

# THE BIRCH BARKER



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## Birch Lake Yacht Club

### COMMODORES COMMENTS

WOW! Its great to be back. We use to sail on the regatta circuit every summer and always was glad to get back to Birch Lake. Now it seems we are on the wedding circuit and it's still great to get back. I guess thats the sign of changing time and age?

The fireworks were great. It was a beautiful sight to see the fireworks and also see all the boats out on the lake enjoying the activities. Herm Kruggel deserves a big vote of thanks from all of us for organizing this event and for having the forsite and perseverance to push for it for the past year. Thank you Herm from all of us.

Sailing was also at its peak over the weekend with both the Sunfish and MC's competing. Twenty-three Sunfish raced Saturday and Sunday with the 3 tall ships or MC's going Monday. We had three new first time winners over the weekend to go with Jeff Howard's first time ever win a week ago. With this kind of competition our sailing can only get better. Steve Sante and Leo Zelasko were 1st time winners in the Sunfish, while battling Bruce Harlan won his 1st race in an MC. I would hope we can report more new winners each week.

Due to the short week and press of business all news may not get in the Barker this week. We will get it next week.

COMMODORE, Earl E. Troeger

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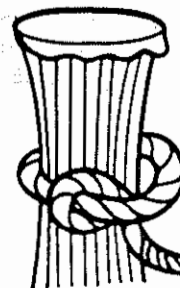
### SAILING NEWS

The 4th of July Regatta 1983 is now history with some great races being sailed. The 1st five places will receive trophies this year. Bill Carpenter and Mike Machalleck sailed most consistently with 2,3,4 finishes and a tie for 1st place. Bill will win the Regatta because he beat Mike in two out of the three races. The results are as follows:

|                   |                  |                 |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Bill Carpenter  | 10 Steve Sante   | 19 Dave Olson   |
| 2 Mike Machalleck | 11 Marty Athanas | 20 Mark McElwee |
| 3 Tom Howard      | 12 Jeff Howard   | 21 Art McElwee  |
| 4 Leo Zelasko     | 13 Clem Haines   | 22 Kevin Rudy   |
| 5 Randy Welch     | 14 Chas Lapierre | 23 Glenn Jevert |
| 6 Mike Gotstein   | 15 Tom Condon    |                 |
| 7 Ken Troyer      | 16 Jim Cook      |                 |
| 8 Dave Anthony    | 17 Ashley Welch  |                 |
| 9 Marty Sante     | 18 Steve Cranmer |                 |

Earl Troeger won the MC Regatta in a close series with Bruce Harlan 2nd and Randy Welch 3rd. Remember today we host the MC Invitational Regatta. Plan to watch the competition and help make our guest welcome.

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## FIREWORKS

With this years successful fireworks display we will definitely plan to proceed next year. We've had a very good response from a great many people and we slightly exceeded our goal. The extra funds will be earmarked for fireworks next year and will help us get a head start on our plans. We must add to our thanks to Herm Kruggel for his chairmanship a special note of thanks to the Murphy's, Cooks, and Condons from whose property the fireworks were launched. Also, our thanks goes out to Kelli and Kyle Condon along with Coley Cook, who spent their 4th of July morning cleaning up the remains of the fireworks. We also cannot forget our friends from the Fire Department, Sheriffs Department, and Ambulance Crew who stood by in case they might be needed.

And above all we cannot forget everyone who supported this event on Birch Lake. Thank you to the following families:

