

THE BIRCH BARKER



June 16, 1984

Issue #2

Birch Lake Yacht Club

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Wasn't the weather last week end great! What a wonderful way to begin our summer at Birch Lake. I hope all of you have your cottage and waterfront work now completed and are ready for fun and relaxation. Boating and swimming activities will now be in full swing and I ask all of you to use common sense and caution at all times. Please take the time to review with your families the boating rules which are included in this week's Barker. Also be sure to advise and instruct your guests of these rules. Let's make this a safe and happy summer for all at beautiful Birch Lake. I hope to see all of you at the cocktail party tonight!

Herm Kruggel
Commodore

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COCKTAIL PARTY MIXER - TONIGHT!!! - 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. (Indiana Time)

Please bring a tray of your favorite Hors d'oeuvres or a snack and we will provide a cash bar. Everyone is welcome, bring your neighbors and friends and renew acquaintances and get up to date on "what's happening". We will initiate the new tables we recently purchased. Don't miss this gala 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 other various everyday needs of the Yacht Club.

Sailors pay a separate \$15.00 fee per boat each year to cover the cost of the sailing program.

If you have not done so, please send your dues at once to our treasurer, Lynn Schaar, 112 South Vine Street, Elkhart, Indiana 46514.

Next week's Barker will be the last one delivered to everyone. Thereafter only those who have paid their 1984 dues will receive future Barkers.

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

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SUNFISH RACES - Season begins Sunday, June 17, 1984 - 2 races

Tom Howard is serving as our official starter this year and will not race. He will offer the use of his boat to anyone wanting to sail it in the races this season. Please see Tom.

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FIREWORKS DISPLAY - Wednesday, July 4th (at dusk)

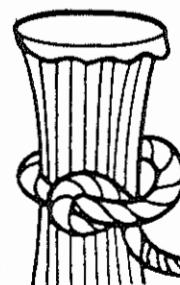
Please send your contribution for this event to our Treasurer, Lynn Schaar, 112 South Vine Street, Elkhart, Indiana 46514 or deliver to your nearest director. Remember this is a separate activity of the Yacht Club, first we need your dues, then we need your fireworks contribution so everyone can enjoy this beautiful display. In the event of rain, they would be postponed until Saturday, July 7th.

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BOAT PARADE

Anyone interested in being chairman of a 1984 Boat Parade should contact the commodore. We cannot have a Boat Parade without a chairman, so please volunteer, if interested.

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BIRCH BARKER ADVERTISING

Thanks to John and Arlene Machalleck for the fine job they did in gathering ads for this year's Barker. Also to Steve Troeger and Libby Troeger for their help in preparing the layout. Please review these ads and patronize our advertisers.

In the future any "for sale" ads run in the Barker will be priced at 50¢ per item listed with a minimum of \$1.00 per ad. Payment should be enclosed with the ad and delivered to your commodore, Herm Kruggel, Cottage #388 on or before Sunday night.

Lost and found articles are printed at no charge.

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WATER COLOR INSTRUCTION

Coy Jankowski, a well known artist, who resides at Birch Lake has offered to hold a few group classes for any of our residents if enough interest is expressed. If interested call either Coy or your Commodore for further information.

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ANNOUNCING A NEW ACTIVITY - LADIES' GROUP EXERCISE

Some of us have been talking and decided that group exercising at the Yacht Club would be both fun and beneficial, so -- everyone interested come this Monday, June 18th, at 9:30 A.M. (Indiana time). We will use a tape of aerobic instructions for toning, firming and limbering exercises. Just what we need! Bring a beach or large bath towel and wear slacks, shorts, swimsuit, or tights and leotards (whatever you are most comfortable in). We can talk about the best time to do it from then on. If you can't come Monday morning, but are interested, please call Thelma Koontz - 476-9657.

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PARTIAL LISTING OF -

A DIGEST OF THE MICHIGAN WATERCRAFT LAWS

All watercraft with motors and nonpowered vessels 12 feet in length and over except non-motorized canoes must be registered and registration numbers affixed to watercraft.

All boats are required to have aboard one Coast Guard approved personal flotation device for each person on board.

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).

Children between 12 and 16 years old may operate a motorboat 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. Children 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.

Any person who operates any watercraft in a careless and heedless manner so as to disregard the rights or safety of others, and at a speed that would endanger or likely to endanger any person or property, shall be guilty of reckless operation.

No person shall operate any watercraft at a speed greater than will permit him to exercise of reasonable care, to bring the watercraft to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

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).

All motor boats must operate in a counterclockwise direction.

(The remainder of the Michigan Watercraft Laws will be continued in the next newsletter).

BIRCH LAKE SOCIAL NEWS

Welcome back to Birch Lake for the 1984 summer! Its great to have all of the summer residents back again to share in the pleasures of Birch Lake! I am in charge of the Social news for this season and I will need HELP collecting tidbits of news from around the lake, so if any of you have any points of interest, advice, tips, etc., please jot it down and get it to either Sherry Holleman, Helen Weesner, Arlene Machallech, or Beverly Kruggel. I will appreciate any and all help I can get!!

