

THE BIRCH BARKER



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Birch Lake Yacht Club

COMMODORES COMMENTS

It was a beautiful weekend to be at Birch Lake. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. Our summer Barker Issue is over the half way mark with some interesting and enjoyable events to come. Make use of your Yacht Club and enjoy the functions in which you might be interested. Your Yacht Club is what you make it, with your support and participation, so join in.

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UP-COMING EVENTS

Remember the Birch Lake Improvement Association Meeting today, Saturday July 31st, 1:30 (Indiana Time) at Yacht Club.

COUPLES RACE : Saturday, August 7th at 2:00 PM (Indiana Time). This year, for the first time, we will use the Portsmouth Handicap and welcome all boats in the Race. There will be 6 awards with a few surprises.

Sunfish and other smaller craft must have one couple aboard. Hobie Cats and MC's must have two couples aboard. You must change skipper and crew after rounding each mark. Every member of the crew must sail one leg of the race with the boats having one couple having each person sail twice. This makes for an interesting and enjoyable, if not surprising, race.

Plan to join the fun and race your sailboat Saturday afternoon, August 7th.

COCKTAIL PARTY: Saturday, August 7th 6:00 PM (Indiana Time): Cash Bar with Hor's dourves. Come join us for cocktails, conversation, and companionship. Hear some of the crazy excuses the couples race participants have and just enjoy yourself. Guests are very welcome.

One of the events planned for the evening is the presentation of trophies for the Boat Parade and the couples race. 4th of July Regatta trophies will also be presented.

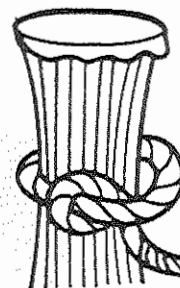
LADIES LUNCHEON: Wednesday, August 11th. This year the Luncheon will be held at the K-Tap in Vandalia. Cocktails at cash bar from 11:30 to 12:30 (Indiana Time), Luncheon at 12:30. All members and guests welcome. The Luncheon cost is \$6.00 per person. Call Connie Troeger 476-2237 or Denny Weesner 476-2569 for reservations. Join your friends and their guests for lunch at the K-Tap Wednesday, August 11th. Reservations requested by Saturday, August 7th.

DINNER DANCE: Remember to keep Saturday, August 28th open for our annual Fall Dinner Dance at the Yacht Club. Dave and Myra Anthony are our chairpersons again this year and a Polish Style dinner is again planned, as was so well received last year. This is our annual meeting and election of officers and board members. Make your plans now.

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SAILING NEWS

Ten Sailors from our Sunfish Fleet traveled to Diamond Lake Saturday and Sunday for the annual Michiana Sunfish Regatta. We did not fair as well as we had hoped with only Dave Troeger and Tim Burchell winning Trophies. The wind died on Saturday so only one race was sailed. Two good races were sailed on Sunday morning and last years winner, Reed Francis from Diamond Lake won them both in a borrowed boat. He thus defended his title against some tough competition. Dave Anthony, Steve Santee, Marty Santee, Mike Gotstein, Bill Carpenter, Jeff Howard, Randy Welch, Tom Howard, were the other sailors from Birch Lake who competed for the seven trophies.



Sailor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Tim Burchell	1																						
Bill Campbell	2	1	1		2	1	4	2	1	1													
Tom Howard	3	3			5	1	2	5	2	6													
Earl Troeger	4	4			4	6	9	9	8	2													
Leo Zelasko	5																						
Mike Machelbeck	6	5	3	2	13	9	15	4															
Don Harmon	7	6	6	5	8	10	10	6	11	7													
Kenn Toulger	8	7	4	9						4													
Randy Nelson	9	8	13	4	6	13	8	13	7	5													
Tom Athanas	10		6	3	9	4	14	14	11														
Mike Gotstein	11		16	9	3	5	7	14	14	6													
Jeff Howard	12	6	14	2	14	3	19	17		10													
Steve Sank	13		5	11	7	10	11		9	13													
Dave Anthony	14	8	11	15	10	15	12	5	9	16													
Marky Hank	15	10	12	5	11	14	6	11	17	17													
Tim Cook	16	9	7	7	13	12	17		14	8													
Steve Evers	17	11					13																
Manny Price	18	15	4	13	15	16	16	19	10	12	16												
Clem Plaines	19							1	20	16	20												
Dave Olson	20							8	15	21	11												
Joe O'Brien	21	16	13					18	13	13	15												
Randy Akmandas	22				20	18	21	13	5														
Bob Gaudmer	23	17	14	14	18	17	20	21	26	8	19												
Todd Troeger	24				17	11	23	15															
Kevin Ridley	25	14								18	20												
Tom Gaudmer	26				16	19	22	16	18	15	17												
Steve Sank	27						22	19	22	21													

