



THE BIRCH BARKER

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

VANDALIA, MI

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COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

The first meeting of the Officers for the year was held at the Yacht Club last Saturday. Of great importance was the selection of Directors -- a job done personally by the Officers over the weekend. The list will be published in the next issue. (Hope all those approached accepted -- it's the basis of communication for all events)

Plans for the clubhouse brought about a need for a CLEAN-UP DAY and we're looking forward to a terrific bunch of HELPERS.

The first Barker was distributed by the Officers until Directors are found and then, Boys and Girls who will deliver them. We need your HELP. Please VOLUNTEER!

DUES

1980-1981 BLYC DUES are \$14.00. This includes subscription to the Michigan Riparian and Birch Barker. The dues will also be used to support the BLYC social functions. Please mail your check to:

PHYLLIS DAVIS
62911 BIRCH LAKEVIEW DRIVE
VANDALIA, MI 49095

*Our condolences to the
Hunsbrey family
from the Birch Lakes*

*Let's show our colors
Many flags are already out,
each day's etc see around!
Flag Day - June 14th -*

BLYC CLEAN UP

*HELP!
HELP!
SAVE
SATURDAY
AND
YACHT CLUB
CLEAN-UP*

SATURDAY, JUNE 14th will be a clean up day at the Yacht Club. TIME: 9 a.m. IN All members are urged to come and help. We will clean inside and out. BRING shovels, rakes, weed eaters, lawnmowers and cleaning supplies. It is the intention of your officers to make the Yacht Club a nice looking building we can ALL be proud of. Flowers and ground cover will be planted. The Treasurer's report included in this issue shows we have money to spend and we intend to do this.

We would like your suggestions for the outside of the building. Should we paint it? Should we have a mural? What should we do inside? Paint or tile the ceiling? Paint the floor?

THIS IS YOUR BUILDING. PLEASE COME AND HELP US !!!

BLYC TREASURER'S REPORT

PHYLLIS DAVIS

RECEIPTS

DISBURSEMENTS

BALANCE --Jan. 1, 1980			\$3,649.66
1979 Dues - 8 @ 14	\$ 112.00		
Dinner Reservations	<u>1,420.00</u>		
	1,532.00		5,181.66
Mi Riparian		\$ 240.00	
Mi Lakes & Streams		46.78	
Wm. Lawrence		500.00	
Cass County Treas.		329.89	
Morris Park C.C.		1,394.09	
Spring Dinner espense		<u>38.00</u>	
		2,548.76	
Balance May 30, 1980			2,632.90
Boat Rental - Check rec'd (not deposited to date)	48.00		
			<u>2,680.90</u>

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR NEWS ITEMS

We need your NEWS to make THE BARKER your paper.

The paper will be delivered SATURDAY morning.

Any NEWS or ADS should be in by TUESDAY NOON. Please PRINT all names and date the article. We'll try to have a DROP BOX on each side of the lake in the future. If you have news ready, give to the delivery person. Until then deposit in box on porch at MACHALLECKS - SO. SIDE COTTAGE #51

ISC. ADS are \$1 per issue - Lost & found FREE

SUNFISH NEWS by FLEET CAPTAIN DAVE OLSON
1979 FINAL STANDINGS

SKIPPER	TOTAL POINTS	AVERAGE	BONUS	RACES
1. H. HAINES	1692	1592	100	10
2. D. LOVEJOY	1629	1489	140	14
3. K. KRUGGEL	1596	1456	140	14
4. T. BURCHELL	1469	1349	120	12
5. T. HOWARD	1464	1324	140	14
6. C. HAINES	1344	1244	100	10
7. T. HAINES	1255	1135	120	12
8. D. HARMAN	1225	1145	80	8
9. D. ANTHONY	1154	1014	140	14
10. J. O'BRIEN	1151	1031	120	12
11. D. OLSON	1097	1027	70	7

1980 RULES

28 races are scheduled for 1980.

2 races will be scheduled each Sunday starting at 10:30 IN (11:30 MI) beginning June 8 -- ending August 31 and one race each on Saturday, July 5 & Saturday August 30 starting at 1:00 IN (2:00 MI). The races scheduled for August 17 will probably be cancelled due to the Diamond Lake Yacht Club Sunfish Invitational Regatta. All Sunday races through August 24 and the July 5 race will count toward the Season Standings which will be scored using the SCIRA (Snipe Class International Racing Association) scoring system. Each boat will earn 10 bonus points for each race started and will be allowed a maximum of 150 bonus points for the season. To qualify for a Season trophy each boat must start at least 2/3 of the number of races sailed by the fleet; if all races scheduled are in fact sailed, this means at least 17 will be needed to qualify. The races of July 5 and 6 will count toward the Season Standings and also constitute the Fourth of July Regatta, which will be scored using the Olympic scoring system. The races of August 30 and 31 will not count in the Season Standings but will be the Labor Day Regatta and will also be scored under Olympic scoring rules.

Your boat will be registered in this fleet for the season; the person who sails the majority of races in that boat, qualifies for any trophies earned. In order to provide trophies, the fee for each boat is \$15 to be paid by July 6 to Dave Olson, cottage 126.

International yacht racing rules will apply with the 720 rule in effect. Spherical orange buoys will mark the course and will be placed about one hour prior to the start of racing for each day. For a race to count as finished, the first-place boat must cross the finish line no later than 1 1/2 hours after the time of the start. The race committee has the option to shorten the course if all boats are notified before they round the last mark. In the event of an electrical storm or other threatening weather, the race committee will call off the race; all boats should abandon the lake immediately.

We need people to help start races, call me at 476-2780 to volunteer. Each one of the sailors in the races had to start sometime, and we all started in the back of the fleet (your fleet captain is still there). If you have ever thought about racing your Sunfish, now is a good time to get started. You'll enjoy racing and, as you learn more about your boat and strategy and tactics, start to move up in the standings (leaving me astern). See you SUNDAY at 10:30 IN.

DAVE OLSON, Fleet Captain

LOST*LOST*LOST*LOST*LOST*

A "Dr. J" Basketball with ALLYSON WEAVER'S name on it. Please return to Southside (4A) 15213 Birch Lakeshore Dr.

THEY SAY THAT NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS --BUT IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY FOR THE BARKER. HERE'S OUR NEWS FOR THIS WEEK!

Andreas Frantzis of Patras, Greece visited with his daughter-in-law, Joyce (Cottage 53) and enjoyed two weeks of Birch Lake hospitality. Joyce wants to thank her neighbors for the thoughtfulness shown him. Andreas didn't speak English but communicated very well with Aunt Jessie and Arline and John Machalleck. He said the Birch Lake water and air are better than in Greece!

THERE ARE FISH IN THE LAKE and I hope all you fishermen are finding some good ones! Your editor was amazed the other morning to see 'Old Joe' (that's what we call the

SEASONAL ADS -- those ads in for each issue MUST be in to the editor no later than TUESDAY NOON, JUNE 10. These will be in the first full issue, Saturday, June 14.

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NEWS CONTINUED

Blue Herons) land in the end of our pier. drop a fish and calmly walk into shore, CROSS A COUPLE OF YARDS AND FLY OFF from a neighbors pier. Upon examination, he had left a beautiful, fat 10" Sunfish.

*With all the bad weather
of late -- be sure you
don't treat it lightly!
Our Lake can become violent
quickly -- so head for shore
before a storm comes up!!!*