

# THE BIRCH BARKER



## Birch Lake Yacht Club

August 13, 1983

Issue #10

### COMMODORES COMMENTS

Activities were in full swing last weekend and will continue this weekend again. The dance Friday night was very nice. The Music Machine provided music for everyone to either dance or listen to. Even the old Commodore danced up a storm. Joe and Betty O'Brien were our hosts for the evening ably assisted by Larry and Sue Davis, and Ken and Darlene Troyer. The bar was handled by Bill Carpenter, Dave Troeger, Libby Troeger, and Tom Troeger. Thanks to all of you for a great evening. One remark made was that it was a very fast three hours filled with fun.

Some thirty Sunfish sailors then participated in the Michiana Regatta Saturday and Sunday. The winds were a problem running from none to very little. Our own fleet captain, Tom Howard, won the Regatta on very consistent 2-2-1 finishes. Dave Troeger finished third and eleven of the top 15 boats were from Birch Lake. Steve Sante won the top Junior Plaque by a wide margin. It was the first time a Birch Lake sailor has ever won this event. Regatta Chairman Bill Carpenter did a great job and his report will follow.

Saturday night the Junior Yacht Club held a get-together at the club house with music provided by Ken Sante's Stereo System. Jeff Howard, Tim Cole, and Steve Sante worked hard to plan and make this event a success. The interest of our young people in the Yacht Club continues high.

There's more to come this weekend with the south side yard sale and Yacht Club Cocktail Party on Saturday, followed by the famous couples race on Sunday. Support your Yacht Club and join the others for some fun together.

Earl Troeger, COMMODORE

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### UP-COMING EVENTS

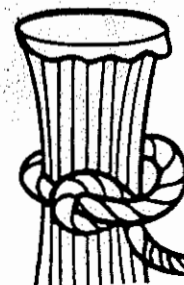
Saturday, August 13th - Directors Meeting at Yacht Club - 9 AM (Ind Time)  
Saturday, August 13th - South Side Yard Sale  
Saturday, August 13th - Cocktail Party at Yacht Club  
Sunday, August 14th - Couples Race  
Thursday, August 18th - CPR Class at Yacht Club 6 PM (Ind Time)  
Saturday, August 27th - Annual Dinner at Yacht Club  
Monday, Sept 5th - Trophy Presentation

Come over to the Yacht Club this evening for some snacks and cocktails before dinner. 5:30-7:30 (Ind Time). A cash bar is available. Guests are welcome. Spend a little time with other members of the Yacht Club and get yourself prepared for the big couples race on Sunday.

10:30 AM Sunday will be the beginning of a day of sailing on Birch Lake. The August Series will begin then with two scheduled races back to back. At 2 PM or close to it the couples race will start. All classes of boats are eligible and everyone is invited to participate. Rig up the ole boat and come join the fun.

CPR CLASS - AUGUST 18th the Newberg Porter Twp. Fire Dept. will have a CPR Class at 6:00 PM (Ind Time) at the Yacht Club. Yearly recertification is required for those who have already taken the class. This class is also for the first-time people, so they can be trained in Basic Cardiac Life Support, and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Please call Bud Rieth at 476-2174 and register as soon as possible, so we can tell how many to plan on.

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(CONT) UP-COMING EVENTS

August 27th will be our annual dinner for all members, their families, and friends. Plan now to attend and join in our annual membership meeting for the election of officers. Cocktails will be available starting at 6 PM (Ind Time). Dinner will be served from 6:30. The meeting will follow dinner. The cost will be ~~\$7.50~~<sup>\$6.80</sup> for adults and \$4.50 for children under 12. Joe's Tavern will cater the Polish Style Dinner. See your director for tickets and make plans now to attend.

Our annual trophy presentation will be held Monday, September 5th on Labor Day at 9:30 AM (Ind Time) - Coffee, milk, and donuts will be available at the Yacht Club. A short meeting to elect next years fleet captain will also be held.

There is still plenty of time and activities to participate in at the Yacht Club. It is your club so plan now and help support it.

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BOAT STORAGE

Storage is available at the Yacht Club. See Frank Horvath (Cottage 34 PH 2750) for access. Frank will assign a spot. You must provide your own help to place the boat. Reservations on a 1st come basis. \$3.00 per ft is the fee. Please provide floor protection of some type.

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ABOUT YOUR COMMODORE (by his wife Connie)

Earl Troeger is about to retire as Commodore. This will be, as near as I can tell, his 7th year as Commodore of the Birch Lake Yacht Club. The Troeger Family started coming to Birch Lake in 1944 and built on the south side in 1946. Earl and his brothers, Jack and Tom, were instrumental in starting the Yacht Club and the 1st races were held in 1948. The Snipe Class came forth and Earl and his sons, Jeff, Tom, and David sailed Snipes in Regattas all around the country until 1980. In 1965 they won the National and International High Point Championship in the Snipe Class.

Earl served 6 years on the district level as Rear Governor, Vice Governor, and two years as Governor. The district takes in 8 states and was the largest in the world. He then served for 3 years on the International Board of Governors of the Snipe Class. At the same time he was a member of the Board of the Diamond Lake Yacht Club serving as their first Rear Commodore, then Vice Commodore, and as Commodore in 1977. With this you can see he has served and enjoyed the sailing world. His first love has always been at Birch Lake and I know he is proud to have served our Birch Lake Yacht Club.

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THANK YOU

Since I started thanking people who have helped me these past two years, I have never had to look for anyone on any week. This week is no exception. The Joe O'Brien family did an exceptional job of organizing our dance last week. Bill Carpenter and his committee did likewise on the Michiana Sunfish Regatta. My thank you's seem to be piling up. With this kind of help I can't go wrong. Thank you so much, Joe and Bill for jobs well done.

