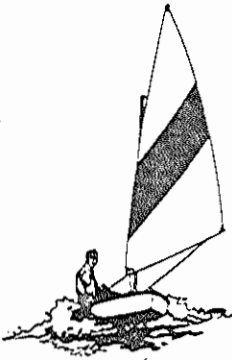


THE BIRCH BARKER



Birch Lake Yacht Club

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COMMODORES COMMENTS

Welcome back to Beautiful Birch Lake. We hope the summer weather improves over our spring so the 1983 season can be another unforgettable time at Birch Lake. The Board Meeting was well attended last Sunday so keep reading the Barker for information on future activities.

Our annual spring dinner was a very nice evening at the Morris Park Country Club. All who were able to attend enjoyed themselves.

We would like to extend our sympathy to all those who have lost a loved one in the past year. We know your associations together at the lake will be remembered.

Use your Yacht Club and help make this summer one to remember

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YACHT CLUB CLEANUP

Today June 11, 9:AM (Indiana Time)

Come on over and pitch in. The place can be as good as new in a few hours.

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SAILING NEWS

We start tomorrow, June 12th, right after a "sail in" clinic at Tom and Jeff Howard's. Meeting time 9:30 (Indiana Time). If the weather is bad we will meet at the Yacht Club.

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COCKTAIL PARTY

Saturday June 18th at the Yacht Club - - - 5:30 to 7:30 (Indiana Time)
Cash Bar with Hors d'oeuvres

Come with your friends and renew your ties with our Birch Lake Community. Make plans for dinner afterwards or just stick around and enjoy.

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DUES ARE DUE

Please use the enclosed form and send as soon as possible to Lynne Schaar. Some sixty-five families have already joined. We invite everyone to join.

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THANK YOU

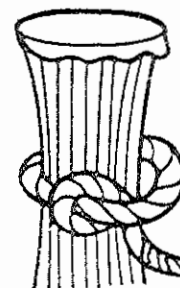
My special thanks this week goes to Doris Sante who tilled the soil and planted flowers at the Yacht Club last week. Thanks so much Doris.

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NOTE: Free puppies and kittens. See Tom or Jeff Howard at their cottage on the South Side.

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Attention: Fireworks Display - Sunday, July 3, 1983

There have been many requests by Birch Lake residents for a return to the "Good Ole Days" annual Fourth of July fireworks display. This annual event was something that was enjoyed by the young and old alike. It made inviting guests fun because there was a treat to offer them. It eliminated the danger of letting the children set off fireworks. Instead, they looked forward to setting out on the pier with popcorn, many times bundled up in blankets in anticipation of the beautiful sight over Birch Lake.

The main reason that the fireworks display was discontinued, is that it became very costly and the Yacht Club was unable to pay for it out of the regular dues revenue.

On June 5th the Board of Directors voted on the matter of the fireworks display and approved of contracting for it at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00. However, we must have the financial support of those on the lake who will enjoy this display. We are requesting that the Birch Lake residents make a separate contribution to the fireworks fund. Please make checks payable to the Birch Lake Yacht Club and mail them to our treasurer, Lynne Schaar, 112 S. Vine St., Elkhart, Indiana 46514, or deliver them to your nearest director.

To initiate the fund we have already received two generous donations of \$100 and \$50 so we are off to a good start. It is very important that we receive the checks of all those in favor of the fireworks at once, so please take care of it. Don't let this donation interfere with the Yacht Club dues as they are necessary for operating expenses.

It has been noted that since the displays have been discontinued, many people have had their own small display. These undoubtedly cost from \$25 to \$100 and were on a small scale compared to the professionally run display that we hope to have. If 100 people would give \$10 we could meet our goal!

With your cooperation, we are looking forward to an exciting and safe Fourth of July celebration. Please show your desire to have Birch Lake sponsored fireworks by sending your contribution at once.