

THE BIRCH BARKER

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB
VANDALIA, MI.

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COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE:

We were very fortunate that we did not have a serious boat accident last Sunday. A boat was pulling a skier near the West shore when the first-time driver lost control and both people in the boat fell overboard, leaving the boat at full throttle in a tight turn, narrowly missing the people in the water. Good work by Birch Lake residents brought the boat under control without damage or injury. Let's ALL remember that boats must be in good condition and driven by experienced people.

If you see violaters, get the registration number and contact me or an officer. We don't want the sheriff patrolling our lake because Birch Lake residents know boating rules- BUT we can if necessary!

Let's all have a safe and sensible SUMMER VACATION !

DAVE ANTHONY, Commodore

SOCIAL CALENDER

EVERY WED. YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM BLYC 12:30 to 2:30 IN 1:30 to 3:30 MI

This time was listed incorrectly in the last Barker. Please note correction. Eleven kids enjoyed Volley Ball last week and SHERRY HOOLEMAN, who is in charge of the program, is looking forward to a bigger attendance. Other activities will be had as the program continues.

COUPLE'S SUNFISH RACE BUD & ANGLE LOVERJOY, Co-ch. AN AUGUST DATE TO BE ISSUED LATER.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS MEETING

With 16 members in attendance at the Yacht Club Tuesday evening, several items of importance were settled.

Directors were assigned specific areas to cover and they will be coming to meet you and collect the yearly dues for the BLYC. Dues are \$14.00 which includes a subscription to the Riparian and the Birch Barker. The Barker has been delivered to every cottage on the lake, regardless of membership and will come to everyone free until the July 12th issue. Then only paid up members of the BLYC will receive them.

The Board of Directors have changed the BOAT STORAGE POLICY to make it more equitable. The Ground Rules are as follows:

1. A LOTTERY will be conducted on AUGUST 2, at 12:00 IN to pull 10 checks from a hat for SPACE.
2. There will be 2 days to put your boat in the Club - Sunday, SEPT. 7th and SATURDAY, SEPT. 13th. If you want to bring your boat up to the lot before 12:00, someone will put your boat in.
3. Bring your check, which will be your LOTTERY TICKET, for \$5.00 per foot of boat, to PHYLIS DAVIS, prior to AUG. 29. Be there at 12:00 NOON to reserve a space.
4. Plywood and padding must be placed under wheels and tongue.
5. No DECK BOATS or Pontoon Boats will be accepted.

Thank you -- Mark your calendar for AUGUST 2, 1980 - 12:00 IN Time

Up-dating the DIRECTORY is a major project in progress. Your directors have the new 5 digit numbers if your in need of them. Putting the new ones up is a MUST. If you have corrections for the directory, or additions please have them printed or typed to give your Director when he calls.

JO MURPHY of Camp Tannadoonah was present and offered us the use of some of their facilities. Among these would be lighted tennis courts, now in the planning stage.

Swimmers' Itch and the fact that it is spread by ducks brought out the need for us to stop feeding and making pets of them.

"FORE"

The Men's Golf Outing on the 25th of July would like each golfer to get a prize - be it of value or fun. If any of the "ticket holders" participating wish to donate, please

"FORE" continued

contact co-chairman BOB VICSIK who always does a turr-if-ic job at 476-2242.

A special prize will be presented to the golfer for the closest to the pin on the short Par 3 hole. Also for the longest drive on #2 Par 5 hole. This longest drive must be in the inbounds of this Fairway.

On previous gift donations for the golf outings, all were very much appreciated and we ask for your cooperation this year.

JOE HARRIS, Chairman
BOB VICSIK, Co-Chairman

SUNFISH STANDINGS

<u>SKIPPER</u>	<u>FINISH</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>BONUS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. H. HAINES	1	1600	30	1630
2. T. BURCHELL	2	1521	10	1531
3. KURT KRUGGEL	5	1446	30	1476
4. KEVEN KRUGGEL	3	1444	10	1454
5. T. HOWARD	4	1370	30	1400
6. D. /E. TROEGER	7	1299	30	1329
7. B. CARPENTER	6	1225	10	1235
8. T. HAMMES	DNS	1190	20	1210
9. C. HAINES	11	1165	30	1195
10. D. LOVEJOY	8	1089	10	1099
11. D. HARMON	DNS	1050	30	1080
12. J. O'BRIEN	DNS	1025	20	1045
13. M. MACHALLECK	9	1024	10	1034
14. D. ANTHONY	12	943	30	973
15. H. LOVEJOY	10	961	10	971
16. D. FREW	DNS	901	20	921
17. J. COOK	14	865	30	895
18. D. WEAVER	DNF	811	30	841
19. B. VICSIK	DNF	770	30	800
20. J. HUCKINS	13	784	10	794
21. D. OLSON	15	676	10	686
22. J. HOWARD	DNF	625	10	635
23. HUCKINS 2	DNF	625	10	635
24. H. PRICE	DNF	625	10	635

THE THRILL, THE CHILLS AND THE SPILLS
and 21 BOATS TO CHALLENGE IT !

What a WIND ! I've never gone so fast in a SUNFISH as I did on one reach (after flipping over 2 minutes earlier). But with masts getting stuck in the mud, sails tearing and other gear problems, discretion overrules excitement and we cancelled the 2nd race. If only we could bottle some of that wind to use later in the season.

