

# BIRCH BARKER

ISSUE 1

JUNE 20

This issue of the Birch Barker is the "get acquainted" issue. We hope you enjoy reading it. Subscription price is \$1.00 for the season. Your Newshound will accept your subscription fee.

Birch Barkers will be delivered on Saturdays. News will be collected on Sundays. If at all possible, please have the news ready for your Newshound. The deadline for news is Monday noon.

## COMMODORE COWEN SAYS :

Welcome back to Birch Lake for another season of sunshine, fun, and rest. Some Yacht Club activities have been planned and some are yet to be planned.

The Spring Dinner, co-hosted by Earl and Connie Troeger and Bill and Le King, was held April 19th at the Mayfair in Mishawaka. Everyone seemed to enjoy himself and ideas for the Birch Lake activities were discussed.

A schedule of 1969 Yacht Club Activities appears elsewhere in this issue.

Activities for the Junior members are yet to be planned. There will be an organization meeting for Juniors on June 28 at 3:30 Michigan time, 4:30 Indiana time, at the Yacht Club. All those interested in a Junior program should attend, this includes the Juniors plus the parents of the younger Juniors. Junior activities will probably be divided by ages into an older age group and a younger age group. The scope of Junior activities will depend upon the interest and participation of the members.

Your directors (and their helpers) have received membership cards and will be around to see each of you soon. Memberships are \$3.00 (or more if you desire) per family. This is for Senior memberships. Junior memberships are 50¢ and will be sold by the Juniors after their organization meeting. Your director will also be asking for a \$3.00 contribution for the fireworks.

Over the winter, the club acquired 75 folding chairs (for \$2.00 each). This will help in enabling us to hold the Annual Dinner at the clubhouse.

The Pleasure Boating Safety Course will be offered by the Sheriff's department. Our officer, Ted Peak, will have exact dates, which are published in this issue of the Barker.

We wish you a pleasant and safe summer.

Dick Cowen, Commodore

# AUGUST 30, 1968 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by Commodore Fulmer. Present were G. Stout, L. Meyers, H. Howard, M. Eberhart, and R. Cowen. Minutes of the annual dinner meeting were read and approved.

A motion to have the ground behind the yacht club building graded so water will flow away from the building was made by R. Cowen. Motion was carried.

M. Eberhart reported that the Health and Safety Committee had met with an attorney. The attorney visited the lake and reviewed the drainage problem from the farm land on the south side of the lake. The attorney indicated that he felt the lake property owners' rights are being violated. He will do some research on the question and talk with the farmer involved.

Meeting was adjourned.

R. Cowen, Acting Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

Spring Dinner	\$ 257.20
Boat Storage	440.00
Barker Subscriptions	202.63
Barker Advertising	85.25
Memberships	498.50
Jr. Memberships	3.50
Fireworks	439.00
Fall Dinner	305.80
Sailors' Fees	140.00
Bake Sale	10.90
Garage Sale	173.13
Food-Regatta	237.41
Juke Box	5.00
Pop	199.20
Dance	155.00
Bldg. Fund	28.00
Watermelon Sale	9.55

TOTAL \$3190.07

Balance 1967	2141.61
Receipts '68	3190.07
TOTAL	5331.68
Expenses '68	3398.33
BALANCE	1942.35
BK Balance	1942.24

### EXPENSES

Spring Dinner	\$242.42
Taxes	95.60
Barker Supplies	128.00
Mimeographs	50.00
Lakes & Streams Membership	25.75
Electric	72.38
Fireworks	516.00
Fall Dinner	237.72
Trophies	296.72
Kitchen Supplies	42.14
Insurance	88.00
Food-Regatta	172.39
New Juke Box	165.00
Pop	181.50
Dance Bands	225.00
Clubhouse Repairs	579.39
Thrift Checks	3.60
Phonograph Records	10.00
Memorials	43.13
Regatta Expense	65.20
Postage and Telephone	20.89
New Coke Machine	50.00
Shot Gun Shells	28.50
Rent - Jones Hall	50.00

TOTAL \$3389.33

Virginia Spratt, Treasurer

June 14, 1969 Meeting

# DIRECTORS' MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Cowen at 3:35 p.m. Present were L. Meyers, H. Howard, M. Eberhart, F. Fulmer, G. Stout, J. Ball, W. Hayden, W. Echols, H. Kruggel, C. Decker, J. Troeger, and R. Cowen.

Minutes of the August 30, 1968 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

M. Eberhart presented report by Health and Safety Committee. (Report is attached for the record.) Lawyer O'Conner will contact the farmer, but is unable to go any further. Motion was made and passed to have Lawyer Jones pursue action if Lawyer O'Conner is unsuccessful.

The subject of grading the club property to the west of the clubhouse for proper drainage was discussed and will be pursued by H. Howard.

