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#### WATER QUALITY TESTING

On Sunday July 18th a number of residents observed individuals who appeared to be trolling a strange object around the lake. Actually it was Ken Troyer and Joe O'Brien performing transparency or light penetration tests using a metered disc at approximately a dozen locations. The effective clarity of the water on that date, we are pleased to state, was well above the average mean transparency standards set by the State. Moreover the tests were conducted in the late afternoon after a particularly windy and active boating day that followed a few days of heavy rain. The tests were taken under the most adverse conditions of the year and our lake water showed up very well.

On Sunday August 1, water samples were taken in the late afternoon at the Public Beach area. The water was subjected to coliform tests at the Dept. of Biology at the University of Notre Dame to determine the presence of pathogenic organisms capable of causing disease in humans. Again the tests indicated that our water in that always suspicious area was well below the acceptable quality levels. Fecal coliforms totaled only 27 per 100ml; total coliforms were detected at 140 per 100ml. The State of Michigan Water Quality Standards state that average coliform concentration should not exceed 1000 per 100ml.

#### COUPLES RACE

This Sunday August 8th (pray it doesn't rain). Starting time is 3 o'clock Indiana time. Get your favorite partner and or spouse & meet us at the starting line. Captain Bud Lovejoy will start us off to an event full of laughter and fun. After the race--even if your not on good terms with your mate--come to the party at #181 Troyers. Prizes will be awarded in many categories; come and enjoy the goodies and drinks. Who knows you may win a special prize! You don't need to be a expert sailor to race in this event, as long as the boat moves forward you've got it made.

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SKIPPER	PLACE	TOTAL	AVERAGE	BONUS	BONUS & AVER.
Kevin Kruggel	1-6	20219	1444	140	1584
D. Lovejoy	3-3	18560	1428	130	1558
D. Troeger	2-2	14463	1446	100	1546
B. Carpenter	5-1	16415	1368	120	1488
T. Troeger	4-4	14612	1328	110	1438
M. Machallack	7-5	13095	1310	100	1410
L. Zelasko	6-7	17552	1254	140	1394
K. Kruggel	9-8	16944	1210	140	1350
G. Varga	10-9	15574	1112	140	1252
C. Haines	8-11	11372	948	120	1068
R. Whiteman	11-13	12672	905	140	1045
B. Tunnelcliff	13-17	9776	889	110	999
J. O'Brien	15-14	10108	778	130	908
Scott Visick	14-16	9845	758	130	888
D. Carpenter	16-15	8417	765	110	875
D. Olson	DNS-12	5561	794	70	814

Sunday left many sailors disappointed with very shifty winds and some very unexpected changes in finishes. Kevin Kruggel kept 1st place with a 1st place and a 6th. Dave Troegger received two 2nds, and Dave Lovejoy a pair of 3's. The first three places are all neck and neck. Just 1 more month's sailing left plus Labor Day.

THIS WEEK ENDS EVENT!

Clean up at the Yacht Club Saturday Morning, be armed and ready for work. 9-11.

Saturday Directors meeting at the yacht club. Be on time!

Sunday Couples Sunfish Race at 3 o'clock IN time. See you at the races. Don't forget to attend the part that follows the race. All are invited to attend.

## ASSOCIATION VS. YACHT CLUB

The beginning of the 1976 lake season seemingly started the Birch Lake Yacht Club vs. the Birch Lake Association name game.

Several letters, both pro and con, have appeared in recent issues of the Barker. I, for one, can see no reason to change the name. The Yacht Club is a tradition at Birch. The current Yacht Club is doing everything an "association" would do. Whatever the name, the organization is no better than the elected officers and the people they serve--YOU. Everyone's help is needed to make the Yacht Club a success.

Just because the "East Side Family" (7/31 issue) no longer has a snipe in competition, shouldn't prevent them from enjoying the beauty of 17 colorful Sunfish sails on a Sunday morning. Agreed--Yachts, they are not, but pretty.

For those of you who want to switch to an "association", first try lending that same support to the current Yacht Club activities. As a former Commodore, I can assure you the Yacht Club needs everyone's help.

Bruce Harlan

Since everyone is arguing about whether the Birch Lake Yacht Club should be call the Yacht Club or the Association--I figure I might as well put in my two cents. I personally vote for the Birch Lake Yacht Club because that name has definately more class. A name that sounds classy means something to some people. Birch Lake Association sounds exactly what it's initials spell B.L.A.! Why don't all the people who are against Birch Lake Yacht Club because we don't have yachts compromise and call it the Birch Lake Club?

Bill Lovejoy

### What's in a name?

"A rose by any other name..."

You may have an American Beauty. I have a 4 footed Siamese Mouse Killing Machine, but both are called Rose.

