

THE BIRCH BARKER



Birch Lake Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

My big project during the past week, and one which has concerned me and my officers and directors all summer was the decision and planning of the new roof for the Yacht Club. The opinions of many members were solicited over the summer regarding the extent of our improvements. At our last board of directors meeting a building committee was formed to determine the proper method of construction. We considered (1) another new flat roof, (2) a new truss type roof with shingles, and (3) an unfinished second story with a trussed roof. After much thought and deliberation the committee decided upon a trussed roof with shingles having a 4/12 pitch. Should a second story be needed in the future, provisions are being made so the roof could be unbolted and raised. The committee believes that this is in the best interest of the Yacht Club at this time. We also met with the contractor and plans were made to do the work in the last week of September or first week of October. Therefore, we will have dry conditions in our building before the winter. Construction will not affect boat storage as the present roof will remain intact. This is a very necessary project, not extravagant but yet expensive (approximately \$7,500), therefore, I must ask all of you to be as generous as possible in your contribution to the Birch Lake Yacht Club Building Fund. Please send your contribution at once to either myself, Randy Welch, or our Treasurer, Lynn Schaar. Several people have already offered a generous contribution and I hope you will all join them.

Frank Horvath, our long time guardian of the Yacht Club, recently returned back to Birch Lake after a stay in the hospital. We all welcome you back! Frank said he had to get back in time to handle reservations for boat storage at the Yacht Club.

I was happy to see five MC's taking advantage of the good winds last Sunday. After checking with the sailors I found it was actually their 4th of July Regatta. Well better late than never! It was a first though as five boats are the largest ever in a Birch Lake only MC Regatta. The fleet is growing. Earl Troeger was the winner followed by Randy Welch, Bruce Harlan, Bud Lovejoy and Don Harmon in that order.

Tonight is the Annual Dinner and I hope all of you will be there to enjoy the good food and company of your lake neighbors. We will elect our new 1985 officers and present the Commodore's award.

Herm Kruggel, Commodore

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight, Saturday, August 25 - ANNUAL DINNER - Hope to see you there! We will have cocktails (cash bar) at 6:00 P.M. (Indiana time) Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. with a short business meeting immediately following. This will be a Polish wedding style dinner. Adults \$6.25, children under 12 \$4.50. Randy Welch, Chairman - Phone 476-8805.

Saturday and Sunday, September 1st and 2nd - SUNFISH LABOR DAY REGATTA. The final regatta for 1984.

MC LABOR DAY REGATTA will be held on the Labor Day weekend. The specific day and time is yet to be determined. Contact Earl Troeger (Phone 2237) for details.

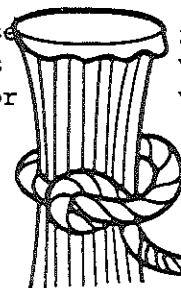
Monday, September 3rd - TROPHY PRESENTATION at the Yacht Club - 10:00 A.M. (Indiana time). Coffee and donuts will be served.

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BOAT STORAGE - At the Yacht Club, \$3.00 per foot. Reservations can be made on a first come, first served basis and must be accompanied by a check payable to the Yacht Club. Contact Frank Horvath (Cottage 34) Phone 476-2750.

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BIRCH LAKE 17 OZ. REUSEABLE CUPS - We still have some of these great plastic cups for sale at \$5.00 per dozen. Take some home to use this winter for a reminder of beautiful Birch Lake. Your directors have them or will get them for you. The proceeds will help bolster our funds.



SUNFISH RACING NEWS - Reliable winds finally returned last Sunday and we were able to run three races. All three races were hard fought to say the least. Bill Carpenter sailed to first place finishes in races 1 and 2. Steve Sante returned to form and won the third race. Marty Sante was 2nd in race 1 and Don Harmon was 2nd in race 3. The sailing expertise of our fleet in general is providing some really exciting competition. It is particularly exciting to see the remarkable improvement of all our junior sailors.

AUGUST SERIES LEADERS

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| 1. Steve Sante | 3. Don Harmon | 5. Kent Sante |
| 2. Mike Gotstein | 4. Dave Olson | 6. Chas. LaPierre |

Hard to believe, but the '84 racing season is drawing to a close. Tomorrow (August 26) is the last regular season day of competition. Next weekend we'll have our Labor Day Regatta and trophy presentation and the season will be history.

Finally, a belated thanks to Dave Troeger, Leslie Kruggel and their friends for manning the committee board for the Couple's Race.

**** RACE RESULTS FOR 8-19-84****

SAILOR	FINISH RACE #					TOTAL RACES SAILED	POINTS EARNED TODAY	SEASON AVERAGE TO DATE
	1	2	3	4	5			
BILL CARPENTER	*	1	1	DNS		5	3200	1588
HAROLD CRANMER	13	14	13	12		18	2354	1057.4
MIKE GOTSTEIN	7	5	12	8		13	3226	1423.8
CLEM HAINES	*	DNS	DNS	DNS		2	-	1018.5
DON HARMON	8	7	7	2		14	3833	1388
JEFF HOWARD	4	3	8	7		17	3689	1444.7
CHAS LAPIERRE	*	11	6	6		12	3350	1132.4
MIKE MACHALLEK	2	4	3	10		15	3774	1503.5
JOE O'BRIEN	12	12	14	DNS		14	1570	1089.8
DAVE OLSON	11	10	9	5		13	3281	1241.5
JEFF OLSON	*	9	10	11		12	2885	1122.2
HARRY PRICE	*	DNS	DNS	DNS		4	-	870.8
F.WELCH / K.SANTE	9	DNS	DNS	DNS		13	-	1258.5
MARTY SANTE	5	2	11	4		20	3790	1440.2
STEVE SANTE	3	8	2	1		17	4210	1461.3
TROEGER'S	1	DNS	DNS	DNS		15	-	1718.5
KEN TROYER	10	13	5	9		19	3104	1246.6
RANDY WELCH	6	6	4	3		13	4038	1438.3
ASHLEY WELCH	*	15	DNS	DNS		11	676	1082.2
*Will not complete 2/3 of this seasons races.								

