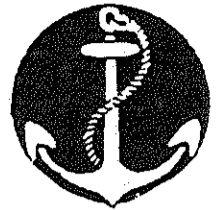


# THE BIRCH BARKER



Birch Lake Yacht Club

August 10, 1985

Issue #9

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Birch Lake residents and guests were again treated to a great weekend of sun and fun (let's forget about the small amount of Sunday rain)! The Yacht Club activities were in full swing as summer continues on.

As Sherry has noted in her "Square Dance" remarks a great time was had by all who attended this year's square dance. Sherry & Herm are to be congratulated for putting forth the extra effort needed for such an event. One of the Yacht Club purposes is to have activities that all people can enjoy and this serves as a great example. Mom's & Dad's, brothers & sisters, sons & daughters along with assorted friends jumped in together and had a terrific time - what more could you ask for!

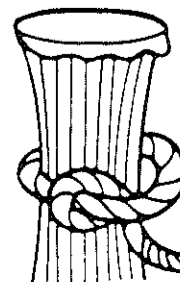
In addition to Saturday's square dance the Michiana Sunfish Regatta was held at our lake Saturday and Sunday. What's great for one group is not always good for another and as you are aware of, Saturday's races were cancelled due to the wind conditions - or lack of! Sailors, however, are resourceful - and off to Kruggels to battle for the volleyball honors - the not so young went up against the not so old and again, intelligence won over youth and brawn. Comments have been recorded, however, that the not so old group were continually denied access to the net due to the belly bouncers on the not so young team. Well, if you play with your heads, you'll win everytime.

Sunday, however was a complete turn around and three races were held in light and heavy winds - something for everyone! Although winning is what we all tried for, this weekend of racing was a great example of what sailing is all about. Chad Harrington from Diamond Lake showed us all by taking a 3rd place in the first race of the day. Chad is 10 years old and showed us all that hard work is never overlooked - Congratulations Chad!. Recognition should also be given to Matt Ross and Ashly Welch for putting forth a great effort in all three races. Steve Sante is the Michiana top Jr. as well as finishing 4th in the overall - great job Steve! And then, who can forget the effort put out by Earl Troeger - easing himself into his boat - battling the unpredictable winds to finish as our top Sr. sailor! Congratulations to everyone who participated. It was a great day! A special thanks goes to Don Harman, Connie Troeger, Herm Kruggel, Keith Weesner and Gus Eshelman. Without the help of these people the race would not have been started, the recordings would not have been made, the refreshment drinks would not have been available and the food would not have existed. Again, thanks to everyone who helped!

Randy Welch, Commodore

## SAILOR'S NOTICE

Beginning Sunday, August 11 the August series will begin. All sailors who did not finish in the top 5 season ratings up to this point, will be competing for the August series championship. Come on out and sail - participate.



REGATTA RESULTSOVERALLINDIVIDUAL RACES

David Troeger	1st Place	1st, 1st, 1st
Tom Howard	2nd Place	3rd, 5th, 2nd
Randy Welch	3rd Place	5th, 3rd, 5th
Steve Sante	4th Place	2nd, 6th, 6th
Earl Troeger	5th Place	10th, 2nd, 7th
Jeff Howard	6th Place	
Marty Sante	7th Place	
Don Harman	8th Place	
Ken Troyer	9th Place	
Chad Harrington	10th Place	
Harold Cranmer	11th Place	
Leo Zelasko	12th Place	
Kent Sante	13th Place	
Dave Olsen	14th Place	
Jeff Olson	15th Place	
Ashly Welch	16th Place	
Matt Ross	17th Place	

HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

To: Birch Lake Property Owners  
From: Ross Voorhees, Environmentalist, Cass Co. Health Dept.

MORE GOOD NEWS!

The Department of Natural Resources is cooperating with the Health Dept. by providing laboratory assistance for nutrient sampling of Birch Lake.

TRASH BURNING ETTIQUETTE

If burning of trash is necessary at your Birch Lake residence listed below are a few helpful hints that will enable you to maximize your efforts!

1. Always wait for the wind direction to blow away from your property.
2. Inspect your neighbors home to be sure all his/her windows are raised fully.
3. For maximum effectiveness try and burn on a day that has a 1-3 mile wind velocity and high humidity - that will enable the smoke to hang and permeate all of those around you.
4. Among the paper you are burning be sure to sprinkle freely food particles and other particulate matter so that you might reach an optimum foul odor that will remain for days.
5. Do not use a trash pick up service - it will allow your neighbors a pollutant free atmosphere that we might all enjoy - and besides \$6 per month is excessive.