In past years the Birch Lake Conservation Club became the Birch Lake Community Club. The The Birch Lake Community Club became the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Many of us are still interested in conservation under the new name "ecology". The original purpose of that group was to see the lake level stabilized(hence the building of our Wier dam) and the lake stocked with trout. In the late 40's and early 50's it was realized a broader concept was needed to insure Birch Lake be a whole community working together, but the conservationists didn't pull out. They worked on a broader base, kept the lake interest up and carried on. In the late 50's and early 60's some of us bought Snipes. We had a fleet of 15 and as 6-8 of us were travelling, we asked to be sponsored by the Birch Lake Yacht Club in order to enter regattas far and near. But some of us continued to work on conservation and by that time a club house for the use of lake residents.

Somehow in the past 10 years the Snipes fell off in popularity, some sailors married and moved away, some pulled out and went to other lakes, and some sit by still waiting, but no longer with enough boats to race. The Sunfish are not travelling to regattas at this time. We still work on conservation"ecology" and have had a fishing club that was formed in the meantime to keep getting trout. So what to do about a name. Association seems so cold... Yacht Club doesn't "grab" a good many who don't "yacht" and conservation and community were once used.

Over the years there have been many who have joined whatever the name was. There have been those who never join regardless of what the name is. They argue and fuss, and somehow just don't seem to be able to find that \$5. for membership. (Many pay \$3 for a Barker, and \$1 for a directory, and some \$5 or more for fireworks. It was not broken down this year, but always had been in the past.) If there were any possible hope of pleasing everyone, we would have done it years ago. But we know not everyone

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will be pleased, yet everyone wants to swim, fish or boat in Birch Lake or enjoy it from shore. If you are not a member, remember that someone else is working for your benefit. We are now a part of Michigan Lakes & Streams Association. Whatever name we use, someone is still corresponding with them and attending meetings. They in turn advise and supply coordination for large problems such as contamination by pigs, and overuse of underdeveloped public access sites, etc. for a body of water such as Birch Lake.

WE CAN BE ANY NAME AT ALL AS LONG AS WE ALL MAKE AN EFFORT TO BE A FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR AND WORK FOR BIRCH LAKE. Whether I belong to a Conservation, Community, Yacht Club or Association, I will belong and work and do my best to help Birch Lake.

Further, I propose that each Director be furnished with ballots for each cottage of his or her responsibility and a poll of names taken, the results of which be published in the August 28 Barker for formal vote at August 28 Annual Meeting.

With Birch Lake and it's welfare in mind this article is written and submitted by: Julie Ebeling Weaver #4-A  
and  
Kay Jensen Greenig #42 Directors

Editors Comment: The article that follows is just an example of the strange things I receive to type and publish in the Barker. To me this article is beyond understanding, and is one of the reasons I strongly urge that all articles of CONCERN be signed so that the writer may be contacted. There are other articles like this this week, but will be dumped because they are accusing, name calling and uncomprable, and not signed.

Dear Selfish People of Birch Lake,

I truly believe I have the ruffest job of anyone on this "stupid" lake. In fact I helped build this lake and what thanks do I get? "NONE!" And I'm sick of it.

And all this jazz about the Yacht Club vs. Birch Lake Association is for the birds, I feel it should be named the "Wildlife Club" for you Hot-Shot Boaters.

What my biggest grip is at least once a week on my way to work I get maledted by gangs of people (they know who they are).

I figure I better get this off my chest before I loose it.

Signed Ima Phish #0

Editors Letter:

One article that was in last weeks Barker on the name change I accidentally typed North Side family insted of South Side, Sorry!

If their are anymore articles on the name change please send them to me for next weeks publication as this will be the last issue to air your thoughts. I want to thank all of you who did submitt these articles, it shows just how much some of us do care about the lake. Each and every one of you has good points to your articles and your opinion is valued.

Don't forget to come and help clear away the trees and brush around the yacht club this Saturday morning, we need all the help we can get.

The directors meeting is to be held this afternoon at the Yacht club. Directors please be on time as we will hold this meeting to a hours time.

Hope to see everyone participate in the Couples Sunfish race Sunday. If you have any questions call 476-2639 and we'll do are best to give you the answers.

# fake Side News

Sunday guests of Mr. & Mrs. C.R. Cowen # 308 were Mr. & Mrs. Henry Setherling, and Mr. & Mrs. David of South Bend.

Kim and Brad Wentworth of Mission Viejo, CA will be spending 3 weeks with their grandparents Starr and Mildred Wentworth on the west side and their Aunt Shirley & Uncle Jim, Dawn and Lisa Blue their cousins on the east side. Dennie their Dad spent most of his summers on Birch Lake before he and his wife Sherrie moved to CA. Dennie lived on the West side, but you usually found him on the East side. Sorry they won't be back to enjoy the lake with the children, but they plan on making it at Christmas time.

Klappauf's house will be jumping again. Granddaughters Lisa & Holly will be back at Birch Lake for a few days, Mommie and Daddy too.

Happy Birthday to Sandie Klappauf who will celebrate her day on August 6---Many more.

Love Dad & Mom Klappauf

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Woodleaf kids after a month's stay at Gotsteins are returning home to Arlington Hts. IL.

At the end of the ladders and paint brushes in cottage #309, you'll find the busy new residents, Sally & Ken Everett. Their children are Melanie 7 and Amy 4.

