

# THE BIRCH BARKER



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## Birch Lake Yacht Club

### COMMODORES COMMENTS

The weekend started out great and then it happened. Our couples race had to be cancelled when the electrical storm hit. The 62 sailors participating all made it to shore safely with help from several power boats. My thanks go to the people on shore who took them in during the storm. There were 20 Sunfish, 3 MC's, 1 Windsurfer, 1 Aquacat, 1 Butterfly, and 1 Hobiecat in the handicap race. It was nice to see all the sailors out there. The race will be rerun today, Saturday at 3:00 PM (Indiana Time). Brian Hague was awarded the 1st overall trophy as he and his crew of Cindy, Barry, and Cara Hague were the only boat to finish the race.

Our Board Meeting was attended by 16 members and a great many areas were discussed. Highlights were that the boat parade will be returned to the 4th of July weekend and that the possibility of having fireworks again is being looked into. The Directory, being a large undertaking, is now planned to be ready for distribution by the Spring Dinner in "83". Boat storage is now being accepted. Chuck Fortino, Dave Anthony, and Bill King all former Commodores are the nominating committee. They would appreciate any input you may have. Ways of revenue producing for basically Yacht Club maintenance were discussed. The possibility of holding a non denominational Church Service at the Yacht Club. These and other items will be looked into and reported on at the Dinner.

Finally an amendment to the Bylaws will be sought to change the article which states that a member for 20 consecutive years and 65 years of age may apply in writing to be exempt from dues payment. It is felt that with our dues structure as low as it is this would place too much of a burden on the membership. The amendment is that members in good standing for 20 years and over 65 years of age may apply for consideration by the Board for payment of 1/2 the dues for that year. All in all, it was a very productive meeting and I thank the Board for their attendance and input.

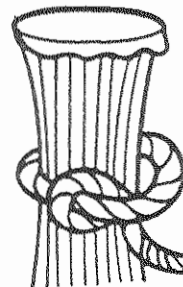
Sundays Sunfish races went off in spite of the drab looking weather. It turned out to be a very nice day with 24 boats in the race. Competition is growing as we go into the final few weeks of the season.

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### UP-COMING EVENTS

1. The Couples Race will be run this afternoon, Saturday August 14th at 3:00 PM (Indiana Time). Awards will be made at the Annual Dinner.
2. SATURDAY, AUGUST 28th: 6:00 (Indiana Time) Birch Lake Annual Dinner at the Yacht Club. A Polish Wedding Dinner, plus there will be a cash bar. The Annual Meeting and election of officers and directors will be held at 7:30, and there will be dancing from 8:00 til 11:30 featuring Dick Whiteman. The cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children under 12. For reservations see your director or co-persons Myra and Dave Anthony.
3. Labor Day Regatta Saturday, September 4th and Sunday, August 5th 1:30 PM (Indiana Time) 11:00 AM (Indiana Time) for Sunfish. MC schedule will be announced.
4. Monday, September 6th at 9:30 AM (Indiana Time) will be the Trophy Awards Day. Come join us for coffee, milk, and donuts. Everyone welcome.

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#### BOAT STORAGE

For storage this year the cost will remain \$3.00 per foot. See Frank Horvath for space. He will open the club for you and supervise location. Some type of floor protection will be required. Frank Horvath #34 South Side 476-2750.

#### SAILING NEWS

Once again Tim Burchell and Dave Troeger each won a race. Their other race was not that good. This enabled Randy Welch and Mike Machalleck to move up with steady finishes. Tom Howard is still sailing well. Positions are changing in both the season series and the August series. Several boats crossed the finish line within split seconds of each other showing the closeness of the competition and making this interesting for the race committee. It looks like positions will not be decided until the final race.

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#### WATER SAFETY

Once again we want to stress water safety. Sunday evening there was an accident on the lake. Our emergency units responded promptly and expertly. Have your emergency number handy.

There has been some abuse and misunderstanding of law about where a boat may travel. The law is as copied from the Michigan Pleasure Boating Book by the Law Enforcement Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

#### "SLOW NO-WAKE SPEED"

All motor boats and vessels must limit speed to a slow no-wake speed when within 100 ft. of:

- a. rafts, except for ski jumps and ski landing floats
- b. docks
- c. launching ramps
- d. swimmers
- e. anchored, moored or drifting boats

This means a speed slow enough that the wake or wash of the boat creates a minimum disturbance. It applies on all water except for zoned ski areas and authorized ski return areas. Buoys and signs marked "SLOW NO-WAKE" mean operation at slow minimum and swell height speed.

