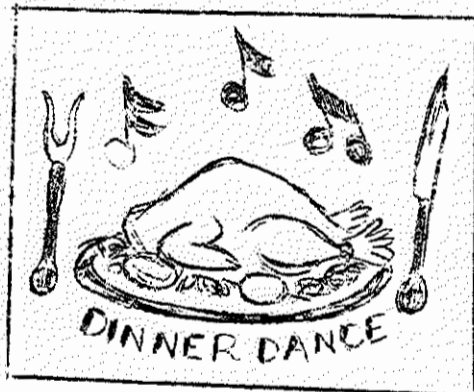
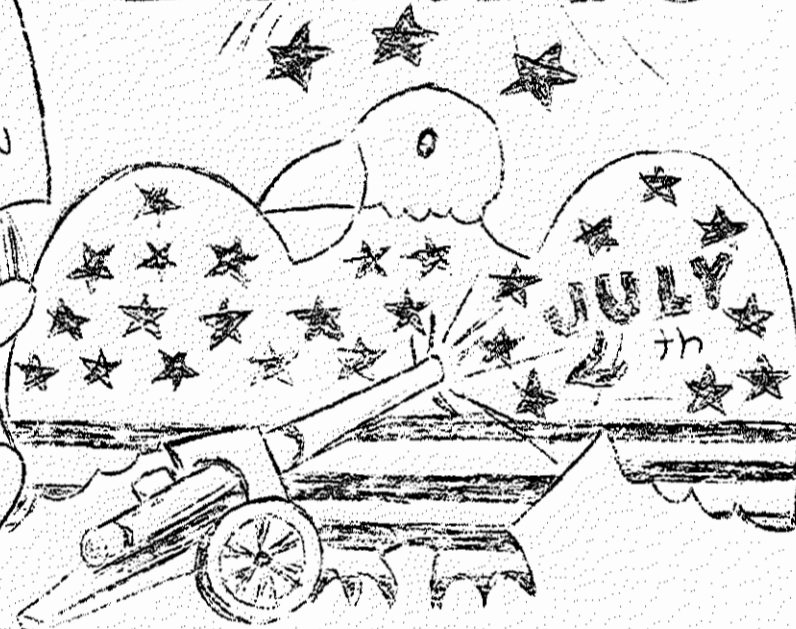
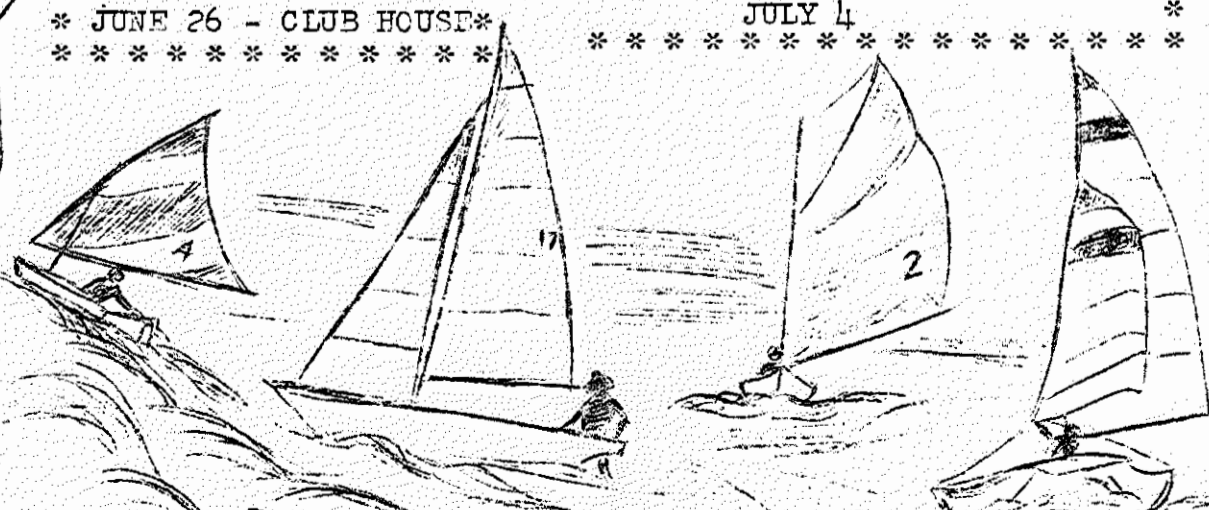