|                     |                     |                         |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
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| John Scofield       | Dr. Richard Green   | Ray Sanders             |
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| Wm. Powell          | Valentine Bernaciak | Joyce Klimek            |
| Clem Haines         | Lloyd Krueger       | Terry Montague          |
| Genevieve Lagoni    | Bob Fudge           | M. J. Lochmandy         |
| Wm Bliler           | Martin Sante        | Katherine Arnold        |
| Arthur McElwee      | Jim Cook            | Bill King               |
| Bud Zesinger        | Herb Getzinger      | Jack Kensill            |
| John Brown          | Gail Schutt         | Cark Burket             |
| Don Cleveland       | Barry Schaar        | Leo Koontz              |
| John O'Brien        | Ken Everett         | Bernice & Helen Weesner |
| Joe Sikorski        | John Machallek      | Leo Zelasko             |
| Harry Price         | Chuck Fortino       | Carlyle Decker          |
| Steve Griffith      | Dean Davis          | Ray Larson              |
| Willis Holleman     | Doug Weaver         | Leslie Jensen           |
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| Dave Olson          | Albert Courtney     | Margaret Johnson        |
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| Bob Ross            | Thomas Condon       | Tom Drinkall            |
| Randy Welch         | Dave Anthony        | Don Harmon              |
| Dick Whiteman       | Michael Gotstein    | Joe O'Brien             |
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| Jim Coan            | Gary Stout          |                         |
| Chester Kolber      | Chas LaPierre       |                         |
| Jack Troeger        | Robt. Greer         |                         |

If we have missed anyone please call Herman Kruggel and we will finalize things next week.

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## COMING EVENTS

Saturday July 9th - MC Invitational Regatta - All Day

Lets show our competitors from other lakes what fine hosts we can be and make them welcome. You can volunteer some help or just plain watch and enjoy.

Thursday July 14th - Ladies Luncheon at the Yacht Club 11:30 (Indiana Time)

Plan to attend. Guests Welcome. Call Lynne Schaar (2302) or Judy Olson (2780)

Friday July 29th - Mens Golf Stag

Make plans for a great day at Park Shore and back at the Yacht Club for dinner. Call Bill King (2128) or Herm Kruggel (2169). The Birch Lake Open is on.

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(CONT) COMING EVENTS

Golf, Dinner, Drinks for only \$18.00  
Golf Cart \$17.00 and must be reserved thru Bill and Herm  
Tee Off times start at 11:00 AM (Indiana Time)

Saturday, July 30th - Dance  
More next week.

Saturday, August 6th and Sunday August 7th  
Michiana Sunfish Regatta at Birch Lake

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The New Birch Lake Directory is here. All 1983 members will receive their copy as soon as possible.

Board Meeting Sunday, July 10th at 9:00 AM (Indiana Time)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT \*\*

There will be an organizational meeting for the Birch Lake Junior Yacht Club on Saturday July 16th at 10:00 AM (Indiana Time) at the Yacht Club. All youths 11-17 should attend to participate in planning some events and drawing up some By-Laws. This will be handled by the young people from around the lake.

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CAMP TANNADOONAH

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Camp Tannadoonah. It seems some misunderstanding has developed. The camp has been a good neighbor and an asset to Birch Lake for many years. A great number of people have been introduced to our lake thru the camp. Their experiences here will bring fond memories. Please show them the respect we have come to expect.

The Birch Barker will not become a sounding board for complaints. It is not the intent of this paper to publish problems unless they involve the entire community. Some considerations to bring out at this point are as follows:

1. Joggers and walkers should cheerfully give the right of way to cars. Our roads are narrow and consideration should be to keep the traffic moving as safely as possible.
2. Pets should be fenced, chained, or on leashes as prescribed by law.
3. Trash service is provided reasonably. If you must burn, be sure you separate garbage from paper. Be considerate of your neighbors.

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LOST AND FOUND

Lost on 4th of July - Red and Black Stearns Ski Jacket. Please return, if found, to Jack Troeger, Cottage 11 on South Side.

Lost: Scuba Flag (red with white diagonal stripe) attached to black inner tube. Please return to or call Chuck Stevens, Cottage 46A South Side (2578).

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BULLETIN:

2nd Annual South Shore Yard Sale.  
Everyone from the public landing to the outlet is welcome to participate.

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH

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(CONT) ANNUAL SOUTH SHORE YARD SALE

Start getting those priceless items ready.

Our sale was extremely successful last year so go all out and start marking!  
Donation \$1.00 for advertising expenses in local papers.

Watch the Barker for more information about the sale - Myra Anthony 000-D (9997)

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NOTEWORTHY NEWS

If you have an I O that sits in the water, beware of muskrats. Ken and Sally Everett's boat filled with water and the marina immediately asked if muskrats were nearby. It seems the critters love to chew on the gasket around the motor.