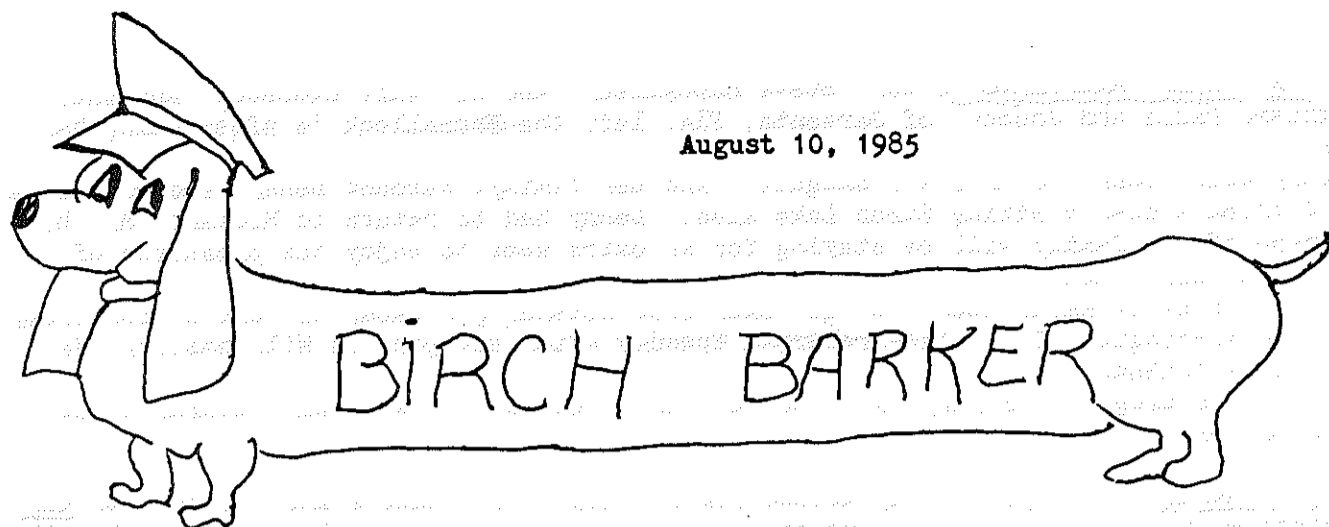
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stained glass show sale - Sunday, August 11 - 11:00 - 4:00 Michigan time.  
This will be held on the grounds of the Camelot Playhouse, Sisters Lake, MI.  
There will be 5 stained glass artist showing.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 10 - Birch Lake Yacht Club Triathlon  
Aug. 17 - Jr. Yacht Club Party - ages 13 yrs. & up.  
Aug. 24 - Annual Dinner - Make your reservations - Mike Machelleck.

August 10, 1985



Summer is beginning to speed past us at an alarming rate of speed! In just 2 weeks the area children will be returning to school and summer fun in the sun will be just a warm pleasant memory for most of us!!

#### SQUARE DANCE

The Square Dance last Saturday night was a smashing success!! I'm happy to say there were many many new faces and I got to meet some very nice people from our lake. Saturday night was perfect for a Square Dance as the temperature was around 75 degrees with little or no humidity, which made the Yacht Club a very refreshing place to dance in! We had between 50 and 60 people attending our gala event with virtually everyone trying at least 1 Square Dance during the evening!! Some of the highlights of the evening included the following:

Bud Zesinger was caught "diving for a clam" when he should have been "ducking for an oyster".

Bob Temple, participating in the "Bird", couldn't get his "Flap Flap" actions from his "wiggle wiggle" ones straight -- but he says he could have danced better if Gerti didn't have "2 left feet".

Square dancing with 4 "couples" is hard enough to do but it really becomes complicated when 1 "couple" is really 2 girls !! (we never could keep the guy "straight" ! )

Many of our younger Birch Lake residents showed up but thought this was just for "squares" like us old folks . . . until Bert took everyone through "The Bird"! Then they became believers and danced up a storm for the duration of the evening.

A big thanks to Jeff Howard, Steve Sante, & Jan for their help with the bartending. Also thanks to Ashly Welch and friend Carol for doing door admissions and also Randy Welch and his friends for helping set up chairs and snacks for the square dance.

Judy and Dave Olson added their own "spice" to the dance "take a little peek" as they made each couple really work to "take a peek" behind their backs!!

We found that Randi and Brent Brown could really dance a "circle" around us all; and also that Herm Kruggel couldn't be kept off the dance floor all evening!!

This evening of Square Dancing turned out to be such ~~fun~~ for not only the very young but even the "older" folks that we would like to repeat it each year -- and Bert Mahneysmith has agreed to be our caller!!

#### ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY AUGUST 17 - TEEN SCAVENGER HUNT / FOOD / DANCE. Plan to attend this event - for all kids 13 years and up. Meet at the Yacht Club at 7 pm (Ind time), - end around 11 pm.

HAVE you anything special that you would like to see on the Yacht Club Social Schedule for the next summer season?? If you have any suggestions or ideas for an event that you would like to see happen let us know so we can begin planning next summers' activities. I.E. . . like an Ice Cream Social, Car Washes, or maybe a Corn & Sausage Roast, etc.

BUD AND LOUISE REITH, from the Westshore, have their grandson Jeff Inman, from Crystal River, Florida, staying with them for a couple of weeks in August. Each year he comes to Birch Lake for a few weeks of leisurly fun and activities with his Grandpa and Grandma Reith -- hope the Michigan weather cooperates with his vacation this summer!!