COMING EVENTS



* * * REMEMBER * * * *
* LAS VEGAS NITE !!! *
* JUNE 26 - CLUB HOUSE *
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*** REMEMBER ** * * * * * * * * * *
* FIREWORKS - DIXIE LAND BAND *
* JULY 4 *
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BOAT PARADE

BOAT RACES

YOUR COMMODORE SAYS ! ! !

Another great summer season is underway at Birch Lake and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you back home to the peaceful quiet of the most beautiful lake in Michigan. And for those of you who choose not to be so peaceful, we have a few swingin' social events planned for the season, both on the junior and senior levels.

We will be giving you a complete schedule of events in forthcoming issues of the Barker, but take our word for it, there will be a bustle of activity at the Yacht Club.

As I mentioned at the Spring dinner, a new lake directory is in the final planning stages and should appear in the next two weeks. Your directors will have copies for sale with proceeds going to the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Who else??

By the time this arrives you all should have noticed the new sailing bouys gracing the lake. These replace the older styrofoam bouys that have been badly damaged by vandals and we hope the new ones will receive better treatment.

In addition to the social events scheduled, Mr. Floyd Fulmer assures me that the 4th of July pyrotechnics will be as noisy as ever, more beautiful than before, and that he might have a small surprise for all.

The sailing season is already partly history with Fleet Captain of Sunfish, Dick Cowen, busily computing the scoring system; and Don Holtz, the captain without a ship, Fleet Captaining the Snipes. We even went so far as to purchase a new P A system for giving instructions to the racing skippers. Seldon Foote, Jack Troeger, Reg Carpenter, and Don Holtz will be manning the Committee Boat for all races, and my hat is off to the brave and daring young men.

My special thanks go to the staff and management of the Birch Barker which makes all of this possible. Dorothea and Don Coleman, as all of you know, have very graciously accepted the editorship of the Barker again this season with some expert help in the name of Floyd Fulmer. In fact, we felt so sorry for Floyd that we bought a new mimeograph machine to print the Barker on, so he could save his "cranking arm" for the end of a fishing pole.

And a very special kind of thanks go to the real unsung heroes of the Barkerthe artists, the proofreaders, and especially the

footsoldiers who deliver the Barkers to your doors ...these are our young people, a great bunch ! !

Bruce Harlan
Commodore - BLYC

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GREETINGS from your friendly Marine Deputy. With the start of a new boating season the Cass County Sheriff's Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy season.

There are just a few basic laws I would like to remind you about at this time.

- "1. All boats that are propelled by a motor must be numbered for identification and a valid certificate of number must be on board when the boat is in use.
- "2. All boats must have one Coast Guard approved life saving device for each person on board. This includes motorboats, rowboats, sail boats and pontoons. This also includes the Sunfish and Swordfish sail boats.
- "3. All motorboats towing skiers must be equipped with a 170 degree rear view mirror and also a competent observer in the boat in addition to the driver. A competent observer is a person who could be of assistance to the skier in an emergency or operate the boat if necessary.
- "4. Operate in a counter clockwise fashion in-so-far as possible.
- "5. A distance of 100 ft. SHALL be maintained from any dock, raft, moored or anchored vessel and buoyed divers flag.
- "6. No skiing from one hour after sunset to one hour prior to sunrise
- "7. All children between the ages of 12 and 16 must be licensed to operate a boat powered by 6 or more horsepower.
- "8. Any accident resulting in injury or property damage of \$100. or more must be reported to the Cass County Sheriff's Department at once.
- "9. Every motorboat must have a stock factory muffler, underwater exhaust or other device capable of adequately muffling the sound of the engine's exhaust.

With these few simple laws in mind, some consideration for your fellow man and some common sense, everyone's summer should be very enjoyable. Birch Lake will again be patrolled by the road boat this

year. We hope to get here more than last year if for no other reason than to say hello to some old friends.

