At last, Sunday's sailing conditions were nearly perfect, especially if you don't mind a little rain. Both races were fast, close matches, and after working the ropes and hiking out in the strong gusts I suspect I'm not the only sailor experiencing some aches and pains. Bob King's victory in the second Sunfish race is particularly noteworthy, considering how conscientiously he fulfilled his duties as host at the Commodore's cocktail party the night before.

Special words of appreciation are in order to the race committee of Steve, Julie and Chad Plaia, who filled in at the last minute when Stan Pitako's "Graceful Lady" boat acted in a very unladylike fashion. The sailors were able to play in the first wind of the race season thanks to the Plaia's willingness to run the races from an open boat in the rain.

THE JUNE 11, 2000 RACE RESULTS ARE:

MC's	Race 1	Race 2	Cumulative Points	Average
Rick Harman	2	1	1560.5	
Harold Cranmer	1	3	1522	
Jan Harman	3	2	1482.5	

Sunfish	Race 1	Race 2	Cumulative Points	Average
Tom Howard	1	3	1522	
Bob King	3	1	1522	
Scott Troeger	2	2	1521	
Jim Bolinger	4	4	1369	

Next races: Sunday, June 18, 2000 at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) 12 m. (Michigan time).



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The Barker delivery team is set for 2000. We are lucky so many lake ladies will walk about to deliver our beloved Barker. Please be forgiving, we are all volunteers!

Many thanks to:

Elaine Lochmandy - North shore (Lutz to Herms)
Louise Rieth - Cove, West shore (McCay to Pamell)
Peggy Cowen & Phyllis Rasmussen - West shore (Dvorak to outlet)
Sue Montague - South shore (outlet to K. Weesner)
Katha Machalleck - South shore (YC hill to landing)
Holly Troeger - East shore (landing to Olson)
Judy Olson - East shore (Olson to _____?)
Linda Curtis - East shore (_____? to Wozniak)
Barb Zesinger - distribution to the team above
Russwurms - South Bend to Birch

GPS COORDINATES

As close as we can tell, the center of Birch Lake by GPS coordinates is:

Longitude **N** **41.52.657**
Latitude **W** **85.51.444**

NOTES AND CORRECTIONS:

* The **Fancy Pants Dance** has been postponed, watch this space for more

* The **Goose relocation program** has ample man-power. A fundraiser is being planned, TBA

News from the cove (and outlying areas)

By Sunny Waters

Pulitzer Prize Potential

Things were humming this past weekend — does that mean they don't know the words? (Thanks, B.S., for that little smidgen of humor).

The Kolber families all gathered ostensibly to visit their parents, but more likely to scout out the new boat and filch jars of Vivian's out-of-this-world homemade strawberry jam.

The Bouwkamp family, who have been camping out at the Blackwoods' for several months, are now ensconced in their new home on the South shore. The house was originally owned by the Luxenbergers who were the grandparents of Liz Cover, West shore. Official hearty welcome to Dave, Margaret, Scott and Spencer. It's good to have you here. Margaret, incidentally, is the daughter of Howard and Beth Blackwood.

Tom and Vicki Rogers are hosting a birthday bash for Vicki's mother, whose age remains undisclosed because you know how we ladies are about those things. Happy birthday, Betty!

Also blowing out candles is Nick

Bergan. it's been a real challenge trying to keep the gala even a surprise and Nick has probably figured it all out. Surprise or not, happy 21st, Nicholas.

Missed Manners for the Etiquette Impaired

Query: Dear Missed Manners, I am your devout follower and hope you don't mind another wedding wonder. Wearing black is a conventional habit with me. Would it be proper to wear at a formal wedding?

-Faithfully, M.S.

Dear M.S.

Most certainly it is proper to wear black. My best to you and regards to the rest of the sisters.

Trivia Question: Who was commodore in 1971? Hint — he was/is handsome, witty, ind and soon to be a best-selling author.

Well, y'all just have yourselves a humdinger week. Also, if you like this column, please send money so I can have a facelift.