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AUGUST SERIES

Sailors check your standings. The August Series starts Sunday, August 1st. The rule states the top ten boats are not eligible for the August Series, however there is a tie for 10th place, so both Tom Athanas and Mike Gotstein will be eligible for the August Series. All Sailors in the August Series start even and we hope to get all 10 races in for the series. Five trophies will be awarded for the Series.

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BIRCH LAKE NEWS

Kent Sante, son of Marte and Doris Sante, rode his bicycle all the way home from California after being discharged from the Air Force. He arrived last Saturday night, tired, sweaty, and hungry. He rode from 30 miles west of Chicago to the Lake on Saturday. Welcome home to Birch Lake, Kent.

(Editors Note:) I'm getting tired just thinking about that feat. Kent must have ridden close to 150 miles on Saturday.

A number of Birch Lakers will remember Sylvia Bright Atkinson who lived on the east shore for many years. She moved to Sarasota, Florida seven years ago and Tuesday, July 13th was in Vandalia where 14 friends met to celebrate her 80th birthday. She has been in Kalamazoo visiting her son John. From here she went to Vincennes, IN to visit her niece and from there back to Florida. Friends celebrating with Sylvia were: Betty O'Brien, Joan Tunnicliff, Wanda Winiarski, Della Myers, Minnie Lafferty, Eileen Price, Katie Kensill, Nadine Brown, Jean and John Bright, Nan and Harold Curtis, (Nan was Mrs. Brinkley of Birch Lake), Virginia Stangle (Sylvia's niece), and Marge Tietsort of Vandalia. A lot of hugs were exchanged and a very good time was had by all. Many more Happy Birthdays, Sylvia!

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BIRCH LAKE SOUTH SHORE SUMMER SALE

Saturday, August 14th 8:00 - 1:00 (Indiana Time)

Rain Date - August 21st

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THANKS

My special thanks this week goes out to the young people who faithfully deliver the Birch Barker each week. They are: Theresa Polasek, Amy Ross, Todd Olson, Scott Troyer, Craig Cole, Jeff Howard, Ashley Welch, Charles Lapierre, Amy Everett, Beth Davis, Coley Cook, Beth Fortino, and Loretta Drolet. Thank you young men and young ladies for your service to the Birch Lake Yacht Club.

Re: I include you with the young people, Loretta.

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YOUR BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

The Birch Lake Yacht Club was set up to serve all the people on or near our lake interested in keeping Birch Lake the beautiful Lake it is. It was set up many years ago by our young people with the help and encouragement of their families to use the lake and surroundings in many ways.

Our club was just recently incorporated under the Laws of the State of Michigan through the efforts of Dave Anthony and Chuck Fortino.

We have a nice club house built by the members on land donated by the Herb Howard family.

The club house is maintained by the members and with people like Frank Horvath and Dick Whiteman to watch over the building it has survived the years. We cannot thank Frank and Dick enough for their unselfish and untiring efforts to maintain our club.

The objects of our club, as set out in the by-laws are as follows:

- (a) To promote and conduct sailboat racing, and other activities at Birch Lake.
- (b) To prevent pollution in Birch Lake, to preserve navigation thereon, and generally to maintain our lake as a desirable place for recreational activity.
- (c) To foster good social relationships, sportsmanship and fellowship among members and their families.

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