

TO BE CELEBRATED ON JULY 3rd
 at Beautiful Birch Lake - 9:00 P.M.

YOUR BIRCH BARKER 15[¢]

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HAVE YOU RESERVED AN ADVANTAGEOUS SPOT

from which to view this spectacular? Many of our folks will be able to see right from their front yard. The "pretties" will be shot from the west side of the lake (the Dvorak property) at 9:00 on SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 3rd. In case of bad weather, the display will be on Monday evening, July 4th. We want to thank these wonderful neighbors for allowing us to take advantage of their shoreline for the show. Contributions for fireworks continue to come in. Just in case you were not home when your director called or if for some reason your money is not in as yet, be sure to see him (all director's names were printed in last week's Barker) or see me, your Commodore, at cottage # 98. Let's all pitch in and make this an evening to be remembered. Let's don't regard it as just another wonderful day for a delicious picnic or a good swim but instead remember those fathers, sons and brothers who gave their precious lives that we might enjoy our freedom and liberty.

* John Ball, your Commodore, cottage # 98

BIRCH LAKE "CHAMPAGNE REGATTA" HUGE SUCCESS

The first of its kind, the invitational regatta held on Birch Lake was a big success. We played host to Eagle and Diamond Lakes. The number of boats attending were 21 with everyone saying they would be back next year to try to win the Champagne Bucket which is the traveling trophy.

The sun was bright, the winds heavy and the hospitality great. The food was prepared by Esther Troeger, Doris Howard, Lucy Ferbes, Margaret Jensen, Trudy Clare and several others.....all in all making it a grand experience.

The trophies were donated by Earl Troeger Sr. and we wish at this time to say again thank you very much for helping to make this possible. Also to Jim Luxenberger thank you for your donation of money, time and effort on the Committee boat.

- The winners were:
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| 1st | Bernie Rowe, Diamond Lake |
| 2nd | Bud Leonard, Diamond Lake |
| 3rd | Earl Troeger, Birch Lake |

Your Fleet Captain, Bob Hague, wishes to once more express his thanks to all who helped make this Regatta a big success, and next year we will try for Bigger and Better Sailing.

ATTENTION PLEASE

We are seeing new faces along the shoreline. We cordially welcome you and are anxious to become acquainted. One of the best ways to do this is to have you join our Birch Lake Yacht Club (just a name for our little community....no boat necessary). Memberships are available from your Director.

DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING?
 DID YOU FIND SOMETHING?
 DO YOU WANT TO SELL SOMETHING?
 DO YOU WANT TO BUY SOMETHING?

Whatever your problem, we will be happy to publish the information for 25¢. Just give your ad to your reporter for the Birch Barker or drop it in the Birch Barker mailbox at # 307 - Woodland Cove Drive - the I. T. Bowers' cottage. Mrs. I. T. is continuing with the publication again this year.



TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH THE MICHIGAN TRAFFIC LAWS FOR BOATS

Persons operating vessels on the waters of this state in areas not marked by well defined channels, canals, rivers or stream courses, shall operate in a COUNTER-CLOCKWISE fashion insofar as it is reasonably possible. Such persons shall maintain a distance of ONE HUNDRED FEET from any dock, raft, buoyed or occupied bathing area, or vessel moored or at anchor, except when pre-

ceeding at a "slow no-wake" speed and except when engaged in picking up or dropping off water skiers, so long as such operation is otherwise conducted with due regard to the safety of persons and property and in accordance with the laws of this state.

PLEASE GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO OUR FISHERMEN AND SAILING BOATS

From Richard Johnson, our Marine Deputy on Birch Lake, Cass County, Mich:

This is the Michigan Law Relating to Registration of Motorboats

All Michigan certificates of motorboat registration expired as of last December 31, 1965. All motorboats operating on Michigan waters must have valid registrations from the State of Michigan or be registered in accordance with a federally approved registration and numbering system of another state.