-Bless you — Sunny

* The **webpage** is still quirky, From the number of people who are emailing me I can tell there is ample interest. Neither the repairman nor I have had the time of late, we will get it running 24/7 soon. Meanwhile if you hit a page in AOL Hometown that says "can't find it," just enter **blcking**, or search for birch lake. You should then see a

page that is described as The Official website of the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Click on this & you are in (sorry for the hassle).

* Remember the **Pancake Breakfast** time was wrong on the green calendar in Barker volume 2, corrected in volume 3 to 8-11 am Sunday 07/02



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When purchasing lawn fertilizer for your lawn at Birch Lake, the break-down of the contents of the bag should read O-O-O. If unavailable - your water quality committee can provide you with a safe alternative purchase.

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-g.temple

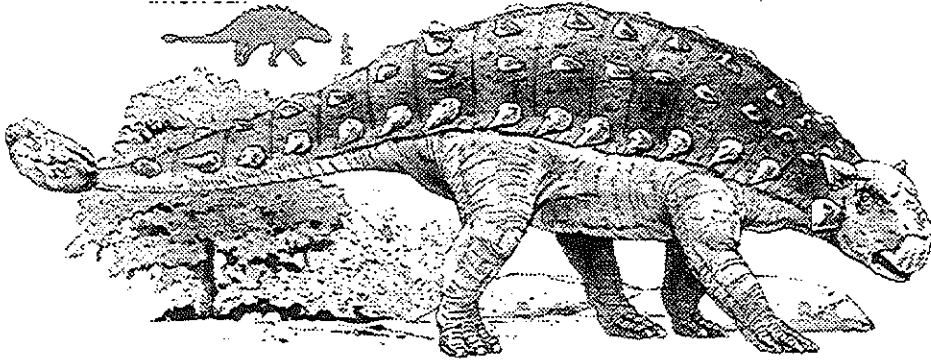
AND NOW A WORD FROM BIRCH LAKE

If just outside your lakefront door
Your lawn is like a beach
Just remember, my front shore
Is just within its reach.
When I see your "grassy green"
I know it's phosphorus fed
Phosphorus is good for lawns
But, think of me instead!!
It trickles down into my shore
And builds up in my deep
It stays there for a long, long time
Send ME no more to keep.
Only you control my fate:
Your phosphorus feeds my weeds!!
you contaminate!!!
take away my oxygen!!!
increase my chlor-o-phyll
create a rise in temperature!!
make me ill
kill my fish!!
I wish —— I wish upon first stars at night
That with each rising sun
You'll awake and at first sight
Say I'm the lucky one
That I'm the reason why you're here
It's not your grass you hold so dear
I wish —— I wish that you could ease my fear
Like my Secchi tries to do
With readings that are very clear
And brings you into view - You
Only you can stop my downward trend —— How??
Decrease the phosphorus run-off
Bring it to an end!!!!!!

Kidz' Corner

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Ankylosaurs

You've heard of playing possum? Ankylosaurs had bony armor on their back, tails and heads. When threatened by a "meat-o-saurus," they crouched close to the ground, letting their armor protect them.

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Ankylosaurs ranged in size from as small as a sheep to the 30-foot giant Ankylosaurus, which is pictured at the left.



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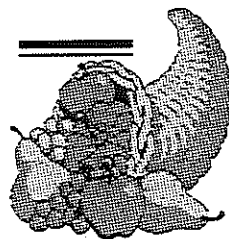
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3/4 tsp salt

Place potatoes in large pot and cover with cold water. Boil until almost tender, about 30 minutes. Drain and cool. Cut potatoes crosswise into 1/2 inch thick rounds. Whisk

remaining ingredients in large bowl to blend. Add potatoes and toss thoroughly to coat. Cover and let stand for 1 hour at room temperature. Prepare barbecue (medium heat). Remove potatoes from marinade and place on grill; reserve marinade. Cook potatoes until golden brown, turning occasionally, about 12 minutes. Transfer to platter. Brush remaining marinade over and serve.