F. Fulmer presented report on 4th of July Fireworks Committee. Fireworks are purchased and shipped from Nationwide Fireworks Co. in Saginaw. Permits have been received and insurance has been purchased. The Portage Twp. Fire Dept. will supervise the display.

A motion expressing appreciation to Mahlon Eberhart for serving 15 years as Treasurer of the BLYC was carried by unanimous vote.

The plans to incorporate the BLYC will be pursued by F. Fulmer.

A motion was made to reject the application of the Aqua Cat Fleet to hold their Midwest Regatta at Birch Lake. Motion carried.

Request from Michiana Productions and Exhibitions, Inc., to participate in Spring Boat Show at Stepan Center, Notre Dame, will be turned over to the sailors.

Next meeting will be July 19, 1969.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jack Troeger, Secretary

# ELECTIONS

## OFFICERS

Commodore-----Richard Cowen  
V. Commodore--Herb Howard  
Secretary-----Jack Troeger  
Treasurer-----Virginia Spratt

## DIRECTORS

South Side: Wm. Olsen, Harold Kirkley, Al Williams  
East Side: Lester Meyers, Mort Hunt, Harry Price, Carlisle Decker  
Hill Top: LaMar King  
North Side: Wm. Echols  
West Side: Wm. Hayden, Gary Stout, Herm Kruggel

FLEET CAPTAINS Snipes: Tom Howard, Don Holtz (Assistant)  
Sunfish: Herm Kruggel

BUILDING CHAIRMAN: Herb Howard  
FLOWERS AND GIFTS: Dorothy Purdy  
PUBLICITY: Avenelle Cowen  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Wm. Hayden, LaMar King  
BIRCH BARKER: Barbara Myers, Peg Cowen, Floyd Fulmer

TRUSTEES Bob Hague  
John Ball  
Floyd Fulmer

# ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

April	19	Spring Dinner Earl & Connie Troeger; Bill & Le King
June	14	Directors' Meeting
June	21	Square Dance (ADULTS ONLY) Jack & Janet Troeger; Herm & Bev Kruggel
June	28	Junior Organization Meeting
July	4	Fireworks Floyd Fulmer; Clifford Cowen
July	7	Boating Safety Course
July	11	Bingo Herb & Doris Howard
July	19	Directors' Meeting
August	6*	Stag Golf Outing & Dinner Herm Kruggel
August	9	Boat Parade Bertha Myers, Helen Weesner, Trudy Claro, Gussie Echols, Louise Reith
August	9	Melon Mess Jack & Evelyn Asire
August	16	Annual Dinner Herb & Doris Howard
August	23	Directors' Meeting

\* Tentative Date

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THE BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB  
PRESENTS A

## GET ACQUAINTED SQUARE DANCE

Tonight, Saturday, June 21, the PLYC will hold a square dance at the clubhouse at 8:00 p.m. Michigan time, 9:00 p.m. Indiana time.

Pros...Beginners...Non-Dancers: This is your chance. Learn to square dance, or just come to socialize.

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# TED PEAK SAYS :

Greetings from your friendly Marine Deputy! The Sheriff's Dept. will have a Marine Deputy on the lake again this summer. As last year, I will also be covering Shave head Lake, plus Baldwin and Long Lakes have been added.

Now that summer is here and the boats and skis are all dusted off, don't forget the seat cushions and fire extinguishers. Any life preserver which is not in good condition should be destroyed. To do this, and be safe, they should be cut up in pieces and burned. This will prevent anyone else from using a piece of unsafe equipment.

For those of you who have inquired about the boating safety class, there will be one held at Diamond Lake at the Yacht Club the week of June 23. It will start Monday at 10:00 a.m. and run for 1 hour each day through Friday. The instructor will be Deputy Sheriff James Northrup.

I will be having a class here at Birch Lake the week of July 7. This will be held at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. More information will follow in later Barkers.

A reminder to the youthful boat operators, that if they are under 12 years of age, they may operate a boat alone only if it is powered by less than 6 hp. Over 6 hp., they must be accompanied by someone over 16 years of age.

Operators from 12 to 16 may operate a boat alone if less than 6 hp. or if more than 6 hp. they must be accompanied by someone 16 years of age or older or have in their possession a Boating Safety Certificate.

These laws are not made to prevent you from having a good time, but for your protection.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Ted Peak, Marine Deputy

# MICHIGAN BOATING REGULATIONS

**NUMBERING:** All motorboats used on Michigan waters must be numbered for identification and a valid certificate of number must be on board the motorboat whenever it is in use. Motorboats which are principally used in this state must have Michigan numbers. Visitors from other states temporarily using Michigan waters may retain their home state numbers for a period of 90 consecutive days -- if they remain longer, the boat must be re-numbered in Michigan.