REMEMBER: Consider the rights of other boaters, fishermen and lake residents and use good common sense for a safe and enjoyable boating season.

Ted Peak, Marine Deputy
Cass County Sheriff's Department

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB SUNFISH RACING RULES

- I. All racing will be in conformance with the current rules of The North American Yacht Racing Association as modified by the following rules:
- II. The first race will begin at 11:00 a.m. The second race will follow immediately after the finish of the first race.
- III. All boats will report sail number and skipper name to the starting boat.
- IV. The skipper of the boat must be a member or in the immediate family of a member in good standing of the Birch Lake Yacht Club.
- V. Sailing fee is \$5.00 and is payable to the Fleet Captain before the third scheduled race day.
- VI. After the starting gun and during the race no crew changes can be made. Crew changes can only be made prior to or between races.
- VII. Unless changed by the starting committee, the races will be for one and one-third legs.
- VIII. On bad weather and light wind days if the starting boat does not go out for the 11:00 a.m. start the race will be postponed for one hour. If the starting boat does not go out to set up for the race at 12:00 then the races for that day will be cancelled and sailed on the next available race date as make-up races.
- IX. Only one make-up race will be sailed per race day.
- X. There is a time limit of 60 minutes for each race. If a race exceeds this time limit it will be cancelled and resailed at the next available race date.
- XI. The Labor Day Regatta will not count toward season standings.
- XII. The 4th of July Regatta will count toward season standings.
- XIII. Boats shall be rigged only as allowed in official Alcott publications.
- XIV. Scoring will be as last year and will be explained in the next issue of the Birch Barker.
- XV. The race committee has the right and obligation to modify these rules to prevailing race conditions in order to run a safe, fair and reasonable race.

SUNFISH RACING RESULTS

Place	Boat No.	Name	6/20/71	
			Race "1"	Race "2"
	14310	Troeger, Tom	1	3
	24252	Kruegle	2	7
	20909	Cowen	3	2
	21923	Carpenter	4	1
	25131	Spratt	5	12
	29392	Axleberg	6	5
	14580	Troeger, Scott	7	11
	0	O'Brien	8	8

Place	Boat No.	Name	6/20/71	
			Race #1	Race #2
	30354	Hague	9	6
	21351	King	10	10
	25075	Tunncliffe	11	9
	29079	Courtney	12	13
	22898	Foote	13	4

1971 SUNFISH SAILING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Races</u>
June 20	2
June 27	2
July 4 - July 4 Regatta	2
July 5 - July 4th Regatta	2
July 11	2
July 18	2
July 25	2
August 1	2
August 8	2
August 15	2
August 29 - Labor Day Regatta	2
September 5 - Labor Day Regatta	2

SNIPES SAILING RESULTS
FIRST RACE

1. Varga
2. Becker
3. Troeger
4. Hague
5. Scouts - Elkhart

SECOND RACE

1. Troeger
2. Hague
3. Speck
4. Varga
5. Becker
6. Scouts - Elkhart

EDITOR'S SOUND-OFF

HI FOLKS!!

It's mighty nice to be back at Birch Lake. We have been hearing a lot about the dry spell you are having in Michigan. Well, there hasn't been any rain in Arizona since January except a "storm" which barely dampened the sidewalks in Phoenix in April. So you see we are used to dry spells. And we hear that Texas and Florida haven't had any surplus of water either.

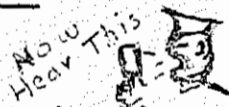
Now about news you want in the Birch Barker - we must have it not later than on any Monday night in order to get it prepared and in that week's paper. After any Monday night any reports or news we receive will have to be published the following week. So, PLEASE, remember the time limit and we will all be happy.

Since our young helpers will soon be collecting dues and assessments, we thought you might like to know what was voted by the Board of Directors.

Yacht Club Dues	\$3.00
Fireworks Assesment	3.00
Birch Barker	1.50

Please be prepared in order to make their job easier.

