

THE BIRCH BARKER



Birch Lake Yacht Club

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Issue #3

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

When Bev and I left for the Yacht Club clean-up Saturday morning, I mentioned to her that I didn't know what to expect as far as help was concerned. Upon our arrival, I was greatly relieved and so pleased to see the many willing workers who came with tools and supplies in hand. I sincerely thank the following members who gave their time and efforts to make the Club ready for our summer activities:

Earl Troeger
Marty Sante
Steve Sante
Bev Kruggel
Kevin Kruggel

Randy Welch
Ashley Welch
Randy Welch, Jr.
Bill Carpenter
Ken Tate

Leo Koontz
Kieth Weesner
Frank Horvath
Arlene Machelleck

The cocktail party last Saturday night was a huge success. We had a great turnout for this opening activity and the hors d'oeuvre table was super colossal!!! Everyone enjoyed seeing their old friends and meeting some of our new members.

The evening was enhanced by the "new look" of the Yacht Club which has been brought about through the efforts of Tom Howard. Tom has spent many hours building doors on the shelves under the counter in our kitchen. He has painted them and the bar bright red enamel. Also he built a wooden shingle canopy over the bar, a new bulletin board in the kitchen and sharp BLYC logo on the exterior of the building. We are truly grateful, Tom, for your generosity!

Thanks, too, to Tom Howard and my sons, Kevin and Kurt for serving as our bartenders for the evening.

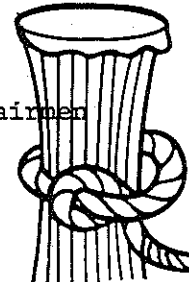
The delivery of the Birch Barker is a very difficult and thankless job. Fran Welch has been handling the distribution for two years and I wish to thank her and all of her diligent carriers for doing this very important job for us. Remember, this is all volunteer work and we want the carriers to feel that we appreciate them. We shoot for a Friday evening delivery or if not possible early Saturday morning at the latest. There are areas on the East and South side where we need additional delivery help. We are experiencing difficulties getting enough younger carriers. If you adults enjoy a short evening or early morning walk, please call Fran Welch (Phone 476-8805) and offer your services. It would be very helpful and greatly appreciated.

Herm Kruggel
Commodore

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TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday, July 4th - Fireworks at dusk!!! (Please send in your contribution)
- Saturday, July 7th - 4th of July Sunfish Regatta
- Sunday, July 8th - 4th of July Sunfish Regatta
- Saturday, July 14th - Square Dance 8:00 P.M. (Indiana time), Bruce and Juanita Harlan - Chairmen
- Wednesday, July 25th - Ladies Style Show and luncheon at Diamond Harbor Inn
Lee King and Denny Weesner - Co-chairmen
- Friday, July 27th - Men's Golf Outing, Bill King and Bernie Weesner - Co-chairmen
- Friday, August 3rd - Dance, Bob and Gertie Temple - Chairmen
- Saturday, August 4th - Triathlon, Bill Carpenter - Chairman
- Saturday, August 11th - Cocktail party and Monte Carlo night, Randy Welch and Joe O'Brien - Co-chairmen
- Sunday, August 12th - Couples Sailing Race, Marty Sante - Chairman
- Wednesday, August 15th - Ladies Salad Bar Luncheon at the Yacht Club, Arlene Machelleck and Sherry Holleman - Co-chairmen
- Saturday, August 25th - Annual Dinner, Birch Lake Yacht Club



We would be happy to hold an activity for the young children or for the teenagers. If you are interested, please call the commodore.

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PAYMENT OF DUES - Most of you have responded and paid your 1984 dues. We urge all families to become a member of the Yacht Club. Remember only current paid up members will receive future 1984 issues of the Barker.

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SUNFISH RACING NEWS - The 1984 racing season got under way last Sunday with what proved to be challenging wind conditions. Dave Troeger figured them out and had two first place finishes. Other sailors having a good first outing were Ken Troyer, Don Harmon and Steve Sante.

We would like to invite everyone to join our racing program. If you have access to a Sunfish and are a B.L.Y.C. member then come out and enjoy racing. If you are interested in learning racing techniques and/or basic sailing contact Marty or Steve Sante. There is still time to enter this year's racing competition.

If there is anyone that would like to know how our scoring system works let me know and I'll provide you with a card that explains all the details.

Please get your \$15 sailing fee in as soon as possible. Pay Marty Sante hopefully by the end of June. Your payment of this fee serves to provide information for preparing a roster of competitors - so the sooner the better.