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:** Life-saving devices. Every vessel being operated on Michigan waters must provide one of the following Coast Guard Approved Life-saving devices for each person on board: Life-Preserver...Life Vest...Ring Buoy...and Buoyant Cushion--all to be Coast Guard Approved.

Fire Extinguishers. Motorboats of closed or semi-closed construction are subject to fire and explosion. For this reason these motorboats must carry Coast Guard fire extinguishing equipment.



Navigation lights. All motorboats operated between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with and display navigation lights as follows: All motorboats of less than 11 hp.: 1 white light either flashlight or lantern exhibited in time to prevent collision. Motorboats less than 26 ft. in length powered by 11 hp. or more: 1 white light aft visible 2 miles, 1 combination light forward: green to starboard, red to port.

Mufflers. Every motorboat operated on Michigan waters must have a stock factory muffler, underwater exhaust, or other device capable of adequately muffling the sound of the engine's exhaust shall be so suppressed as to not create "excessive" or "unusual" noise.

Rear view mirrors. All motorboats towing water skiers must be equipped with a rear view mirror which will cover a 170 degree arc astern. The mirror must be so located as to provide the towboat operator with a clear view of the skier (s). Ski towboats must also have on board at least one competent person so located as to be in a position to observe the water skier (s). This requirement permits the boat operator to concentrate on maneuvering the towboat and to keep an alert lookout ahead while the observer keeps him apprised of the skier's progress. The observer can also assist in recovering a fallen skier and retrieving the tow rope.

**WATER SKIING RESTRICTIONS:** The sport of water skiing is exhilarating to all who have successfully accomplished the skills necessary to successful skiing. To be certain that it is as safe as it is exciting, the Michigan law imposes two basic requirements on the sport. 1. No one shall water ski from 1 hour after sunset until 1 hour before sunrise, and 2. No one shall operate a water ski towboat unless it is equipped with a 170-degree wide-angle rearview mirror and has a competent observer on board.

**COUNTER CLOCKWISE OPERATION:** When you are operating on open water, you should direct your vessel in a counter-clockwise direction. When all boats are moving in the same direction, the dangers of 'meeting' or head-on situations are eliminated.

**OPERATING A VESSEL WHEN INTOXICATED OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS IS PROHIBITED:** Serious accidents can, and do, result when a vessel operator does not have control of his faculties as a result of immoderate use of alcohol. Narcotic drugs, barbitals, and other drugs can also reduce the competence of a vessel's operator to a dangerous degree. Michigan law, therefore, prohibits operation or control of a vessel by a person under the influence of alcohol, narcotic, drugs, or barbitals, or by habitual users of narcotic drugs or barbitals. The law also prohibits a vessel owner from allowing his craft to be operated by those persons noted above.

**YOUTHFUL OPERATORS:** No one wants to prevent young folks from having a good time afloat. But for their own protection, safety, and good fun, as well as to assure the safety of other water users, limited restrictions have been imposed on certain age groups. The restrictions are as follows:

**Under age 12:** May operate a vessel alone except those powered by 6 or more h.p.

May operate a vessel powered by a 6 or more horsepower motor only when accompanied by a person 16 or older.

**Ages 12 - 16:** May operate a vessel alone except those powered by 6 or more h.p.

May operate a vessel powered by a 6 hp. motor only when accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older or when in possession of a Boating Safety Certificate.

## DON'TS FOR YOUR DOG

### PLEASE DON'T:

- let your dog roam the neighborhood.
- let your dog bark excessively.
- let your dog soil your neighbor's shrubbery, lawn, or tear up gardens.
- let your dog chase cars or bicycles.
- let your dog frighten the postman, milkman, or other service people.
- let your leashed dog lunge at or jump at or on passers-by.
- let your dog howl for hours while you are gone.

PLEASE HELP YOURS DOG BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!!!

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Brave soul numbering 42 weathered the cold and rainy first Sunday of the summer season at the R.L. Cowens' cottage for the annual Cleland reunion. That many people packed in tightly made a cozy day indeed!

I WISH TO THANK EVERYONE ON BIRCH LAKE AND VICINITY WHO CONTRIBUTED FOR FLOWERS AND FOOD AT THE TIME OF THE DEATH OF MY HUSBAND.

Mrs. Otto J. Mais

Guests of the C.R. Cowens, have been Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Howe, Winamac, Indiana and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan of Mishawaka, Indiana, who have been celebrating their wedding anniversaries.

Rick Doolittle entertained a fraternity brother, Rod Herschberger of Anderson, Ind., last weekend. Some of Rick's friends from Camp Bernhart also joined him on Saturday night.

Visiting the Carl Hillrings on Sunday for a hamburger fry and shortcake were Mr. and Mrs. James Surface and Holly, and Oscar Hillring from Indianapolis; Myrtle Hillring, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hillring from Osceole; Mrs. and Mrs. Lloyd Hillring, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrett, and Mr. and Mrs. Goransen from South Bend; and Mrs. Emma Anderson from Benton Harbor.