The R.H. Statons, (Bob, Jane, Jennifer & Beth) of Carmel, Indiana are back for another summer at Cottage #45 visiting Grandma Cox and all their South-side cronies. It is always delightful to return year after year to beautiful Birch Lake to renew old friendships and to enjoy the lazy days of sun and fun.

The Thompson family, Ray, Jan, Karen and Kim of Carmel, Ind. on their way home from a vacation at Wallon Lake, spent last Saturday and Sunday visiting the Statons at cottage #45. The Thompsons are longtime friends of the Statons in Carmel and it was fun to show them our lake and introduce them to our summer friends.

Jim and Mary Anna Cox of cottage #45 will be returning soon from a four month tour of South America. We are anxious to see what they bring back and to hear of their many experiences. They have been traveling in Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia with Jim collecting jewelry and art crafts and Mary Anna painting.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman's daughter and son-in-law from Bushnell, IL. Mr. and Mrs. Danny Lescombes and five children Greg, Lisa, Suzy, Ladonna and Jolene, also Debbie Anderson and friend Mark.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Barnette Culver, Indiana (Lake Max Kentucky) and Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Acthison South Bend, will spend Wednesday August 5 with Jensens and Greenigs

It's been awfully quiet at #51 the Machallecks, after taking Marianne and her family to the plane last Sunday, bound for Loveland, Colo. after a 2 1/2 week vacation here. Mike's family also returned to South Bend for the week to get some things done at home. They will return Saturday to host John at a Shish-Kebob supper to celebrate his birthday.

Kathy and Dennis Wolf will spend Sun. at her parents home, #51, after spending Sat. in Niles with Dennis' family & attending her 10th class reunion of NHS

Prodigious! John Visick hit 21 on Wednesday, August 4. WHY SURE, his family celebrated his birthday in a special way--dinner at Fisherman's Wharf. Congratulations John, Indiana bars beware! Mom, Dad, Scott, John, and Gary.

Gary and Margi Snyder with Debbie and Brent came to Grandpa and Grandma Olsons, #47, Saturday and stayed until Monday. Nan Mary says the only thing wrong with their visits is that they aren't long enough.

Mrs. Bee Mullins, of cottage #56 Birch Lake, has enjoyed the company during the past few days of Rendy (Ross) Dore and her husband, Joe. Upon hearing of the upcoming wedding of a cousin Sue Tucker of Cassopolis, the Dores decided to make a vacation of it and are in the area visiting relatives. Of interest is their mode of travel--a single engine Piper Cherokee Arrow airplane, in which they covered the distance from their home in San Francisco to Elkhart municipal airport in 3 days--Actually 16 flying hours. Enjoying the flexibility of their own airplane, they visited relatives in Denver, Colo., and Scott City, Kansas, enroute to Elkhart. Now, they are enjoying the beautiful scenery in and around Birch Lake, and plan their regetful departure on Wed. August 4. Other guests during the past week have been Mrs. Mullins' sisters Mrs. Trudy Stolmeier and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Tucker.

Diamond Lake Sunfish Regatta. This is an open Regatta and all sailors are welcome.

Diamond Lake lunch and style show. August 18th. For tickets call Connie Troeger. 476-2237.

#### ATTENTION!!!!

All Birch Lake Sunfish Sailors. We urge you to represent the Birch Lake Yacht Club at the annual Michiana Sunfish Championships held at Diamond lake. Hurry over for Early registration, Saturday August 7, 1976.

People of the lake please try not to drive your speed boats during the sailboat races. We ask you, PLEASE try to wait till we are done.

Scott Visick and Ron Whiteman

#### FALL DINNER

All calendars of lake residents should have August 28 circled. That is the night of the Annual Fall Dinner to be held at the Agnes Gregarek Memorial Bldg. at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Dinner will be tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, swiss steak and homemade pies--all served family style. Tickets can be obtained from your directors: \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children 3 to 12.

After the dinner there will be a yacht club meeting with the awarding of sailing trophies and the vote on the club name.

#### REPORT ON THE YACHT CLUB

The Yacht Club is beginning to sparkle and gleam once again. Last Saturday Pam and Vicki Schaar, Jane Axelberg, Tim and Steve Troeger, Leslie Kruggel, and Mary Lovejoy armed with sponges, rags, and buckets scrubbed the kitchen area of the building until it gleamed. Actually the building wasn't as bad as expected. Dick Whiteman turned on the water and has been opening the doors of the building so that it can dry out. Buckets of paint come next to brighten up the walls and cabinets. Fluorescent lights are being planned to replace the single ceiling light bulbs. Donations will be gladly accepted. The Terry Curtis' have donated two ping pong tables; there is a bumper pool table and bingo equipment already at the club.

The excavating work still needs to be done; it's hard to get work done but we are trying to get a bulldozer here. When this is done and the bad section of the back wall patched, the water problem should be solved.

Co-operation is what is needed now--in cutting down the trees around the club, in chaperoning for the Jr. Yacht Club functions, in supporting the building. We are enthused and hope that you are too.

Judy Olson