**** RACE RESULTS FOR 6-17-84 ****

SAILOR		FINISH RACE #					TOTAL RACES SAILED	POINTS EARNED TODAY	SEASON AVERAGE TO DATE
		1	2	3	4	5			
MIKE GOTSTEIN	7	3	9				2	2468	1254
DON HARMON	3	DNS	3				1	1444	1454
JEFF HOWARD	5	4	4				2	2738	1389
TONY JEWEL	12	10	12				2	1802	921
CHAS. LAPIERRE	10	7	10				2	2117	1078.5
JOE O'BRIEN	9	8	8				2	2178	1109
KENT SANTE	6	5	6				2	2521	1280.5
MARTY SANTE	8	6	7				2	2381	1210.5
STEVE SANTE	4	2	5				2	2817	1428.5
DAVE TROEGER	1	1	1				2	3200	1620
KEN TROYER	2	DNS	2				1	1521	1531
ASHLEY WELCH	11	9	11				2	1924	982

REMAINDER OF MICHIGAN WATERCRAFT LAWS CONTINUED FROM LAST NEWSLETTER

No operator of any watercraft shall have in tow any person on water skis, watersled, surfboard, or any similar contrivance during the period one hour after sunset to one hour prior to sunrise.

There must be one competent observer plus the driver in any watercraft towing water skis, or any similar contrivance and the boat must be equipped with a 170° mirror.

No person being towed on water skis or other similar contrivance shall be closer than one hundred (100) feet to any swimming area, fishing craft, pier, raft, or another watercraft.

The only exception to regulation above is when landing and taking off - then, extreme caution must be used.

All persons must be seated in the seats provided when the watercraft is underway or in motion; sitting on the decks or gunwale is prohibited.

No operator shall allow his watercraft to pass closer than one hundred (100) feet of any fishing craft.

No operator shall allow his watercraft to pass closer than one hundred (100) feet from any swimming area except when docking or debarking.

A boat shall not be operated within 100 feet of a buoyed diver's flags (red rectangle with white diagonal stripe) unless the boat is tendering the diver(s).

Any organized and properly supervised race (authority from State Waterways Commission) has the right-of-way over waters designated as raceway during the period of the race.

EXERCISE

The ladies of Birch Lake are getting in shape!! Yes, we had 11 women meet at the Yacht Club on Monday for their first Aerobics class, and did they have some fun! They will have class every day, Monday-Friday from 9:30-10:30 am (Indiana time),; you are welcome to come all 5 days or any of those days that you can come, with everyone of any age welcome !!

VISITING

Michelle Murphy from Columbia, Md, drives this weekend to spend a month visiting her Grandparents, Odessa and John Murphy. Michelle's parents, Cindy and Dennis Murphy, along with her sisters and brother will be visiting here later in July. All this company should certainly keep the Murphy family busy and happy at Birch Lake for the summer!!

REMEMBERENCE

Ruth Fulmer, from the West Shore passed away on Saturday, June 16. Mrs. Fulmer was a member of the First United Methodist Church and will be buried in Fairview Cemetary. Many of us will miss her terribly as she has graced the shores of Birch Lake for many, many years.

BABYSITTERS

Here are some names of more sitters that you mothers can rely on to watch the kids if you want to pick strawberries, run to the mall or grocery store, just be alone and be undisturbed for 1 solid hour, or catch a movie or dinner alone with your husband, etc.!!

Ashly Welch age 12 ph# 8805
Allison Weaver age 15 ph# 2869
Amy Everett age 12 ph# 2760
Lori Machalleck age 12 ph# 9391

Keri Cook age 14 ph# 2263
Kelli Condon age 12 ph# 2263
Shannon Condon age 14 ph# 2263

BOATING SAFETY

All kids, 12-16 years, on the lake should have completed a boating safety training course, before they can operate a boat of 6 or more Hp. This is Michigans Marine Law, the course is offered free & successful students will receive a pocket size certificate. The classes are every Thursday, 9-3 pm (Mi. time) and are with reservation only! Sheriff Dept. has info.

WORK

Any kids interested in doing summer odd jobs around the lake call Sherry, 476-2800, so we can print your name & number. People often need windows washed, lawns mowed, cottages cleaned, or other odd jobs done for them around their area, so call if you would be interested in that type of work!

CPR

There will be a CPR class offered again this summer through the Birch Lake Improvement Assoc. in cooperation with the Newberg-Porter Ambulance Service. The times and dates will be published soon so please try to be available to attend these classes. Remember: You could be called upon to help someone you love, you should know how to help save their life with CPR.