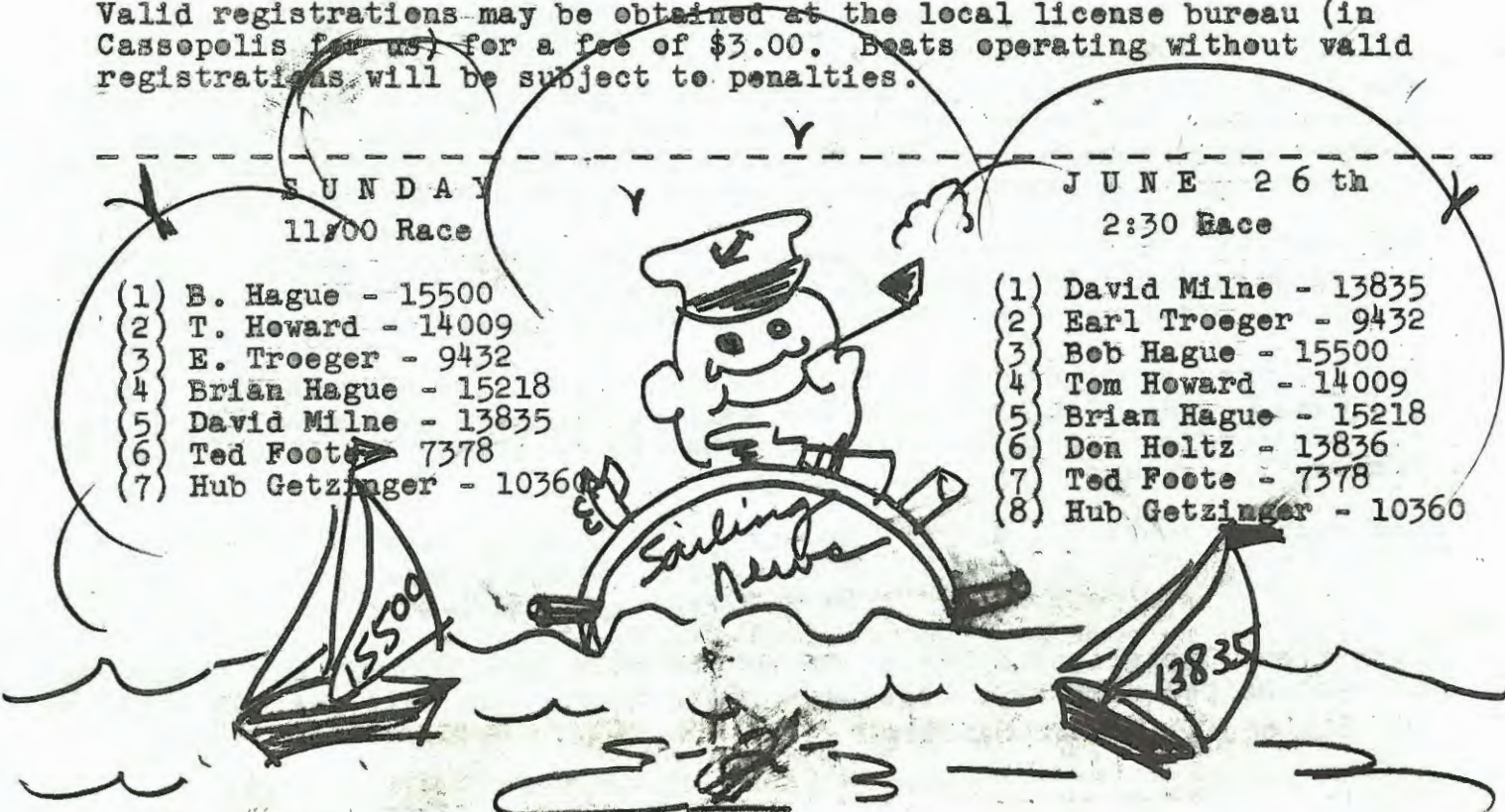
Valid registrations may be obtained at the local license bureau (in Cassopolis for us) for a fee of \$3.00. Boats operating without valid registrations will be subject to penalties.

SUNDAY
 11:00 Race

- (1) E. Hague - 15500
- (2) T. Howard - 14009
- (3) E. Troeger - 9432
- (4) Brian Hague - 15218
- (5) David Milne - 13835
- (6) Ted Foote - 7378
- (7) Hub Getzinger - 10360

JUNE 26th
 2:30 Race

- (1) David Milne - 13835
- (2) Earl Troeger - 9432
- (3) Bob Hague - 15500
- (4) Tom Howard - 14009
- (5) Brian Hague - 15218
- (6) Don Heltz - 13836
- (7) Ted Foote - 7378
- (8) Hub Getzinger - 10360





Family News

from along



the shoreline

"BETTER GET IN THE SWIM"

On Tuesday the Kensills entertained her mother, Mrs. Miller, in honor of her birthday. Also present was Mrs. Ruth Samuels, Susan Fenton and her granddaughter Debbie Williams.

The Carpenter Cottage will have a family reunion over the 4th... the Taylors from Fort Wayne and the E. R. Carpenters from Terre Haute.

The Gaedtke's at cottage # 318 are putting the finishing touches on their new garage. They are also busily at work improving the front of their cottage. They are flying to Europe on July 28th to visit their daughter and family and want to get as much work done as possible before leaving. Just like the old song, "it'll be so nice to come home to".