Common Courtesy, Common Sense, and Caution should be practiced at all times.

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#### BIRCH LAKE NEWS

Beth Fortino just completed a week at St Mary's Sports Camp. She won the award for Outstanding Volleyball Player.

Vicki Fortino is leaving this week for Indiana University Law School in Indianapolis.

Leslie Kruggel is attending a Cheerleading seminar at the University of Tennessee. She is a member of the Purdue University Pep Squad this year and will appear in a program featuring Officials Signals.

Dave Troeger leaves Sunday for football practice at Purdue.

Susan Anthony will enter Purdue this fall and Kurt Kruggel will enter Notre Dame.

Two other young men from the lake are members of the Drake University team. Kevin Rudy and Bob McElwee have left for training camp already.

It seems that fall is just around the corner after a short summer.

Send me your news on our college bound youth.

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SEASON SERIES STANDING

Races 8/8/82			TOTAL POINTS	<u>AVERAGE PLUS BONUS</u>
1 & 3	Tim Burchell	1	19,880	1659
5 & 5	Tom Howard	2	17,971	1512
13 & 10	Bill Carpenter	3	17,373	1466
6 & 1	Earl Troeger	4	17,161	1450
2 & 4	Mike Machalleck	5	16,841	1425
4 & 9	Leo Zelasko	6	10,991	1311
3 & 2	Randy Welch	7	14,216	1224
8 & 6	Jeff Howard	8	14,105	1147
11 & 15	Don Harmon	9	12,963	1127
10 & 7	Marty Sante	10	14,558	1121
9 & 11	Ken Troyer	11	10,202	1120
7 & 16	Steve Sante	12	10,674	1080
14 & 17	Mike Gotstein	13	12,242	1072
DNS 21	Tom Athanas	14	7,820	1058
12 & 14	Dave Anthony	15	12,490	1032
15 & 12	Harry Price	16	11,613	924
19 DNS	Jim Cook	17	8,497	882
DNS DNS	Steve Frew	18	4,015	853
DNS DNS	Dave Olson	19	4,755	853
16 & 8	Bob Cranmer	20	7,997	745
17 & 19	Andy Athanas	21	4,910	694
DNS DNS	Tom Condon	22	4,830	627
DNS DNS	Kevin Rudy	23	3,259	603
18 & 22	Glen Jevvert	24	3,341	498

AUGUST SERIES  
AVERAGE PLUS BONUS

Marty Sante	1182	1	Steve Frew	705	9
Jeff Howard	1071	2	Kevin Rudy	462	17
Steve Sante	953	3	Bob Cranmer	698	10
Dave Anthony	855	5	Tom Condon	597	12
Dave Olson	865	4	Andy Athanas	517	15
Jim Cook	530	14	Glen Jevvert	474	16
Harry Price	802	6	Brian Machalleck	334	19
Mike Gotstein	760	8	Mark McElwee	641	11
Joe O'Brien	783	7	Ashley Welch	441	18
			Art McElwee	539	13

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ADS

BIRCH LAKE SO SHORE SUMMER SALE - - August 14th 8:00 - 1:00: Rain date August 21st  
Park and Shop - Parking at Public Landing and Yacht Club  
Lemonade stands by Birch Lake Youth.

TOMS GARAGE: Anti Freeze \$4.00 gal. or \$21.50 case. We can store a few boats again  
this year. First come, first served. If you're interested reserve space now.  
Tom's Garage is having a garage sale too - Used tires, Electric Winch, ETC.

All Ladies are invited to the "HAND PAINTED SKIRT & PURSE PARTY" on August 21st at  
9:30 AM (Indiana Time) given by Dorothy Parnell & Louise Rieth at the Rieth home in  
the Cove. Come and visit and have coffee or tea while shopping for beautiful wrap-a-  
round skirts & purses, for gifts or yourself. REMEMBER, SATURDAY AUG.21th AT THE  
RIETH'S.

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SPECIAL THANKS

My special thanks this week goes to Denny Weesner and my wife Connie for hosting the  
ladies luncheon at Kulesia's in Vandalia. At this writing I would hope that all who  
attended enjoyed themselves. Thank you Denny and Connie.

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