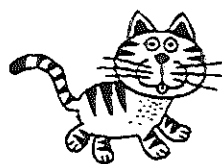
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3 oz Pineapple Juice

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When you purchase an electric fence it also includes a video on how to properly train your pet.



-Fido's friend and Feline's too

From the Barker Archives...

Lake Notes are compiled from past issues of the Birch Barker. The following items set the scene for life at the Lake 20 or so years ago.

This year Birch Lake residents will no longer enjoy delivery service of milk and other dairy products. With present economic conditions and threatening fuel shortages, this should come as no surprise to you... (Birch Barker 6/7/79)

GAS is available at Tom's Garage. NO LIMIT. (Birch Barker 7/7/79)

The post office has assigned new 5 digit addresses for us at Birch Lake. Dorothy Getzinger has advised each of you what your

new address is... (Birch Barker 5/31/80)

Below are some of the classified ads in 1978 Birch Barkers:

- Vandalia Sportsmen's Center - "Freshest Bait Around"
- Printers Press, Mishawaka - "Road Maps to Lake"
- A & J Party Store, M-60 Vandalia
- Tom's Garage & Welding, - "Repairs: Cars - Mowers"
- Clayton Mourning - "Tree Removal & Trimming"
- Eagle Lake Marine, Inc., Edwardsburg
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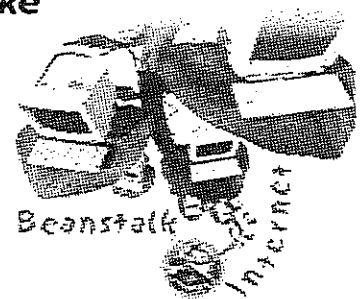
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Stu's Star Stuff

Most early risers in the United States will see a bit of extra daylight over the next few days, because the Sun rises earlier in mid-June than at any other time of the year.

The exact date of earliest sunrise varies by location; it happens first at southern latitudes, then works northward.

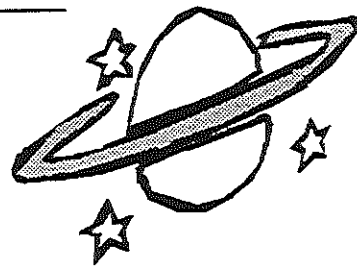
For the far southern United States, and for us here at the lake, earliest sunrise has already happened. North of the 38th parallel, it takes place a little later.

Don't confuse the date of earliest sunrise with the longest day of the year. That takes place on June 20th — the summer solstice. The sun reaches its highest point north, standing overhead on the Tropic of

Cancer in the western Pacific ocean at the moment of the solstice. We in the north celebrate the longest day and shortest night of the year. While the Sun will rise a bit later on the 20th than it does this week, it also SETS later on the solstice, so the total length of daylight is greatest on that day.

After the solstice, in fact, sunset will continue to occur a bit later each day for another week or so. The date of latest sunset also varies with latitude; the farther north you are, the sooner your latest sunset will occur.

Since most of us are up and about at sunSET instead of sunRISE, the days will still feel as though they're getting longer. And for those on Daylight Saving Time

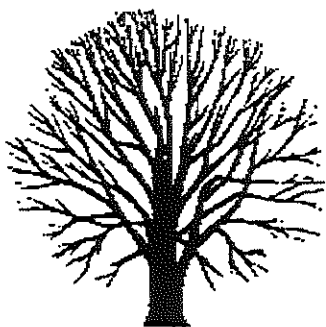


that really seems like a good deal. (More on time later. You can count on it.) But by the end of June, the Sun will begin to set earlier. In a few weeks, you'll notice that the days just seem shorter than they were during early summer.

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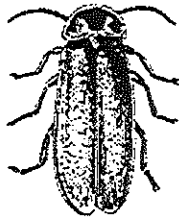
Do you know who I am?

Saw one last night, the rest must be on the move.