Sorry to say, the following have been observed during the past week:



- (a) A boat pulling skiers at 8:45 p.m. (and after sunset) which said boat was also without running lights turned on.
- (b) Some young turtle-hunters driving boats behind floats when swimmers were present.
- (c) Several small boats, including a fisherman, operating after sunset without lights.

So it might be a good idea, before the Sheriff comes, to brush up on Michigan boating laws and regulations. There's a rumor that credit cards "ain't accepted" in payment of fines by Michigan Courts.

And here's hoping that you have a Happy and Safe Summer at our lake.

The Double D's
Editors

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JULY 4 !!

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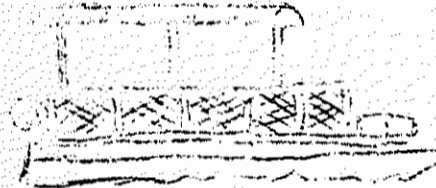


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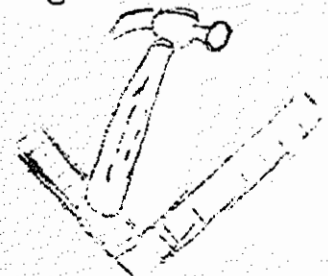
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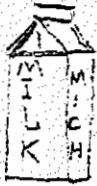
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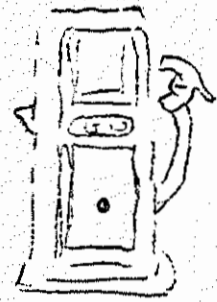


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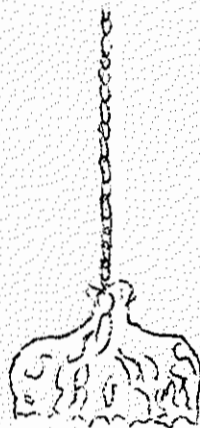
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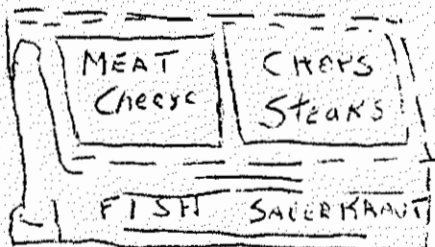
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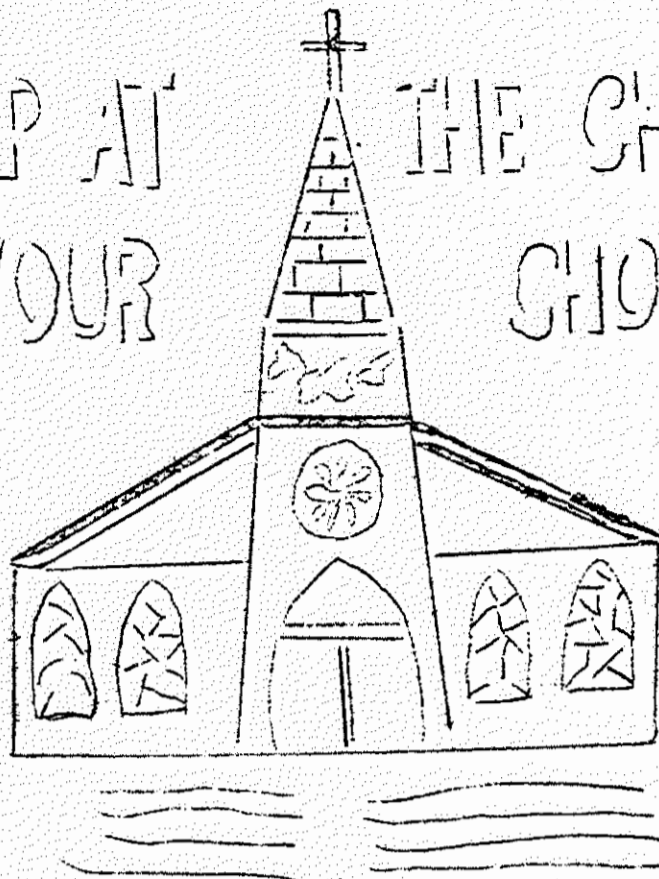
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