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REMINDER:

Please be considerate of others on your strolls around the lake. Late night noise without reason can cause ill feelings among others.

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Sorry its press time.

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THANK YOU

My special thanks this week goes to two very special young ladies who though new to Birch Lake are very much a part of its activities. They are my nephew Steve's wife Patty and my daughter-in-law Libby. Patty was involved with the printing of the Directory and Libby designed the cover.  
Thank you Patty and Libby so much!

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June 28, 1983

Camp Tannadoonah has opened its 53rd season on Birch Lake. We have a record number of campers attending this summer so we are alive and well and have no intention of closing or selling.

For the past 13 years we have tried very hard to have good relationships with the people on the lake. We have always welcomed our neighbors on a stroll thru camp; have offered the use of our Dining Hall and camp - at no charge - for the Birch Lake Yacht Club Banquet at the end of the season; and have had our campers serenade the people on the lake at least twice each summer. We have felt good rapport with our neighbors and most of you have been very good neighbors and very understanding of our problems. In spite of this, lately we have been criticized for things we do and we have heard things said that we feel are unfair and unjust. We realize it is very easy to point a finger at that "girl scout" camp" (incidentally, we are owned and operated by the Michiana Council of Camp Fire in South Bend) if something happens since we are probably the largest resident on the lake. Who else has a family of 120! As one of the larger land owners, it seems inconsistent that we have never been asked to represent the camp views by the Yacht Club or any other decision making body of Birch Lake. We feel badly about all of these misunderstandings as we enjoy being here and fully support the other residents. We also probably pay five times more taxes to the State of Michigan than anyone else.

There are several things that have been stated about the camp that we feel should be clarified:

1. It was brought to our attention that at some point this winter or spring someone from the lake who was walking thru camp before it was open (and yes, it is private property) complained at a social function how run-down and shabby the camp looked. How does any place look after being uninhabited for seven months?? After opening this spring, we have painted nearly 3/4 of the buildings, repaired the steps, groomed the grounds, etc. We would like to have these same people return and tour the camp again.
2. It has been said the place is a real mess since the trees were cut. Yes, we realized it would be a mess but the woods had never been cleared and the Conservation Dept. recommended we do so. It has given the camp more light with less chance for the buildings to rot; has given the small seedlings a chance to grow; and has given our neighbors a lot of wood to burn. In three or four years it will have all grown back. The worst appears to be along the road to the waterfront, which incidentally is a private road and invisible to most residents unless they are walking thru.
3. We are working with the State of Michigan on a project to correct the erosion problem and filling in of the ravine where the cabin collapsed. This will take a couple of years to complete.

We do not appreciate lake kids sneaking into camp at night trying to scare our younger campers, cutting our buoy lines, and cutting ropes to set our boats adrift. Nor do we appreciate the many acts of vandalism that occur here and we will complain and take action on these.

We do NOT complain about the noise from parties in the wee hours; people using our waterfront ( even though we must legally prohibit this); joggers using our property as part of their course; our tennis court being used without permission or people walking thru camp on a leisurely stroll. And we do not plan to start complaining now.

We only wish that you would be as non-critical of us.

Jo Murphy, camp director  
Pat Laing, executive director

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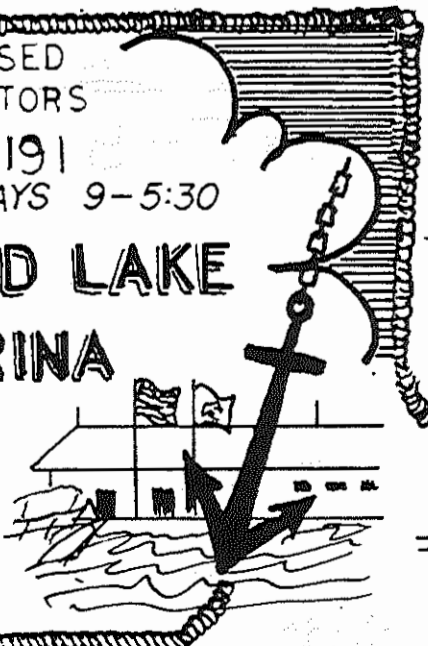
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