

# THE BIRCH BARKER



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Issue #2

## Birch Lake Yacht Club

### COMMODORES COMMENTS

The long awaited lake weather arrived with a bang. Lake activity will be gaining momentum, so again we ask everyone to think safety on and around the water and to use common sense and caution at all times.

Again we owe a great debt of gratitude to those who worked so diligently to clean the Yacht Club last Saturday. Our hat goes off to the following members who gave their time to help make the Club ready for summer:

Jeff Howard  
Tom Howard  
Bill Carpenter  
Herm Kruggel  
Dave Troeger

Harry Price  
Eileen Price  
Randy Welch  
Fran Welch  
Steve Sante

Tom Howard  
Frank Horvath  
R. Welch  
Doris Sante  
Earl Troeger

We start our activities tonight at 5:30 (Indiana Time). Hope to see you there.

COMMODORE, Earl Troeger

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### COCKTAIL PARTY

Saturday, June 18th  
At the Yacht Club  
5:30 to 7:30 (Indiana Time)

Come and join us for drinks and munchies. Bring your friends and neighbors and relax with some good conversation.

Snacks on the house, Cash Bar available.

Eat before you come or plan your dinner activities for later.

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### SAILING NEWS

With the winds looking light to nothing the first scheduled races were canceled with practice called for in the afternoon. The winds fooled us and two good practice races were sailed. Bill Carpenter and Randy Welch protested with tongue in cheek as the finish 1st and 2nd respectfully in both races. We start for sure this Sunday at 10:30 AM(Indiana Time)

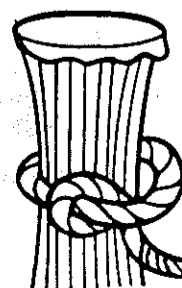
Two items discussed at the Sailors Meeting Sunday morning are as follows:

All Skippers must be members of the Yacht Club and pay the sailing fee of \$15.00 by July 4th to be eligible for the season standings. Those who wish to sail only a few times, please notify the committee so as not to be counted in the standings and please try to stay clear of competing boats. Two-thirds of the total races sailed must be sailed to be considered in the standings.

The other item is that the other skippers may sail your boat, but the skipper must inform the race committee before the start if they want to be counted in the standings. This allows a skipper to be absent and still have his boat counted or to encourage a beginner to race and not be counted. We hope to promote more good sportsmanship and competition this way.

The other sailing format remains the same as before.

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JULY 4th REGATTA

Saturday 2 Races 1:30 (Indiana Time)  
Sunday 1 Race 10:30

These races count for the season.

AUGUST SERIES

Top 10 boats not eligible.

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BARKER ADS

Once again we thank John and Arlene Machalleck for getting the ads for this years Barker. Weekly ads are \$1.00 and should be given to your editor Earl Troeger. Please patronize our advertisers and thank you John and Arlene.

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BOAT PARADE

If some one is interested in organizing the Boat Parade for July 3rd contact Earl Troeger. If there is no response the Boat Parade will be cancelled for this year.

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FIRE WORKS

The fire works display has been scheduled for July 3rd with the 4th as a rain day. We need your financial help. Donations are coming in, but it takes the support of everyone to make this event a success. If we are successful this year, you can plan on the fire works as an annual event.

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YACHT CLUB DUES

Our dues per family this year will again be \$15.00. This money is used to pay taxes, insurance, upkeep, electric, Michigan Lakes and Streams dues, Birch Barker costs, and in general the everyday needs of your Yacht Club.

Sailors pay a separate fee per boat each year to cover the costs of the sailing program. Excess sailing funds are turned over to the Yacht Club.

Please use the form from last weeks Barker and send your check today to Lynn Schaar, 63382 Birch Road, Vandalia, MI 49095.

This will be the last Barker delivered to everyone. Next week only last years members and this years members will receive Barkers with the 1983 cut off being July 4th.

Please join your Yacht Club and support the activities at Birch Lake.

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BIRCH LAKE DIRECTORY

The directory is nearing publication. It will be free to all Yacht Club members and will be available at a nominal fee to non-members.

WATCH YOUR BARKER.

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ADS

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Approved fire extinguishers must be carried on motorboats with closed compartments and should be carried on all motorboats.

Vessels 16 feet and over are required to have on board a whistle or horn.

Running lights are required on all watercraft between sunset and sunrise. (Red and green front; white on rear).

Childred between 12 and 16 years old may operate a motor boat of 6 or more horsepower only when accompanied by a person 16 years old or older or when in possession of a boating safety certificate issued after satisfactorily completing a Michigan Department of Natural Resources approved course in boating safety. Childred less than 12 years old may operate a motorboat of 6 or more horsepower only when accompanied by a person 16 years old or older.

No person shall operate any watercraft while under the influence of alcoholic beverage or narcotic drug, nor shall the operator consume any alcoholic beverage while in the process of operating any watercraft.

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No person shall operate a watercraft in a manner so as to unreasonably interfere with the lawful use by others of any waters.

All accidents resulting in personal injury or property damage to exceed \$100 dollars shall be reported to local law authorities. (Sheriff Dept. in this area.)

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THANK YOU

My special thank this week goes out to Ashley Welch and my son Dave for their help in delivering the Birch Barker and membership cards last week. Thanks again, Ashley and Dave.

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SEE YOU SATURDAY AT THE COCKTAIL PARTY!!!!!!!

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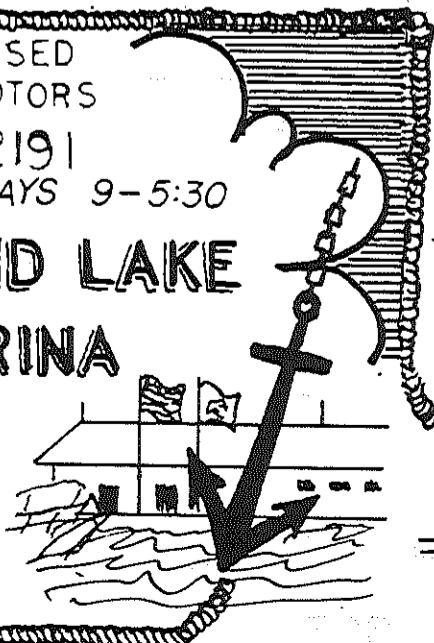
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