

# THE BIRCH BARKER



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## Birch Lake Yacht Club

### COMMODORES COMMENTS

Another very busy weekend at Birch Lake ended with a lot of tired sailors happy with their successes or crying in their beer with me. With our board meeting, yard sale, and cocktail party on Saturday, and the regular Sunfish races, which started the August series, and the couples race, I'm BUSHED!

Our board meeting was very productive Saturday morning. Some of the high lights are as follows:

1. We will purchase 10 new tables with the monies generated by our golf outing.
2. Tom Howard will furnish both material and labor to enclose our counter area and build two new island counters to be used as needed. Tom is doing this as his donation to the Yacht Club Building Fund. A big vote of thanks goes out to you Tom Howard.
3. A roof evaluation will be made as to how far we must go to seal the leaks which are showing up in a few places.
4. Our nominating committee is completing their work and I can assure you the Yacht Club will be in very capable hands for next year and years to come. We will make the nominations and vote on them at the annual dinner coming up a week from today. Plan to attend.
5. The Commodores Trophy award was selected and will be made at the dinner.
6. An effort will be made to involve more people in the publication of the Birch Barker. Sherry Holleman and Judy Olson will spearhead this effort. Anyone interested in giving a little time to a very interesting project should contact Sherry or Judy now. If we can count on some help now it will make everyone's job easier next spring.
7. The ladies will plan two luncheons next year. One will be held in the club-house and one will be held at one of the local restaurants.
8. We are working on a sign at the Yacht Club road at which the Tam's have graciously consented to let the post be placed on their property.
9. Ten of the existing Yacht Club tables will be sold for \$15.00 each. They can be folded and stored, used as serving table, work benches, bars, or whatever. If interested please contact Frank Horvath and reserve one.

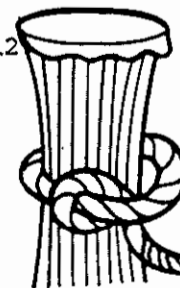
There were some other items which are being considered and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board members for their time and effort in looking after the best interest of your Yacht Club.

The Cocktail Party Saturday night was well attended and everyone had a good time. A good number made an evening of it by going out to dinner afterward. Thanks to Bill King, Kevin Rudy, and Dave Troeger, our bar tending was capably handled. If ever there were three Bouncers who acted like bar tenders we had them Saturday night. I didn't hear one complaint about the drinks. Thanks guys for providing us a great time.

Sunday brought a great number of boats on the lake and made the many sailors very uncomfortable in light winds. That's one of the prices paid, for all of the nice weekends we have had. I would ask you people with speed boats to be considerate of the sailors and confine your activities in areas of the lake with the fewest sailboats. There's plenty of room for everyone.

We would like everyone to plan to come to the annual dinner Saturday, August 27th. This is a family affair and one of our summer highlights. Tickets are \$6.00 for Adults and \$4.50 for Children under 12.

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The following directors have tickets. Contact them today.

<u>SOUTH SIDE</u>	<u>EAST SIDE</u>	<u>NORTH SIDE</u>	<u>WEST SIDE</u>
Tom Howard	Joe O'Brien	Bill Foley	Herm Kruggel
Bill Carpenter	Judy Olson	Ken Tate	Jim Cook
Earl Troeger	Lynne Schaar		Sherry Holleman
Mike Machalleck			
Frank Horvath			

Or contact Earl Troeger for reservations - PH 476-2237

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UP-COMING EVENTS

Saturday & Sunday - August 20 & 21 - MC LABOR DAY REGATTA

Saturday - August 27th - ANNUAL DINNER AT YACHT CLUB

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 \$6.00 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.

Saturday & Sunday - September 3 & 4 - SUNFISH LABOR DAY REGATTA

Monday - September 5th - TROPHY PRESENTATION AT THE YACHT CLUB

Our annual trophy presentation will be held 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.

This Saturday and Sunday, we will try to hold 3 races for the Labor Day MC Regatta. The winner will have the honor of engraving the Trash Barrel Trophy at the Yacht Club. Races will begin at 1:30 PM Saturday and 2:00 PM Sunday. (All times Indiana Time).

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LABOR DAY SUNFISH REGATTA

The annual Labor Day Sunfish Regatta will be held on Saturday, September 3rd with two races beginning at 1:30 PM (Ind Time) and one race on Sunday, September 4th at 10:30 AM (Ind Time). These races do not count for the season and all paid up Sunfish are eligible.

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REMINDER

Boat storage available at Yacht Club. Contact Frank Horvath (Cottage 34, PH 476-2750).