Some of our people "fly away" and others "fly back". Real happy to learn that Jeff Asire landed on Monday to enjoy another summer at Birch Lake and more of Grandma Fulmer's yummie chocolate chip cookies. Grandpa Fulmer has been busy giving the Asire's yard a haircut and getting their boat all shined up and back in the water. Mrs. Asire, husband Jack and daughters Nancy and Martha are expected to arrive on Thursday.

A combination splash party and cook-out was given by Miss Carol Myers at cottage # 159. Guests were the Misses Pat Smith, Mary Golauchauski, Vicki Sexton, Maxine Morichal and Fran Bowers....all from I. U., So. Bend Campus. The skiers in the group were disappointed...the Myers boat refused to start. Better luck next time.

The beach at # 307 has been a busy one this past week. Mrs. I. T. Bowers' sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Nassar, husband Shelby and children Tom, Sheryl and Joe arrived last Sat. from Clarksdale, Mississippi to enjoy a week at dear old Birch. Her stepmother, Mrs. Teresa McCombs and her son Harry Woodard and his family from South Bend joined in the

fun, as did the Bowers' son Paul and his family from South Bend. Grandson Greg Kinner is enjoying himself at the lake too while his folks are away on a 2 weeks camping trip in the Smokies. Fran Bowers' guest, Mr. James Hile from South Bend, is enjoying as much time as possible...that is when he can get away from that dairy business at the busy K. Mart. Needless to say, the week went far too fast. Mary Jane, her sister, wished she could have found some way to take some of this wonderful water and weather back to Mississippi with her.

The Hibschan's enjoyed a day of visiting last Sunday with Mel's sister and family. Son Jim and his wife Marsha joined the party later.

The Cranmer's are enjoying having their grandchildren with them for several weeks this summer. Bet that means Grandma will be on a little different schedule but a very pleasant one.

The Cowens, cottage # 308, are busy putting on a few finishing touches on their town property before retiring at the lake. Clifford is buying cigars and Avonelle is making fudge in preparation for the celebration of the event. She has completed her last term of teaching and Clifford will be terminating his 42 years with Ball Band. They have already acquired their winter home in Kissimmee, Florida, where they will be neighboring with the Fulmers, Milnes and Brossmans from Birch Lake.

Dr. Lahr and his wife returned to Birch Lake from their Florida home on the 27th of May. After working himself to a frazzle getting 80 dahlia bulbs planted, they left for North Oaks Farm in St. Paul to visit with their daughter and family. They got "chummy" with plenty of real deer, also enjoyed the beautiful birds, especially the rare Scarlet Tanager. Then on to Hawthorne Woods at Lake Zurich, north of Chicago, Illinois, to visit with nieces and nephews. Hurried back to Birch Lake so as to be in time to entertain Dr. and Mrs. Richard E. Lahr (their son) and family from Marion, Ind. They will be visiting for several days.

Floyd Fulmer, Birch Lake Yacht Club Secretary, submits the following report on the last meeting held at the Yacht Club:

June 19, 1966: The first meeting of the Board of Directors for 1966 was held at the Yacht Club at 3:00 P. M. F. Fulmer reported that the patrol boat had been readied and was in service. Purchase of water heater from Rieth Plumbing Company was authorized. Pat Forbes was appointed to contact Fruit Belt Electric in regard to new service. Mrs. Forbes was appointed to take charge of receiving of soft drinks. Glen Myers was appointed to see that parking lot was put in shape. Floyd Fulmer was appointed to obtain permission to use vacant lots for fireworks display and permit from fire chief. Membership cards were given to directors and they were urged to collect \$3.00 from each cottage for fireworks and an equal amount, or more for memberships and to turn same in at next meeting on July 2, 3:30 P. M. The committee on annual dinner reported it would have more definite plans by next meeting.

<p><u>FOR SALE:</u> A 5½ H.P. Evinrude motor and Gas Tank. Is in perfect condition. See Albert Osborne at cottage # 365.</p>	<p><u>FOR SALE:</u> Aqua Swan Runabout like new. Priced to sell. Contact Cottage 305 or 302. Ph. 476-2353</p>
<p><u>FOR SALE:</u> A Westinghouse Portable Electric Sewing Machine. See Otto Mais at cottage # 64</p>	<p><u>WANTED TO BUY:</u> Antique clocks. See Albert Osborne, Cottage # 365/</p>



OH MOMMIE →
IS THIS WHAT
POISON IVY
LOOKS LIKE?

JUNIOR YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIPS
ARE ALSO AVAILABLE NOW !

HOW ABOUT THAT YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP ?
No doubt your director presented your membership at the same time that he talked to you about the fireworks. If he happened to miss you, you be sure to look him up. It takes both time and money...but without the money the time would be useless so lets make this a club to be proud of.