Sherry Holleman

THOUGHTS

Ruth Fulmer, from the Westside, has been in poor health and is now in Memorial Hospital of South Bend. We would like you to remember her in your thoughts and prayers.

TRIPS

Hub and Dorothy Getzinger, from the South shore, will be going to Virginia and Washington D.C. for the first two weeks in July to visit their friends and relatives. While they are gone their daughter and granddaughter (and friends!) will be vacationing at the Getzinger cottage!

ADDITIONS

A beautiful addition was added to Ken and Darlene Troyer's home on the East shore. It looks great!

The Sante's rebuilt their summer cottage to a beautiful house! As you pass the Southside, make sure to take note of the workmanship and styling of the Sante's new home!

John and Loretta Drolet have put a jalousy window front porch onto their cottage in the Cove, complete with Redwood siding. Take note of the excellent workmanship of this gorgeous porch addition they now have.

Bill and Sherry Holleman are also adding to their home in the Cove; putting a garage and upper level livingroom on.

CONGTATULATIONS

Congtatulations to Margaret Mary Blackwood and David Scott Bouwkamp who were married on Saturday June 9, at St. Thomas in Elkhart. Margaret is the daughter of Howard and Elizabeth Blackwood (in the Cove). The newlyweds will be honeymooning in upper Wisconsin and then will be back at home in Austin Texas. Father Francis Drolet, from Washington performed the ceremony for the couple.

Shelly Kruggel graduated from Marion High School and plans to attend Purdue Univ. this fall! Good Luck Shelly !

If you have a graduate or know of anyone else that is graduation from either High School or College let the Birch Barker know! Let us know of your graduates plans for college and the future.

Julie (Cranmer) Plaia celebrated her 21 st Birthday on Sunday, June 10th, with a party at Birch Lake. Thirteen guests attended from Elkhart and South Bend! Congratulations Julie!!

If you have a Wedding, Anniversary, or special event coming up and would like it put in the Birch Barker, make sure to give it to Sherry Holleman. (or call her and report it).

THANKS

Donna and Harold Cranmer and Family wish to take this opportunity to Thank all of our friends and neighbors at Birch Lake for their help and concern during the recent illness of Dortha Cranmer of Cottage #311. We all greatly appreciated it !!

LOST

If anyone finds Don Norman's wallet, please return it to Bea Mullins, 476-2189, Cottage #56, Southside.

RECIPE IDEA

Have you bought any of the Jello Pudding Pops for your kids? They are delicious and also expensive!! You can make the pudding pops with your own flavored pudding, milk, and popsicle molds! Make the pudding like usual, either cooked pudding mix or the instant and pour into the molds, then pop them in the freezer for several hours! The kids will love them as they are the perfect size for a cold refreshing treat on a hot summer day at Birch Lake!

TIPS

Did you know that when a bee or wasp stings you that if you immediately mix up a mixture of Accent Salt with water to make a pasty mix and rub it directly on the spot that the itching & swelling will disappear in about 10-15 minutes. This remedy works great, try it sometime! (baking soda with water also works well)

- * Try putting a bucket, dishpan, or even an empty cat litter box filled with water to set by the door of your cottage for the kids to rinse the sand & dirt off their feet before entering - saves on cleaning!
- * Skin So Soft from Avon put on before going in to swim will help prevent swimmers itch.
- * Pour salt directly on a leach to remove it from your skin, it will curl up and come right off.

SWIM LESSONS

There will be swim lessons offered for all age groups, sponsored by the Elkhart YMCA, during the week of July 9-12 & July 16-19. They will be held at Dennis & Rita Tudor's waterfront on the Westside. If you are interested or know of anyone that might be please contact Rita Tudor for registration and information on times. Call 476-2744.

BABYSITTING

If there are any girls on the lake who want to do babysitting for the lake & visiting residents during the summer please call Sherry at 476-2800 so we can print your name and number for anyone interested in using your babysitting services.

Cam Athanas, from the West shore, will do babysitting, call 476-9905.

FIREWORKS

Please help support our Birch Lake Firework display!! It was so enjoyable last year that we would like to repeat it again this season!

WALKING

The year-round residents are aware that there are mostly "Indiana-time" residents here for the summer, so the "Michigan-time" people ask for consideration when you are walking along the road late at night. Many people forget that Michigan is 1 hour ahead of Indiana time!

"FISH STORY"

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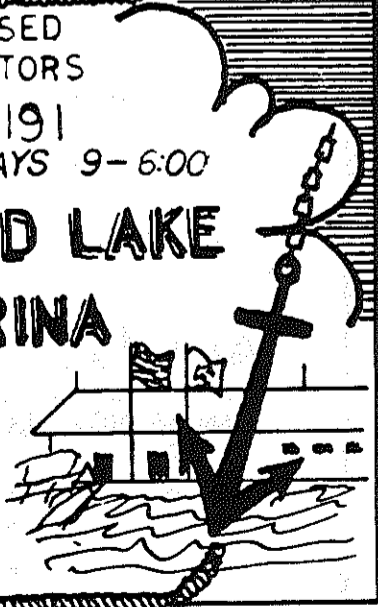
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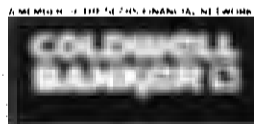
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