NEWSY TIDBITS OF THE LAKE

DURING the couples race at Birch Lake recently, Mike Machalleck was having trouble finding a partner of the opposite sex to crew with him, so out of desperation he grabbed his 7 year old niece, Sarah Wolf! This was a real treat for Sarah as she had not sailed before!! Good work Sarah!

It was heard that Jeff Howard was in the same fix for this race!! He hurried down to the Machalleck cottage and "borrowed" one of the Machalleck's rentals, Kathy Jessup as his crew! Kathy is from Kokomo and she also had never sailed before!! In a few years we will be seeing some terrific sailors! These two guys went to a lot of trouble to find a partner of the "opposite" sex, but it turns out the winners of this race were of the "same" sex!

We had several Birthday celebrations this past week on Birch Lake.

Scott Troyer hit the "tennie bopper" years on Monday, Aug 20!! Your fun years are just beginning now Scott!! Enjoy, Enjoy!

Helen Weesner celebrated her Birthday on Saturday, Aug 18. She and Bernie played a round of golf with Bill & Le King and then they went to dinner where the restaurant surprised her with a Birthday Cake and Song!! I wonder if the Kings' "let" her win at golf just for her own Birthday??(no Bill wouldn't do that !).

Beth Fortino celebrated her "Sweet 16" Birthday at Birch Lake on Friday in grand style! As the 60 odd guests entered the Yacht Club, "gone Hawaiian", they noticed "exotic" flowers, and "Blooming" poles (which had been transformed into palm trees) and other such Lulau settings! They were treated to a live disc jockey who spun all their favorite tunes. The kids danced and ate all evening while enjoying the Birch Lake atmosphere!! Congratulations!

ATTENTION to you Parents!! Are your kids' grades slipping, they need some incentive to achieve better grades and do more in school?? What to do?! Rumor has it that someone on Birch Lake will provide the perfect incentive for your child to get better grades--- and I have the proof! Little Randy Welch got to go to Chicago with Dan Reynolds for the whole week because he improved his school grades! Yes, Dan took Randy back to Chicago with him and they went to a White Sox game; to the Science & Industry Museum; tried to go Break Dancing on Rush St.; went out to dinner one night and Randy decided this was a perfect time to begin his "beer" can collection!. They also went to the Sears' Tower and wanted to see Nancy Nagy, who works there, but guess where she was?? She happened to be at Birch Lake vacationing!

Anyway keep this tip in mind, I'm sure Dan will appreciate this article!!!!

"Why is it you never hear of a man marrying a woman to reform her?".

This next article is taken from a 1975 Barker concerning Birch Lake.

Beautiful Birch Lake lies at the head of the Matador Valley. The valley can best be enjoyed by a drive down Pine Tree Road. This is one of the many scenic drives around here. If you have not taken it you have missed one of the most beautiful sections of Southern Michigan. This road runs along the stately pines, through wooded sections to the hill overlooking Snake Creek. Stop at the top of the hill and enjoy this enchanting view. The willow and chestnut trees are a vivid contrast to the maples and beeches high in the hills.

Down the hill past the crossroads the roadway enters the narrows, a section of heavy timbers with the hills high on each side. You will have the impression of driving through a wooded fairyland. Notice the miniture water wheel and rock garden in the farm home yard on the right as you emerge from the narrows. One mile west is the sight of an early Michigan school which at one time was taught by Will Carlton, one of Michigan's famous poets. The road passes over a mill race on through sections of virgin timber to connect with U S 112 east of Union.

1975 footnote--- The waterwheel is gone now but the wooded beauty is still there for all to enjoy.

***Can any of you Birch Lake Residents remember this scenic view from long ago?

CONCLUSION to a story---- Greg Kinner, I.T. & Helen Bowers' grandson, has finally found a ride to his home in Lake Tahoe! Yes, with the help of his Grandmother, Helen, and Jodi Caenpeels' father (!) he has a ride back with Jodi and her girlfriend who have decided to move out to Evergreen, Colorado to live and work! Good Luck to you all! (The Bowers' are sorry to see Greg leave, he has been "spiffing up" their cottage during his 3 week stay, helping with so many small details they needed finished!!)

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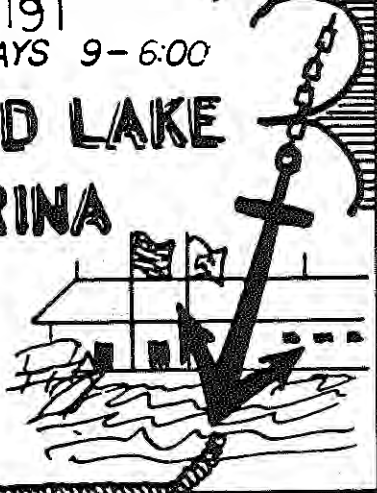
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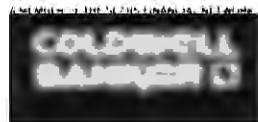
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