# THE BIRCH BARKER



### August 21, 1982

## **Birch Lake Yacht Club**

#### COMMODORES COMMENTS

What turned out to be a beautiful weekend at Birch Lake was not so great for the sailors. The couples race had to be posponed again due to lack of wind. It will be rescheduled today at 1:30 PM (Indiana Time). Only one scheduled Sunfish racewas sailed due to lack of wind, but all in all it was a great weekend for all of the other water sports.

The date for our annual dinner is fast approaching. Please contact your director or Dave and Myra Anthony for tickets this weekend.

Our summer season is rapidly coming to an end. There have been a great number of people who have helped run the club and many more who have supported their efforts. We have over 140 family memberships which we believe is an all time high. Our thanks goes out to all our members and we would like to see as many as possible participate in the remaining activities.

The following is a note from Eileen Fitzer explaining the accident on August 8th with some interesting comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

On Sunday, August 8, 1982, at approximately 7:15 P.M. Eileen and Chuck Fitzer were towing a skiier. Upon completion of 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> times around the lake the skiier dropped off. Eilee circled around to pick him up, retrieved the ski and with the boat in neutral he attempted to board. With one foot on the propellar and the other in the water he boosted himself up. His left foot was cut on the propellar blade. An ambulance was called and he was taken to Elkhart General. He was seen by Doctors in the Emergency room and X-rays were taken. The cut required 2 stitches in the muscle and 3 on the foot. He will be home for awhile recuperating. Does it have to take an incident where one sees police and flashing lights to make us a little bit more courteous and cautious to our fellow boaters? If there are any more questions you can call the Sheriffs' Department where there is a report on file or you may contact me personally. Sincerely, Eileen Fitzer.

There has been some discussion among families with young adults in their teens planning some Yacht Club activities for next year. Chuck Fortino has volunteered to discuss the possibilities with the young people and their parents on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Contact Chuck for further information.

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#### UP-COMING EVENTS

1. The Couples Race will be run this afternoon, Saturday August 21st at 1:30 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, September 5th at 1:30 PM (Indiana Time) 10:30 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.

5. The MC Regatta for the honor of signing the plate on the Yacht Club Rubbish Can will be sailed Sunday, September 5th and Monday, September 6th.

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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.

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#### SAILING NEWS

The Sunfish sailors were greeted Sunday with very little wind. One race was sailed and the results showed that some of the leaders are not so tough in light air. Tom Howard showed the way by taking the lead early and holding on to the win. The results are as listed. Two more weekends remain for the season and August series. The Labor Day Regatta will be a separate series and will not count for the season or August series. Good Luck to All.

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#### BIRCH LAKE NEWS

We have still another football playing college bound young man from Birch. Mark McElwee will attend Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa and will play football.

Not to be outdone, our golfers from Birch were in the news last week. Bud Zesinger with partner Tom Stevens won the Morris Park Invitational last weekend in South Bend. Ken Everett with partner Rich Stone won the Consolation Match in the Championship Flight. Nice going men!

Editors note: Between the lake and golf I wonder when there guys have time to work?

Ilona Whiteman will be attending St. Mary's College this fall. Her attendance is made possible through the Mary Holland Memorial Scholarship offered by Sibley Machine and Foundry of South Bend, Ilona also received the McManus Lake Scholarship awarded by the Rotary Club of Constantine.

Dick Whiteman has completed the academic requirements for a master's degree as a Rehabilitation Teaching Specialist of the Blind and Visually Impaired and will receive his diploma from Western Michigan University. Gradution ceromonies were held August 20th.

We, the "Westside Gang" would like to thank Mrs. Jeanne Habich and award her with the "Mom Award" of Birch Lake. From taking in "strays" to handing out mounds you truly are one of a kind, and we love ya for it. Thanks for making our summer a fun one! Signed, Us (you know who we are).

Troy, Todd and Tammy Troeger will be returning to Indiana University Bloomington next week. Troy will be a senior majoring in Pre-Med. Todd and Tammy are starting their sophomore years.

Mr brother Tom (father of the above students) reminds me that IU won the last bucket game by a score of 20-17. He says the game was not as close as the score indicates. It looks to me like I lost all the way. Not only did the children go to IU, Purdue lost the game too. I will keep trying. (Editor)

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#### ADS

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 and purses, for gifts or yourself. REMEMBER, SATURDAY AUG. 21ST AT THE RIETH'S.

