

The Birch Bark Canoe



Join the Big Boat Race!

Saturday, August the 21st

4:00 P.M.

Get in Line as we go AROUND The Lake

Prizes for Everyone!

The Blackboard

How would your morning coffee taste after looking out of your kitchen window and seeing a bull-dozer clearing a strip of land between your house and your neighbor's? After having lived there for forty years could such a thing happen to you? It certainly could, if long ago a strip of land was reserved for a public or private access to the water, and the strip lies between your property and your neighbor's. It could even happen if yesterday the state, or a municipality, voluntarily or by condemnation purchases a strip of land "in the public interest". It could even happen if a plat developer acquires ownership of a strip to give lake access to a sub-division or mobile home park. The legal term is "easement" or "right-of-way". We call them just plain "nuisance strips".

The fact that an old nuisance strip has never been used for either public or private access by property owners on the plat, may have caused you and your neighbor to come to look upon it as your own. As good neighbors and by mutual consent it may have been divided and landscaped as part of your respective yards--even fenced. But there on the dozer sits a man making a mess of the landscape. He can only say "Sorry, my orders are to clear a strip 20-feet wide to the lake".

Well, friend, you have just fallen heir to a real nuisance and your troubles have just begun. You can look forward to an endless stream of pleasure-seeking fishermen, boaters, and bathers, drunk or sober, day and night, and bottles, cans, autos and trucks, summer and winter. Easements and right-of-ways are the same. Both provide access to the waterfront. A private one is generally for the sole use of all property owners on the plat. A public access may permit use by unlimited numbers of people.

Are we in favor of keeping visitors from enjoying the lake? Of course not! Public lakes are just that, and we all know it. We believe, however, that a public access should be large enough to provide parking space and located where it will not create a nuisance next to a man's home. Strips between houses are a nuisance and should be eliminated. Creation of such future strips should be prohibited.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to locate and try to get rid of a nuisance strip so a man with a bulldozer won't turn up some morning and spoil your appetite for breakfast? As a final suggestion, after you have located the nuisance strip, check to see who is paying property taxes on it. You may discover that NOBODY is paying property taxes on it, as well as no share of any past lake improvement assessments.

From The Michigan Riparian

1971 SUNFISH FINAL SEASON STANDINGS

Place	Boat No.	Name	Races	8/15 Race 1	8/15 Race 2	8/15 Race 3	Average & Bonus
1	14310	Troeger	15	2	3	2	1658
2	21923	Carpenter	17	1	4	3	1638
3	24252	Kruggel	15	3	6	DNS	1458
4	20909	Cowen	17	5	DNS	6	1428
5	25075	Tunncliffe	18	4	1	4	1414
6	29392	Doolittle	14	DNS	DNS	DNS	1408
7	14580	Troeger	18	6	7	DNS	1340
8	26161	Burchell	14	7	5	5	1338
9	29079	Courtney	19	8	8	7	1285
	130	Machalleck	8	DNS	2	1	1485
	30352	Hague	9	DNS	DNS	DNS	1383
	22898	Foote	5	DNS	DNS	DNS	1364
	17992	Harlan	7	DNS	DNS	DNS	1230
	25131	Spratt	7	DNS	DNS	DNS	1092
	21351	King	8	DNS	DNS	DNS	1076

Nine boats had the required 12 races sailed. There are no races on Sunday, August 22. The Labor Day Regatta races will begin August 29. Congratulations to all of the Sunfish sailors and especially to Tom Troeger, our season champion.

SNIPE SAILING RESULTS

<u>Boat No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	8/15	8/15
		<u>Race 1</u>	<u>Race 2</u>
16953	Troeger	1	2
17805	Speck	2	3
13835	Miline	3	1
18399	Varga	4	4

OLD TIMER'S SUNFISH SERIES

Couples Turnabout Race

4:00 - August 22

Skipper and crew will exchange places at each buoy. Each will sail 2 legs, including one tacking leg apiece.

All skippers and crews will meet immediately following the race to plan the awards banquet. Anyone who has participated in any race of this series is eligible to attend.

LAKE NEWS

Bert and Joe Myers are happy to announce the engagement of daughter, Carole, to Peter Kalk of Corvallis, Oregon. We're also looking forward to a visit in September from both Carole and Pete. At the same time, we'll welcome "Snoopy" who travelled to Oregon last January via United to become a permanent resident of the Kalk household. Signs are now pointing toward an October wedding.