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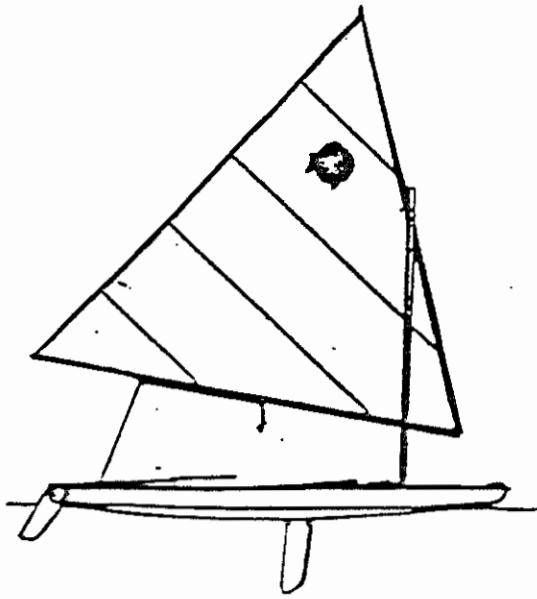
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EDITORS NOTE:

It takes a very understanding and loving wife to put up with a man and his fun. It was only thru Connie's encouragement, backing, and help, that I was able to do all of the things I did. It's been fun and I plan to keep at it.

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## 1983 MICHIANA SUNFISH

### OPEN REGATTA

Light to no winds saw 30 sailors use all their skill and a little luck in the 1983 Michiana Sunfish Open Regatta. Only one of three races was sailed on Saturday. Dave Troeger sailed a skillful race which saw long periods of no winds. Following Dave was Tom Howard and Ray Steely. Sunday started to look like it was going to be a windy day, only to give us a repeat of Saturday. A determined Stan McKay battled a lengthy lead by Tom Howard to nip him at the finish line. Finally the third race would not be denied to Tom with

his son Jeff finishing second. My thanks goes out to Herm Kruggor, Bill King, Keith Weesner, Dave Olsen and Bruce Harlen for the fine work on the committee boat. Earl Troeger, Clem Haines and Libby Troeger were in the stake boat moving buoys and always looking for someone in distress. Lunch both days was a success because of the girls in the kitchen, plus the ones who brought brownies — Carpenter, Zelasko, Anthony, Haines, Welch, Harman, Jevert, Cooks, LaPierre, Machalleck and Sante. Congratulations to Tom Howard for a fine weekend of sailing, and his first ever regatta win.

### 1983 MICHIANA SUNFISH OPEN REGATTA RESULTS

		<u>1st Race</u>	<u>2nd Race</u>	<u>3rd Race</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Tom Howard	Birch Lake	2	2	1	6	1
Stan McKay		9	1	3	20.7	2
Dave Troeger	Birch Lake	1	7	4	21	3
Ray Steely		3	3	11	28.4	4
Steve Sante	Birch Lake	6	4	5	28.4	4
Jeff Howard	Birch Lake	16	6	2	36.7	6
Kevin Krugger	Birch Lake	12	5	7	41	7
Don Harmon	Birch Lake	11	11	6	45.7	8
Bob Leonard	Diamond Lake	5	8	19	49	9
Mike Machalleck	Birch Lake	8	15	9	50	10
Kyle Harrington	Diamond Lake	7	9	21	57	11
Leo Zelasko	Birch Lake	18	14	8	58	12
Dave Anthony	Birch Lake	4	24	15	59	13
Bill Carpenter	Birch Lake	22	10	12	62	14
Randy Welch	Birch Lake	13	22	10	63	15
Harold Cranmer	Birch Lake	24	12	13	67	16
Tom Jewell	Birch Lake	27	13	14	72	17
Ken Troyer	Birch Lake	14	26	16	74	18
John Drewno	Diamond Lake	17	19	22	76	19
Bob King	Birch Lake	28	16	24	76	20
Charles Bienenan	Diamond Lake	10	28	20	76	21
Kent Sante	Birch Lake	19	23	17	77	22
Chas. LaPierre	Birch Lake	25	17	18	78	23
Marty Sante	Birch Lake	23	18	25	84	24
Ashley Welch	Birch Lake	20	20	26	84	25
Jim Cook	Birch Lake	15	27	DNS	90	26
Glen Jevert	Birch Lake	21	30	27	96	27
Brian Blazek	Diamond Lake	26	25	28	97	28
Kieth Claro	Birch Lake	DNF	21	DNF	98	29
Bob Cranmer	Birch Lake	DNS	29	23	100	30

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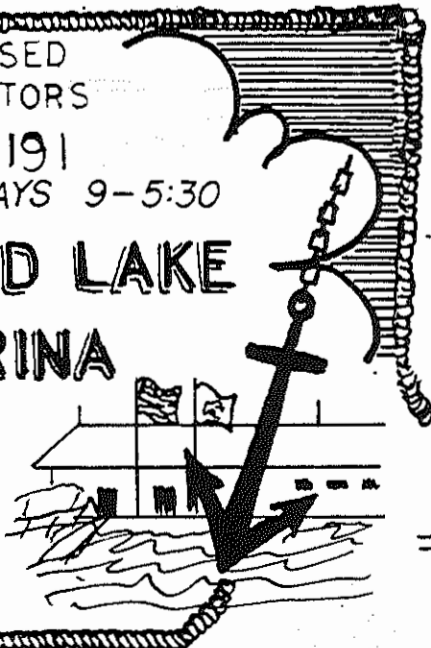
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