REFRIGERATOR FOR SALE: Old but in working condition - cheap - Carol and Terry Dugan Cottage #29 - South Shore, 15032 Lake Shore Drive.

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Doris Howard spent last week with her family at the lake. She and husband Herb were long time residents of the Lake and were always there to help the Yacht Club when needed.

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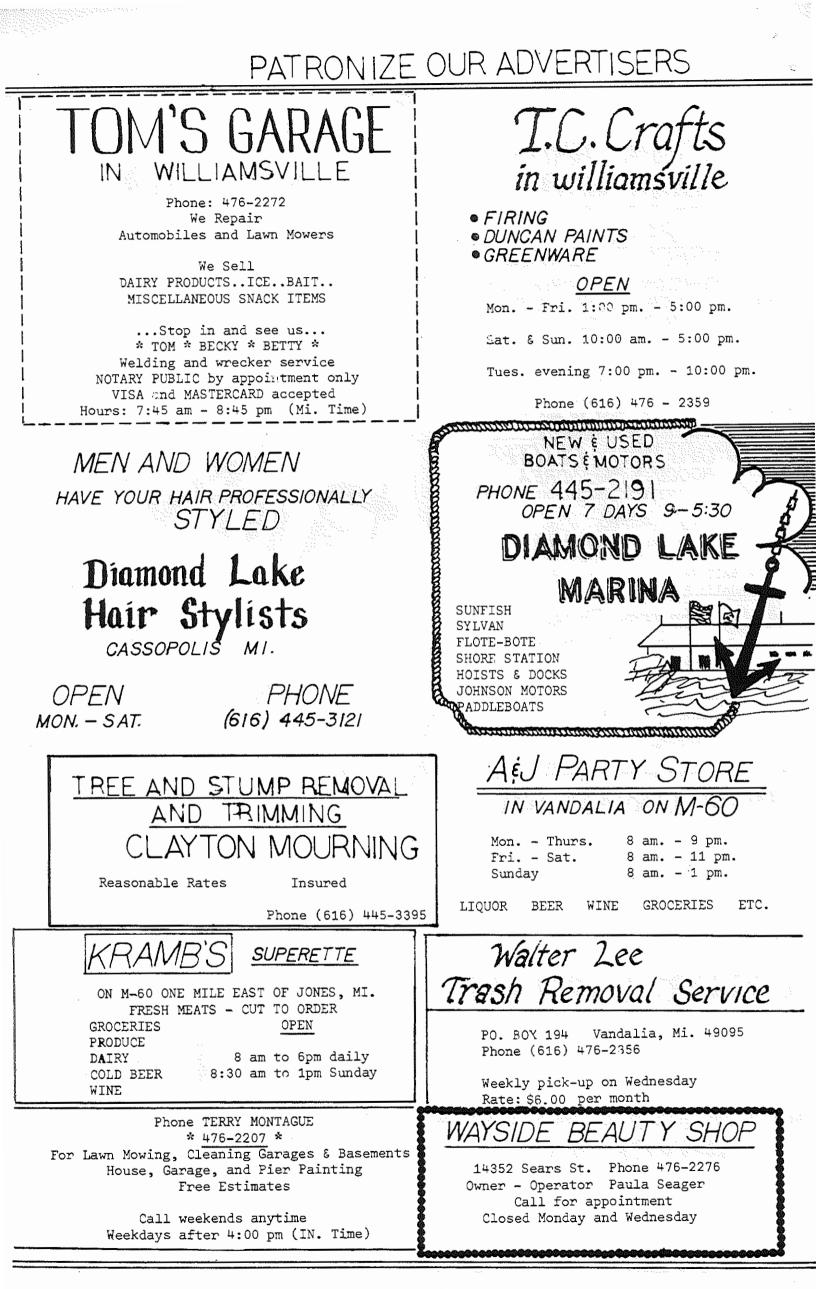
#### THANK YOU

My Special Thanks this week goes to Sherry Holleman. Sherry has seen that your Birch Barker is distributed each week. She organizes the young people early in the year and must keep up dating the deliveries as the year progresses. Thank you so much for all your help Sherry.

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