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SAILING NEWS

After nice winds most of the summer, our sailors were greeted with light winds for the second week in a row. This did not bother Tom Howard as he continued his winning ways with two firsts. Mike Gotstein sailed well in the first race to place second while Steve Sante is showing much improvement and finished 2nd in the second race. Leo Zelasko and Clem Haines were very consistent. Leo had two, thirds while Clem had two, fourths because two boats in the top five asked not to be counted.

The results are as follows:

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(CONT) SAILING NEWS

FIRST RACE

- 1 Tom Howard
- 2 Mike Gotstein
- 3 Leo Zelasko
- 4 Clem Haines
- 5 Bill Carpenter
- 6 Steve Sante
- 7 Martin Athanas
- 8 Mike Machalleck
- 9 Ken Troyer
- 10 Dave Anthony
- 11 Dave Olson
- 12 Chas Lapierre
- 13 Harold Cranmer
- 14 Ashly Welch
- 15 Joe O'Brien
- 16 Don Harmon
- 17 Randy Welch
- 18 Tom Condon
- 19 Harry Price
- 20 Kent Sante (NC)
- 21 Jewell/Kruggel (NC)
- 22 Jeff Howard

2ND RACE

- 1 Tom Howard
- 2 Steve Sante
- 3 Leo Zelasko
- 4 Jewell/Kruggel (NC)
- 5 Kent Sante (NC)
- 6 Clem Haines
- 7 Don Harmon
- 8 Ashly Welch
- 9 Mike Machalleck
- 10 Marty Athanas
- 11 Ken Troyer
- 12 Harold Cranmer
- 13 Mike Gotstein
- 14 Dave Olson
- 15 Dave Anthony
- 16 Joe O'Brien
- 17 Harry Price

We must say thank you to Dave and Myra Anthony from whose yard we launched and ran the Michiana Sunfish Regatta. Sorry we missed this last week. Thank you Dave and Myra.

Our annual couples race was also sailed in very little wind. Of the 17 boats which started only 12 finished the long, difficult race. Some were even smarter and either did not start or even come out.

Thanks to the 32 sailors in 12 boats who finished the race. Bruce Harlan, his wife J.J. and John & Marty Ball were the winning combination with a 1st over all. Don and Linda Harmon with Dave & Judy Olson finished 2nd overall. These were MC's with 4 crew on board.

By corrected time using the Portsmouth Handicap System, Dave Troeger and Ashly Welch were the winners, followed closely by the Cooks, Keri & Coley in 2nd place, and Tom Howard & Debbie Nelson in 3rd.

Congratulations should go to Keri & Coley who started last and finished so well in their 1st race ever.

Our thanks goes out to John Machalleck, Brian Machalleck, and Steve Sante for being the race committee in this most difficult race. The Portsmouth results are as follows:

- |    |                |         |
|----|----------------|---------|
| 1  | Troeger/Welch  | Sunfish |
| 2  | Cook's         | Sunfish |
| 3  | Howard/Nelson  | Sunfish |
| 4  | Zelasko's      | Sunfish |
| 5  | Cranmer's      | Sunfish |
| 6  | Harlan/Ball    | MC      |
| 7  | Harmon/Olson   | MC      |
| 8  | Troeger/Claro  | MC      |
| 9  | Anthony's      | Sunfish |
| 10 | Welch/Reynolds | MC      |
| 11 | Troyer's       | Sunfish |
| 12 | Eberhart's     | Force-5 |

All in all it was another great weekend.

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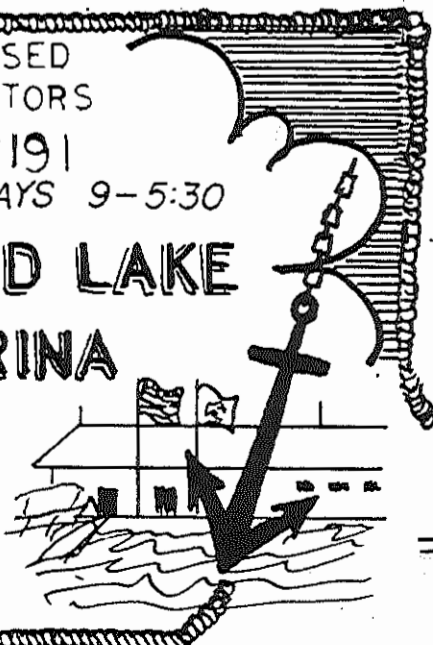
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