There are over 2,000 known species, not all who possess a signal. Capable of luminous display from when they are just pin-sized eggs on through their two-week to two-month life span, the female deposits the eggs in moist soil or on the underside of leaves. The tiny larvae emerge a couple weeks later in another lighted form.

Growing from 1/16th inch to about 1/2 inch, glowworms are fierce predators consuming snails, slugs and arthropods. The larvae stuns its victim with a neuro-toxin that immobilizes and liquefies its meal. Then it sucks up its prey like a milk shake.

The larvae grows and glows through summer, then burrows into the soil for winter. Biologists wondered why the eggs and



larvae would light, thinking it made them vulnerable. Later they discovered the eggs and larvae have toxins that would make a bird or frog sick — the display says "I'm poisonous."

Late the next spring it constructs a pupal case & crawls inside to metamorphose into a slender winged beetle equipped with a flashlight. What is this little critter now?

It flits about signaling in natural Morse Code trying to find a friend, a mate, saying "pick me." Picking the wrong gal leads to a short date. The large genus Photuris females lure in suitors, overpower them and eat them!

Some species display just after dark; others wait till late into the night. Some species fly low, others drift among the tree tops. Efficient bitty bugs converting 90-98% of energy into cool light (whereas an ordinary incandescent light bulb transforms 3% & loses the other 97% as heat). Their trick is done with a chemical reaction between three organic compounds.

Researchers think some species are disappearing, but none are classified as threatened. Most of the species in North America can be found in the mid-west in moist areas (like the area around Birch Lake) lighting their lanterns on summer evenings.

-Chrys A. Lis

Answer - the Firefly (aka lightning bugs)

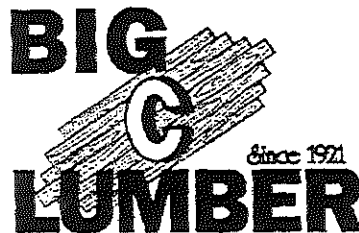


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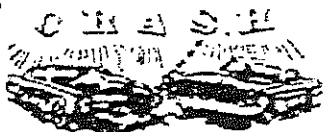
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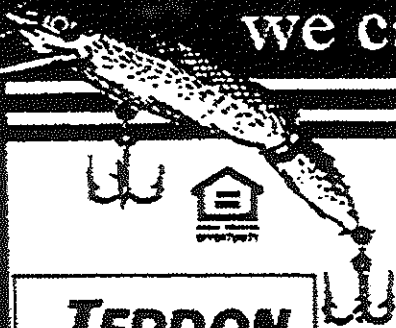
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Registration requirement

The owner of a personal watercraft shall file an application with the secretary of state for a registration number and decal.

The registration must be carried and displayed upon a peace officer's request.

If the personal watercraft is purchased from a dealer, a 15-day temporary permit may be issued. The permit shall not be renewed or extended.

The owner of the personal watercraft shall permanently paint or attach the registration numbers in block letters on each side of the forward half of the vessel. The numbers must be as high above the waterline as practical. The registration decal is valid for a three-year period that begins on April 1 and expires March 31 of the third year.

Equipment requirement

Each person on board the personal watercraft must wear a personal flotation device that is not an inflatable.

Each person 12 years of age or older, riding or being towed, must wear a type I, type II or type III personal flotation device.

Each person less than 12 years of age, riding or being towed, must wear a type I or type II personal flotation device.

A lanyard-type engine cutoff switch must be attached to the person, clothing or personal flotation device. The manufacturer must equip the lanyard for the engine.

Each personal watercraft must be equipped with one B1 type fire extinguisher.

Age Requirement

A person shall not operate a personal watercraft if a child under 7 years of age is on board or towed

unless with a parent or guardian or designee of parent or guardian.

A person under the age of 14 shall not operate a personal watercraft in this state. A person who is 12 but less than 14 may operate a personal watercraft if he or she obtained a boating safety certificate before January 1, 1999.

Persons born after December 31, 1978 shall not operate a personal watercraft unless they obtain a boating safety certificate.

The operators of a personal watercraft must carry their boating safety certificate and display it upon the demand of a peace officer.

