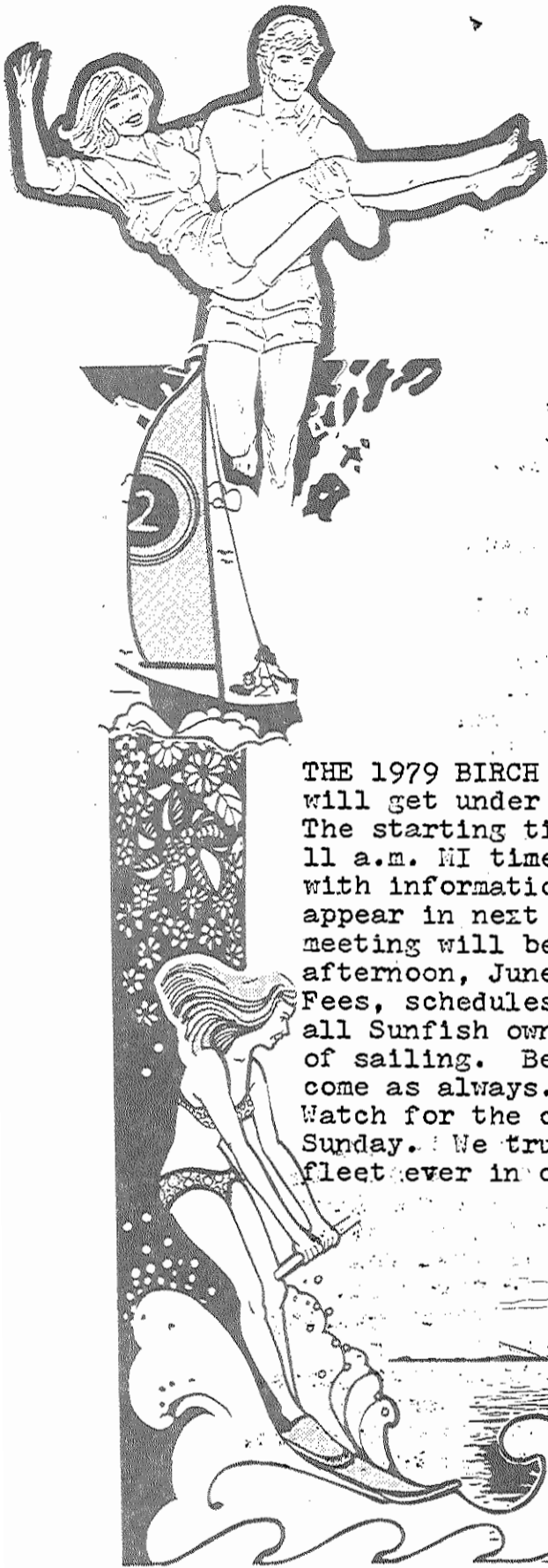


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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Another summer season is ahead of us, and we are all looking forward to safe, happy, fun-in-the-sun.

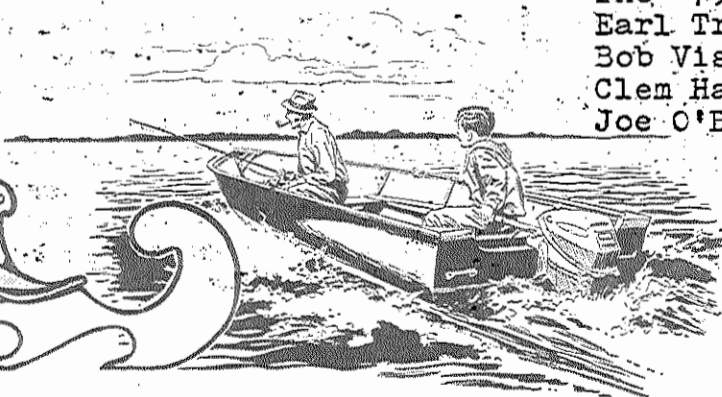
Your Association can only function and be successful with your help .. HELP! If you have any suggestions or would like to assist in any of the programs, you can help your Commodore by calling right now - 476-2577.

We are presently in the planning stages for the summer activities and will inform you of the dates and functions in the near future.

Roy Henderson

THE 1979 BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB SUNFISH SAILING SEASON will get under way on Sunday, June 17 with two races. The starting time will be the same as in the past: 11 a.m. MI time, 10 a.m. IN time. The complete schedule with information on Regattas and the Nationals will appear in next week's Barker. A short organizational meeting will be held at Viscik's cottage on Saturday afternoon, June 16 at 2 p.m. MI time, 1 p.m. IN time. Fees, schedules and rules will be discussed. We urge all Sunfish owners to join in the fun and competition of sailing. Beginners and veterans alike will be welcome as always. Let's get out on the water next Sunday. Watch for the committee boat setting the course next Sunday. We trust that this season will see the largest fleet ever in competition on the lake.

The '79 Fleet Committee
Earl Troeger
Bob Viscik
Clem Haines
Joe O'Brien



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From a Different View

By Gertie Temple
Editor

BIRCH LAKE'S SONGS OF THE SEASONS

There is a magic to my name
That glistens with delight;
Sounds of joy, smiles of love,
Glows of beauty day and night.

It is a name so often heard:
Sometimes a whisper; or a shout!
A ripple - splash! - a stir ---
A silence -- sometimes, a doubt?

A change of hue with every scene,
There is no season best of all.
Reflections from upon the land greet
Winter - Spring - Summer - Fall.

Any day I spend with you
My shore is filled with pride.
Your presence here is all I need.
I have you on my side.

Caring for me, holding me dear,
Missing me when I'm not near.
Because of you the magic's clear
Because of you I am here.

BIRCH LAKE

P.S. Many magical moments, I share with you. Because of the watershed study made by Dr. Snow and Peter Elliott, I will be using the "Barker" to express a view regarding the study of which you received word. Now the news is out, you have heard: I'm not oligotrophic - the best. I'm not eutrophic - the worst. My water quality test says I'm mesotrophic - the middle. So, now we know the score: Fertilizer on your grass, minus proper septic maintenance, plus decaying leaves, multiplied by burning leaves upon my shore, equals increased residential phosphorus buildup - I can't take it anymore!