(SHORE LINE NEWS CONTINUES)

Chet Waggoner and family are enjoying his Father's Day present... that pretty red Dorsett boat.
Jeff Asire will be assuming his duties as sking instructor at Camp Kiloqua.
Ed and Sara Partridge and children Patti and Phil from Cincinnati will be here this weekend visiting the J. Caenepeels and Partridges at Wee Weed.
Charlie and Josephine Partridge have returned to their cottage after a trip

of nearly 10,000 miles, from their home in Safety Harbor, Fla. The trip took them through the southwest to visit their son Cloyd and family in Santa Ana, Calif. They also visited relatives and friends in San Francisco, Tacoma and Wenatchee, Wash. Some points included in the trip were Big Bend Pk., Carlshad Caverns, Monument Valley, Grand Canyon, Cedar Breaks, Boyce Canyon, Yosemite and Crater Lake...but BIRCH LAKE is second to none.

We wish to express our sympathy to Barney Winiarski, # 200-1, the Bee-Jay cottage, in the death of his beloved wife.

Judge and Mrs. Mervin Rehrer of Avon Park, Florida, are visiting at the Brown's in # 127.

Judy Brown has returned home from Radford, Va. She was a Biology Instructor at Radford College.

Saturday, June 25th, Sue (Gableman) Jarvis was hostess for a "get together" in honor of (believe it or not) her husband, PFC John Jarvis. He arrived unexpectedly from Ft.

Lewis, Washington, for a week, preparatory to shipping-out for service as a Medic in Viet Nam. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Engle, Miss Monica Klose and brother John, all of Elkhart. Wouldn't it be just great if John J. should see Dave Gableman in Viet Nam? He has been there since last October.

Mrs. Pam Gabor of Michigan City, Ind. spent the week with the Kruggel's. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gabor and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henselin and son Eddie visited last Sunday. Everyone enjoyed a cook-out.

Virginia Canaber and Mary Burke were guests of Anne Gillis last Saturday. All are employees of Notre Dame University.

A blaze was sighted down in the Cove last Saturday.....it wasn't a weenie roast either. The Powell's beautiful big black boat was a-fire. Quick action taken by son Rick brought everything under control. Mr. Scoffield was "Johnny-on-the-spot" and towed him home.

The Charles Pluchar family spent a glorious week at the Kostanski's cottage. They left happy, sunburned, water-logged and itchy (all had a slight case of poison oak).

Dr. Tom Troeger's family are spending the week at the cottage....Patti, Tracy, Troy, Tammy and Todd.

Kay Jensen arrives home Monday, June 27th, from Covina, Calif. Goody...Goody!

Sunday guests of the Scoffields, #185, were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Van Loecke and son Albert, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Van Loecke, Rosemary and Robert Van Loecke and Sheryl Rump.

George and Joan Chapman were guests of the John Balls last Saturday evening. Enjoyed a great game of bridge.

Mary Lou Kauffman and son John enjoyed last Sunday afternoon with the Balls at cottage # 98.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl May and son Doug of South Bend are renting cottage # 96 for two weeks. They are enjoying the wonderful weather and their return to Birch Lake again. Doug is a recent graduate of Annapolis Naval Academy. The May's daughter Katie and grandson Jeff were weekend visitors.

Machallecks cottage # 51 is bulging at the seams as the entire family is together once again for the first time in over a year. Mike (Lt. J. G.) has just completed a course in Nuclear Weapons at Sandia Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico and is on leave till he reports to his new duties at SCIFFES CREEK ANNEX in Yorktown, Virginia.

Coming back with Mike was his grandmother, Ellen McDowell from Canoga Park, California. She will stay for the summer.

Steve and Pat and their 9 month old daughter Stacy from Kalamazoo along with a brand new Yorkshire puppy stayed through Monday.

Denny Wolf of Niles was a weekend guest and daughters Marianne and Kathy completed the family group.

Kathy Macalleck spent Tuesday through Thursday at Michigan State University for the Orientation Program.

Mrs. Theresa King entertained the Elkhart Chapter of Business and Professional Women's Club at Bill King's cottage on Sun., June 26th.

From cottage 272...Elmer and Charlotte Hagerty entertained the Sturgis Chapter of the Hammond Organ Society on Sunday afternoon with a picnic dinner. Guests were from Bronson, Sturgis and White Pigeon. Everyone had a good time and all agreed that Birch is a beautiful lake.

They entertained with a steak fry on Monday, the 27th, in honor of Dick Hagerty's birthday.

Weekend guests at the Otto Mais home were William Allen, wife and son Scott and little Sherry.

The Mais Family Reunion was held on June 26th at We-Luv-It, # 64, home of Otto and Daisy Mais.

My apologies if there are misspelled names. Would appreciate it if you would print proper names. Thanks! Your Editor, Mrs. Bowers

That's all folks — See you next week!