This week-end its "no vacancy" after arrival from New Jersey of Bert's brother and family; Ron, Mary Jo, Joey, Mary Frances, Monica, Paul and Mark. You'll see them all at the dinner and square dance. Last week-end it was a barrel of laughs with Joe's sister, Mary Lou, and husband from South Bend. We'll have to do that more often!

It does take some people longer than others to put up a mail box - but really, Jack!!

Birth Announcement - 4th generation Birch Laker. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ksiezapolski (Martha Carey) of Mentone, Indiana announce the birth of a daughter, Kirsten Elizabeth, on August 4th. Granny Carey spent a week in Mentone taking care of grandson, Eddie, while mommie was in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. McCoy and sons of Hamburg, New York visited the C. R. Cowen, #308, and the R. L. Cowen, #354, families this past week.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lawrence and son, all of Mishawaka, Indiana, who are in the I. T. Bowers cottage this week.

Miss Dorothy Gohn of Chicago is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Gohn. Next week she will attend a music teachers workshop at Interlochen, Michigan.

Phil Beehler hopped on a jet last Friday for a 9 day visit with his grandma and grandad, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Mechling, in Pompano Beach, Florida.

The Jensens are happy - happy - happy; daughter, Kay, and hubby, Bob, (Mr. and Mrs. Greenig) have arrived at good olde Birch Lake for 3 weeks vacation from Covina, California.

Catherine and George Wolf of Niles were Sunday guests of the John Machallecks. A pleasant, relaxing afternoon was topped off with a steak and corn roast, celebrating the 1st anniversary of their children, Kathy and Denny Wolf, of Midland, vacationing here. Completing the dinner in tradition was the serving of the saved and frozen top layer of the wedding cake. Due to a mix-up of knowing where the cake was stored, we ended up with the original plus a new one so we had LOTS of cake. Mike, Katha and Brian Machalleck were guests also.

Week-end guests July 31st of Inez Fergus and Jessie Huston, Cottage "53, were their brother and his wife, Fred and Lucille Batten, of Chicago, Illinois, Kathleen and Robert Cassa from Lake Manitou, Rochester, Indiana, their daughter, Christie, and her girl friend, Becky, were Sunday dinner guests at the Fergus Cottage. Also for dinner were the Hustons, Betty and Meredith, Steven and Susan of South Bend, Indiana.

DON'T FORGET - DON'T FORGET

AUGUST 21

BOAT PARADE

DINNER & SQUARE DANCE

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FOR SALE : One 19" portable TV, black and white - \$20.00
One 22" Lawn Boy mower - \$20.00
Contact Jack Troeger, Cottage "11

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DROP THE DETERGENT HABIT!!

DOWN WITH WATER POLLUTING SUDS!! BUT NOT DOWN THE DRAIN..PLEASE!
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EDITOR'S SOUND-OFF

Well Now, we received from Commodore Harlan, at the last minute of the last hour (and after going to press) some names of youngsters who have been indispensable to the Birch Barker in making deliveries of them to lake residents. So we cancel the demerits we gave you Commodore--Well some of them anyway. We hope to get a complete list and to thank these youngsters publicly in a later issue.



And confidentially, folks, while we are thinking of Commodore Harlan, wouldn't his wealth of experience in that position and in other work with the Yacht Club, together with his professional work and experience in public relations at the University, qualify him as a superb and logical candidate to handle the Birch Barker next year?? Personally, we think he would do a superior job in considerably less than it has been necessary to expend in the past. So, Bruce, would you prefer that we offer a nomination, or second the motion? And, by the way, Old Buddy, what was it you said my cover-page drawing for the Directory resembled - a frying pan or a fish net?? So--Okay, "Editor" Harlan--Bon Voyage!!

The Cove is exceptionally "weedy" this year, probably due to the low lake level. If the debris accumulated over the years which slowly washes down under summer Southwest winds could be dredged out of the Cove I suspect that a 40-50 foot bottom would be developed, instead of a 5-20 foot depth we now have. And in the process we would eliminate an oversupply of weeds too. Anybody got a dredge??

We get an argument, now and then, about lake depths. One of our friends, last year, brought over his boat with a depth-finder installed and one spot, south of the Camp (Tennadconah) approximately 500 to 600 feet out, registered 100 feet. And there appears to be a ravine or channel running east-west with a uniform depth of 90-95 feet.

EXTRA!! This is to acknowledge a very courageous little boy named Kurt Kruggel who received a painful hand injury Monday night while trying to get a news item to the Birch Barker - his parents should be very proud of him as he endured the pain and concentrated his worries on the probable number of stitches necessary and the probable quantity of blood lost! A lot of adults aren't that brave.