Out of state residence

Beginning March 31, 2000, persons who are not residents of this state shall only operate a personal watercraft if they possess one of the following:

- A boating safety certificate.
- A certificate from their state that is substantially similar to the education and training for Michigan.
- A certificate from a course approved by the national association of state boating law administrators education committee that shows completion of a boating or personal watercraft course.

Prohibited operation

A person shall not operate a personal watercraft during the period that begins 1 hour before sunset and ends at 8 a.m.

A person operating a personal watercraft shall not cross within 150 feet behind another vessel, other than a personal watercraft, unless the personal watercraft is operating at a slow-no wake speed.

A person shall not operate a personal watercraft where the water depth is less than 2 feet, unless 1 of the following exists:

-The personal watercraft is being operated at a slow-no wake speed.

-The personal watercraft is being docked or launched.

A person shall not weave through congested vessel traffic while operating a personal watercraft. A person operating a personal watercraft shall not wait until the last possible moment to avoid a collision.

A person shall not operate a personal watercraft while carrying more persons than the personal watercraft is designed to carry.

A person operating a personal watercraft shall not disregard the rights or safety of others, nor operate a personal watercraft at a rate of speed or in a manner that endangers a person or property.

Unless operating in a navigable channel, canal, river or stream, a person who operates a personal watercraft or a person that is being towed by a personal watercraft shall not operate within 100 feet of:

- A dock or raft.
- A buoyed or occupied bathing or swimming area.
- A person in the water or on the water in a personal flotation device.
- An anchored or moored vessel.
- A vessel that is drifting or sitting dead in the water.

A person who operates a personal watercraft or a person being towed by a personal watercraft shall not operate within 200 feet of:

- A submerged diver.
- A vessel engaged in underwater diving activities.
- A flotation device displaying the international diving insignia.

Accidents

A personal watercraft accident involving a vessel or its equipment must be reported as soon as possible to the nearest peace officer if

any of the following conditions exist:

- There is a death or disappearance of a person
- A person is injured.
- There is property damage estimated at \$100 or more

The law also requires that the operator help other persons affected by the accident, unless it puts his or her vessel and passengers in danger.

The operator of a personal watercraft that is involved in an accident must show his or her registration to any persons injured or to the owner of any damaged property. The operator must also give his or her name, address and vessel identification to the same persons.

Liability of owner

The owner of a personal watercraft is liable for any injury caused by a negligent operator. It shall be presumed that the personal watercraft is being operated with the knowledge and consent of the owner if it is driven by his or her son, daughter, spouse, father, mother, brother, sister or other immediate member of the owner's family.

Alcohol

A person shall not operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this state if either of the following conditions exists:

- The person is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or both.
- The person has a blood alcohol content of 0.10% or more.

The owner of a personal watercraft, or a person in charge or in control of a personal watercraft, shall not knowingly allow the personal watercraft to be operated by a person if the following conditions

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Courtesy to others

Use courtesy and common sense when sharing the waterways with other recreational users.

Respect the peace and quiet of the residents on the water.

Do not operate for long periods of time in the same area.

Do not chase or harass the wildlife.

Reminder

When the throttle is not engaged, the person operating

the personal watercraft is unable to steer. Many accidents and collisions have occurred because the operator was not aware of this. Please refer to your owner's manual prior to operating your personal watercraft. It is important to familiarize yourself with the operating characteristics of your personal watercraft before you begin.

Safety tips

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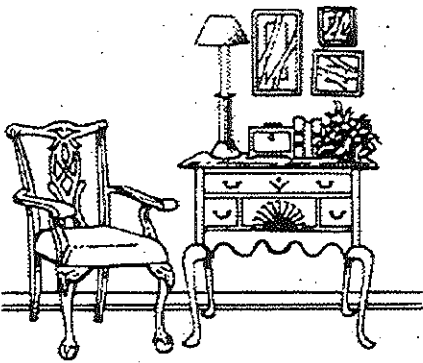
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