The Hubert Weaver family entertained: Larry and Nine Holderman and sons Matthew and Joel, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada; and Ron & Lawime & daughter Jennifer, Oshkosh, Wisconsin and James and Pat Hearman and daughters Debbie and Teri.

Toni King was home from Central Michigan University for one week. While here, she was bridesmaid at a wedding in South Haven of a former roommate. Toni returns to Mt. Pleasant for 6 weeks of summer school. She hopes to locate a ride home weekends to be at the Lake as much as possible.

Steve King is working at K&M Tool Works after finishing his first year at Southwestern Comm. College

Tori King and Pam Foote are working at a Glass House Restaurant. Quite an experience for them!

Courtney's spent the week at Birch Lake. Jeanne was here with several of her friends.

In a double ring, candlelight service in the Daily Union Protestant Church, Miss Linda Wigton, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Meyers, Cassopolis, and Philip Carey, son of Mrs. Russell Carey, Birch Lake, were married on June 7th. Maid of Honor was LouAnn Wigton and bridesmaids were Lucinda Wigton and Kathy Carey. Best man was Steve Carey and other male attendants were Ed Ksiezopolski and Russ Carey. Wm. Austin was usher. Little Kim Carey was flower girl and her brother Russ was ring bearer. A reception was held at Linda's parents home after the ceremony. Linda and Phil are graduates of Cassopolis H.S. After a year in Vietnam in the Marines, Phil has been stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where the newlyweds are now residing. They are looking forward to Phil's discharge in January so they can spend some time next summer at Birch Lake.





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11:30 a.m.

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Reverend Eugene Moore, Pastor

Sunday morning service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school 10:30 a.m.  
Mrs. Harold Schultz, Sunday School  
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VANDALIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Larry J. Settle, Minister

Morning worship 10 a.m.  
Bible school 11 a.m.  
Evening worship 7 p.m.  
Thurs. "Hour of Prayer" 7:30 p.m.

# RACE RESULTS

JUNE 15

BOAT NO.	SKIPPER	CREW	RACES	
			1	2
13836	Don Holtz	Jon Holtz	4	DNF
15218	Bryan Hague	Cindy Ball	3	3
15500	Bob Hague	Mike Foote	2	2
14375	Tom Athanas	Martha Athanas	6	5
9432	Earl Troeger	Dave Troeger	5	4
16953	Jeff Troeger	Kevin Couran	1	1

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THE MICHIANA REGATTA WILL BE IN

THE NEXT BIRCH BARKER

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB SAILING SCHEDULE FOR 1969

DATE		SNIPES	SUNFISH	
May 31	Saturday	2	(Champagne Birch Lake	
June 1	Sunday	1	Regatta) Hosts	
June 15	Sunday	2		
June 21	Saturday		1	(July 4 Regatta
June 22	Sunday	2		Counts toward
June 28	Saturday		1	Season standings
June 29	Sunday	2		
July 4	Friday	2	2	
July 5	Saturday	2	2	
July 6	Sunday	1	1	
July 12	Saturday		1	
July 13	Sunday	2		
July 19	Saturday		1	
July 20	Sunday	2		
July 26	Saturday	Diamond Lake 1		
July 27	Sunday	Regatta Snipes		
August 2	Saturday		Diamond Lake	
August 3	Sunday	2	Regatta Sunfish	
August 9	Saturday	Snipe Make-up 2		
August 10	Sunday	2	Sunfish Make-UP	
August 16	Saturday	Snipe Make-Up 2		
August 17	Sunday	2	Sunfish Make-Up	
August 23	Saturday	Snipe Make-up 2		
August 24	Sunday	2	Sunfish Make-Up	
August 30	Saturday	2	2	
August 31	Sunday	1	1	(Labor Day Regatta does not count toward season

Snipe races will start promptly at 10 a.m. Michigan time,  
11 a.m. Indiana time  
Sunfish races will start promptly at 1 p.m. Michigan time  
2 p.m. Indiana time

Watch the Birch Barker for Sunday Sunfish series, separate August Sunfish series and a Saturday Snipe series.

Sailing fees: \$ 5.00 Sunfish  
\$10.00 Snipes  
Must be paid to Fleet Captain by  
July 4, to be eligible for season  
standings.

Boats may miss six season races and still be considered in the season standings. Boats attending regattas will still be considered in the season standings if more than six races are missed.

Sunfish Fleet Captain  
Herm Kruggel

Snipe Fleet Captain  
Tom Howard

If you know of any servicemen who would enjoy reading a Birch Barker, please turn his name into your newshoud along with the servicemen's address. A list of servicemen will be printed, and, copies of the Birch Barkers will be mailed to them.