In order to make-up some of the cancelled races, we will attempt to sail 3 races TODAY, weather permitting, beginning at 2:00 o'clock IN. All races sailed today and those tomorrow will constitute the Fourth of July Regatta and will also count in the Season Standings.

All Boats with sailing FEE paid before JULY 7th will receive a reprint from the July 1967 issue of Yachtsman "The Sunfish, Tuning To Win". The FEE of \$15.00, which pays for the trophies and awards, may be left at cottage #126 on the Eastside.

We had an incident at the Finish Line, which thankfully doesn't occur very often. A power boat pulling a skier crossed between a line of about six boats making the line. Nothing unfortunate happened this time but given the wind, rough water and competition, an accident could easily have happened; for instance, if the skier fell.

We have a permit from the Department of Natural Resouces of the State of Michigan to hold the races. To interfere with a sanctioned race is to break a law by operating in a reckless manner. We don't need nor want the entire lake during a race, neither do we need interference. All non-racing craft should stand clear of the Fleet during a race. The Sheriff has been notified of the incident and if necessary, will be called in the future.

See you this afternoon; First race at 2:00 IN.

DAVE OLSON, Fleet Captain

SNIPESAILORS - AHOY

There aren't many of us, but wouldn't it be FUN to do some RACING?

If you are interested call MARTY SANTE,
Cottage #3 southside at 476-2817

COMPLAINTS ON DOGS

Several complaints have found their way into my Barker News: Drop on dogs running loose, chasing kids both walkers and bike riders, and bites on two occasions.

It is a LAW that you must have your dog leashed or contained on your property. This

KEEP OUR LAKE CLEAN

PLEASE -- Birch Lakers who are "deweeding" their beaches, please take care. The weeds and reeds that are cut and not removed, DO FLOAT to other shore fronts. There they have to be removed by unhappy residents. PLEASE DON'T LITTER OUR BEACHES!

THANK YOU.

applies to renters as well as year round people. Suggestions & warnings have not helped much. You may be ticketed next.
CASS COUNTY DOG CONTROL 120-782-5968

FUN TIME AT THE BOWERS'

It's in full swing again at the I. T. Bowers' cottage on the Westside. Great Grandsons CHRIS and SEAN WODRICH and their mother MARSHA have been properly introduced to the pretty and clean water of Birch Lake. Grandchildren STEVE and KAREN and their mother FRANCES, all from South Bend completed the week end party.

DO YOU REMEMBER the beautiful fireworks we were privileged to watch in the sky over dear old Birch Lake on the Fourth of July? We used to pop a big pan of popcorn and then wait patiently (?) for that 5 minute alert BANG. Who wants to use a lot of gas and race away to some crowded parking lot so our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren can enjoy this part of their heritage? Sure, it took a couple of dollars and some hard work but it was worth it!

HOO-RAY for the revival of the BOAT PARADE ! Now why not put the whole act together and plan of a BANG-UP celebration in 1981. We promise you will have no problem filling up your Social Calendar. Many of our friends remember this patriotic celebration. We certainly have lots of be proud of !!! Mr. & Mrs. I. T. Bowers

CONGRATULATIONS -----

to MARG JENSEN, who on June 28th, took her "MAIDEN VOYAGE" on the Weavers' Hobie Cat at the tender age of (over 21). We all had a ball and hope to do it again on another peaceful evening.

THE MAGIC SHOW

Last Monday about 40 - 50 kids from 4 to 60 ish, enjoyed the mystical magic of KEVIN REED, BROUGHT TO US BY HIS GRANDMOTHER, THELMA KOONTZ. Although he had much help from the audience, both asked for and freely given, Kevin kept us all in awe as he could make balls change places, disappear and return at will.

Refreshments of Chips and pop were enjoyed by all after the show.

Thanks to Kevin and Thelma for a very entertaining Matinee.

When I got home a little after my granddaughter and her friends, I found them busy practising the newspaper trick. They must have had the magic words wrong, for they were never able to make the strip whole again after they cut it.

VANDALISM

Last week we had things taken from the Eastside cottages; starting at TROYERS', then TUNNECLIFFES' where they took a huge redwood planter filled with geraniums and then some plants from Mrs. Meyers'. People put out these decorative things to enjoy as they sit on their patios or porches and they hate to think they must take everything in at night to protect it. All this costs money (and in some instances, quite a bit). We hope it is noone on the lake - for who would steal from his neighbors - but it could be someone whom you know and who thinks it is just a big joke. Keep your eyes open, report to the officers of the Yacht Club, and better still, try to avert any any such acts in the future.

We all want our lake to be the BEST.

MONEY MAKING PROJECTS

The first order for JACKETS and T-SHIRTS with the SAILBOAT AND BLYC EMBLEM has gone in and were hoping to have it within the next 10 days to show the ACTUAL ITEM. If you wish to get your order in, give it to your Director when he collects your DUES or call BETTY FORTINO - COTTAGE Eastside #170 - phone 476-2218.

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THINGS TO REMEMBER -- HAVE APPROVED LIFE JACKETS OR CUSHIONS - ONE FOR EACH PERSON IN BOAT. DON'T OVERLOAD BOAT. GO COUNTER CLOCKWISE AROUND THE LAKE. USE COMMON SENSE!!!!.

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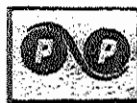
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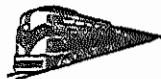
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