There are orange sticker cards with Newberg-Porter Ambulance Emergency phone number available to you if you will contact either Bill King (North) or someone with the Birch Lake Assoc. Put the Sticker on or near your phone!

CARNIVAL

Three Rivers, Mi, will be having their annual Water Carnival on June 22, Sat. the 23, and Sun. June 24. There will be a parade, carnival rides, food, games and much more in Three Rivers this weekend. If you are interested in this sort of entertainment then you should be in Three Rivers this weekend!

The South Bend Ethnic Festival will be held on June 29- July 1. They will have a Festival Parade, White Water Demonstration, Food & craft booths, entertainment on 3 stages, a bed race, waterball contest, and much more to offer.

BIRCH LAKE CUPS FOR SALE

We have large 17 ounce heavy reuseable attractive drinking cups available for sale at \$5.00 a dozen. They are white and blue with our own Birch Lake logo. They are great to use for parties and around the lake as you don't have to worry about broken glass. Contact Bill Carpenter, Cottage #S-012, or your director for details. Buy yours now before they are all gone!

FRUIT SEASONS

Strawberry season is finally here!! There are several places in this area that offer picking to people interested in gathering this delicious fruit!

Corey Lake Orchards is off of M-60, going towards Three Rivers and is open from 8am-8pm (Mi time) Their berries are 50¢ per Quart.

Corey Lake will also be having sweet cherries around the last week in June or first week of July, call them at 244-5690 to see when. Their tart cherries will be on the 2nd or 3rd week in July.

Martin Daly Fruit Farms is located 7 miles West of Cass off M-60, turn at Hoyt Rd. They will have sweet cherries around the last week of June to first week of July also. Their tart cherries will begin around 4-5 days later.

RECIPE IDEAS

Inspired by last weeks' fantastic cocktail party I am printing 2 quick Hors d'oeuvres recipes!

Sausage Cheese Puffs

1 lb. Hot Sausage
1 lb. shredded mild cheddar
cheese
3 cups Bisquick

Mix all ingredients together. Shape into walnut size balls. You can either make this recipe up ahead and freeze the balls to bake later or you can bake them now in a 350 degree oven on a cookie sheet for 15 min. (9 dozen)

Dill Dip

1 8 oz. carton sour cream
8 oz. of real mayo
1 envelope of Ranch "original"
recipe dressing
1½ to 2 TBL dried dill

Mix all together and chill throughly. You can serve this delicious dip with cut vegetables or with chips, fritos, etc.

TIPS

* If you have a frost-free refrigerator you can put a bag of potato chips (in their original bag) in the freezer to keep them fresh. Take out the amount you need and they will taste like new! Tip from the Bower cottage, West.

* To remove grass stains from clothes use 1 part rubbing alcohol to 2 parts water (i.e. 1 TBL alcohol with 2 TBL water) Spray or soak the stain with this and then wash as usual.

* Did you know that to make "Sun Tea" you don't have to let the jar of tea stand in the sun all day? You can make tea by just putting teabags in water in the jar and letting it set in the refrigerator all night or even on even on the counter and it will make the same delicious tea as if it stood in the sun!

BYCYCLING

Bycycling around the lake can be fun but it can also be very dangerous. Here are a few rules put out by AAA of Michigan concerning bike riders.

*Signal for stops and turns

*Yield right-of-way to pedestrians

*Ride alone-only ONE to a bike!

*Ride SINGLE file - close to the right side of the street or road.

* Stay alert, watch what you are doing, watch for cars, pedestrians, and other bikes.

BOATS

Please don't forget that it is against the Michigan Marine Law to purposely operate your boat between a pier and a raft while traveling around the lake.

HAPPY DAYS

Herm and Bev Kruggel will celebrate their 35th Wedding Anniversary on Monday, June 25. Bev says that she was a child bride..... now if you all believe that, well . . .!! Congratulatlans to the Kruggels' !

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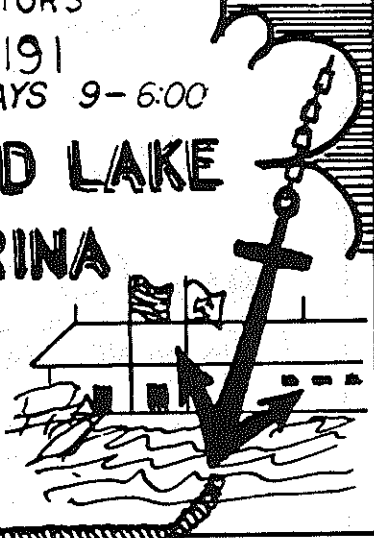
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