CAM ATHANIS , Lloyd and Lorene's granddaughter from Niles, MI., has just returned from a month of sight-seeing and fun in France and Germany -- words could not describe how fantastic her trip turned out to be!! I hope her pictures can!! Welcome back to Birch Lake, for the remainder of the summer Cam!!

\*\* Everybody needs a hug. It changes your metabolism.

JOHN AND ARLINE MACHALLECK'S son, Steve Machalleck, and his wife Babbette, and their daughters Paula and JonAnn, of Sarasota, Fla. left the Machalleck 's after being here a week.

Kathy Wolf, John and Arline's daughter, and her family; husband Denny, and kids Sarah and Jeff. have been visiting Birch Lake also. Denny had to return to Midland, Mi. but the rest of the family will be staying for an extra week to enjoy the pleasures of August and Birch Lake!!

Mike and Katha Machalleck just got back from attending a candy convention for Claeys Candy in Washington, D.C. They returned Tuesday after stopping in Williamsburg, Va., to visit some friends.

Marianne's daughter, Hilary, will be here until August 12, when she returns to her home in Vancouver, Washington.

AT TOM'S GARAGE -- If you are up around Tom's, stop in and take a look at the new Kids T-Shirts with the picture of a lake and sailboat and name Birch Lake on them, with the option of having the child's name printed on the back. These T-shirts can be obtained in any child's size, just order them through Tom's Garage. Each T-shirt is \$9.00 + tax.

\*\* Refusing to have an opinion is a way of having one, isn't it ??

\*\*\*\* IN 1968 BIRCH LAKE Jr. Yacht Club meeting was held on Saturday June 22, 1968. Election of officers resulted in Steve Tunnicliffe becoming President; Patty Hartranft Vice-Pres; Tim Burchell for Treasurer ; and Darlene Scofield as Secretary.

IN 1968 BIRCH LAKE sent Birch Barkers to all the boys in service-- such as:  
Sp/4 Robert A Hague RA1689708 11th Evac Hospital (SMRL) APO San Fran, Calif. #96259.  
He was in Pusan, Korea for 12 months.

EVEN THOUGH SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER now is the time the kids get most antsy!! Here is something to try that will occupy some of their spare time and give you a moments peace!! (maybe!)

All you'll need is a spoon and some waxed paper (the heavily waxed bags inside some cereal boxes work fine and are "free") Have the kids collect colored pictures from their favorite Sunday comics. Lay the waxed paper over the picture and rub with a spoon. The wax will pick up the ink. Lay it on a clean sheet of regular paper and rub again. Presto! They've made a colored picture. Suggest they make Snoopy stationary and write Grandma and Grandpa a letter. They'll love it!!

BIRCH LAKE CEMETERY HISTORY

The foundation of a small wooden building near Birch Lake is involved in quite a bit of history. The frame building that once stood there was the Friends Meeting House and was built in 1856.

The first Quakers in Cass County held meetings for worship in the home of Wm. and Rachel East. A log meeting house was built in 1857.

Nineteen years later the present white frame house was built on the site of the log building. The land on which it was built was deeded in that year to the meeting by Joel and Sarah East. At the same time, James and Anna East deeded an acre which apparently included the burying ground across from the Meeting House.

In 1846, the first meeting for worship of Birch Lake Meeting began to meet in the home of Isaac Bonine on Young's Prairie. After Prairie Grove built its own meeting house in 1848, monthly business meetings were held alternately at Penn and Birch Lake. It was out of this meeting that Penn Friends Church grew.

The Cass County Friends became involved with the Underground Railroad while trying to remove themselves from slavery. Their position near the border states and their reputation as a community of practicing Christians involved the slaves. The folklore of the Underground Railroad includes Cass County Quakers as conductors and their homes as stations.

TO BE CONTINUES IN THE NEXT ISSUE . . . . .

SPICY CHEESE DUNK recipe given by Pat Stevens, Southside

- 1 can (11½ oz) condensed bean with bacon soup
- 1 can (11 oz) condensed Cheddar cheese soup
- 2 Tbl minced onion
- 1 Tbl finely chopped chilli peppers
- Dash of hot pepper sauce.

Combine all ingredients; Chill.  
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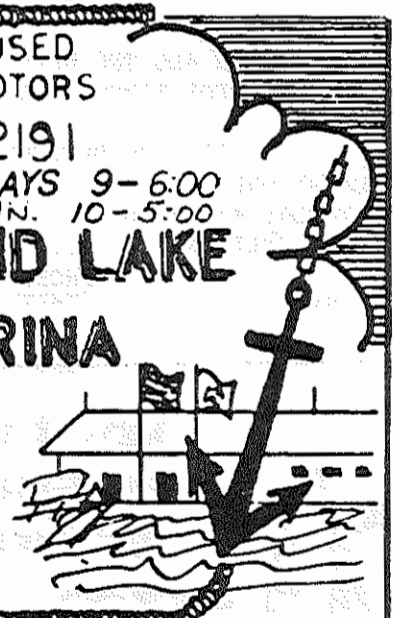
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