

# THE BIRCH BARKER



Birch Lake Yacht Club

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Issue #11

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The 1985 summer season is beginning to show a small amount of frost around the edges. Although there have been some disappointments during the summer I am in general pleased with the health and outlook of our Yacht Club. Our membership has been most supportive of social and sailing activities, and your directors have willingly assisted in putting on these events. Success is achieved by hard work and participation - we are fortunate to have a membership that is willing to do both.

My greatest disappointment for 1985, as it pertains to the Yacht Club, is the divisiveness we have between the association and the Yacht Club. To put it bluntly it serves no good purpose. In fact, it has and will continue to serve as a stumbling block to a better Birch Lake. Your directors have given this much thought and have encouraged myself and the Vice Commodore to sit down with the association and discuss ways we might join forces enabling us to speak as one group. Hopefully, the association will accept this as being in the best interest of Birch Lake.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend tonight's annual dinner. This is an event designed for the entire family in order for us all to reminisce about the past years activities and to plan for next year. This is a catered dinner and tickets are required. Please contact Mike Machalleck or Randy Welch to see if any tickets are still available.

The August directors meeting was held last Monday. Following are some of the major topics discussed:

1. The Nominating Committee assured the board it would have a complete slate of officers and directors available for nomination at the annual meeting.
2. Selection of the recipient of the Commodore's Trophy Award to be presented at the annual dinner.
3. It was proposed a committee be formed to prepare ideas and costs for an outdoor recreational area that might include a basketball court, soccer and volleyball area.
4. The advisability and desire to find common ground with the association to become one group.

Once again the officers and directors of the Yacht Club encourage input from the general membership. We are your spokesmen and we are most desirous of hearing what you have to say.

Randy Welch, Commodore

## ADS

Sunfish. Used very little, good condition. Blue deck with blue & white sail. Contact Bob Hague - Southside - #15106.



ADS continued

For sale - Grumman aluminum 15 ft. canoe - \$200  
 Lazy Boy Lounge Chair - green - \$30.  
 Contact Dale Leatherman - #14781 Birch Lake Shore Dr.

For sale - 2 Rollaway beds, and a gas heater - never used.  
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SAILING NEWS

Last Sunday we had great cooperation from Mother Nature as the rain ended just in time for two great races with the following results:

AUGUST SERIES LEADERS

1. Mike Machalleck
2. Leo Zelasko
3. Steve Sante
4. Dave Olsen
5. Ken Troyer
6. Ashly Welch

LABOR DAY REGATTA

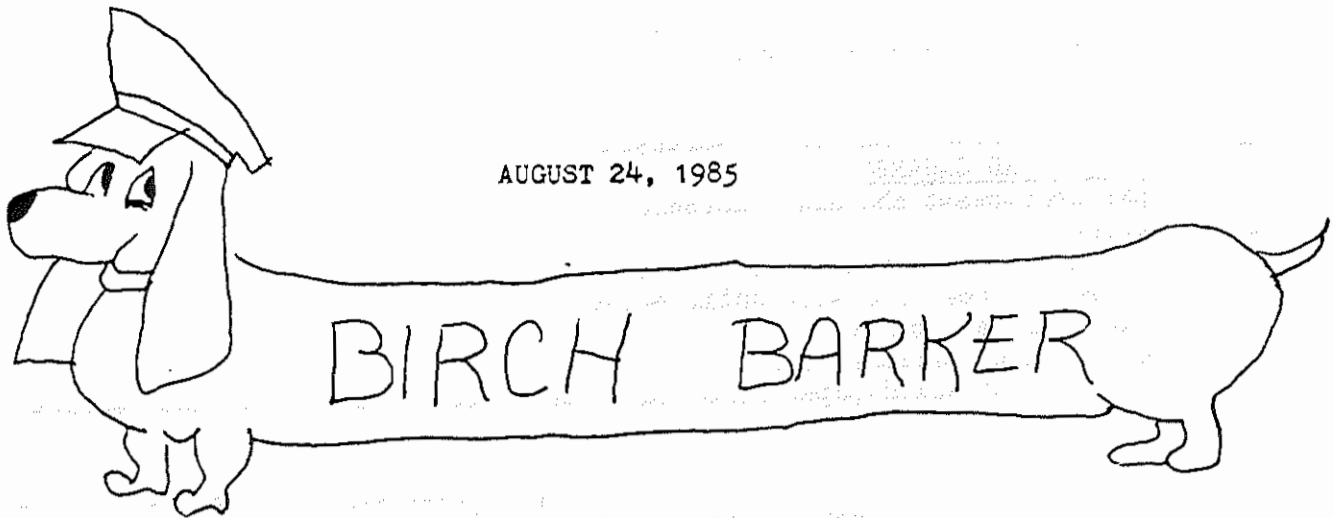
We will sail the Labor Day Regatta on August 31 and September 1. Weather and winds permitting there will be 3 races Saturday and 2 on Sunday.

TROPHY PRESENTATION

Trophies will be presented on Labor Day morning, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. (Ind. time) at the Yacht Club. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

**\*\* RACE RESULTS FOR 8-18-85\*\***

SAILOR	FINISH RACE #					TOTAL RACES SAILED	POINTS EARNED TODAY	SEASON AVERAGE TO DATE
	1	2	3	4	5			
DAVE TROEGER	1	5	1			15	2896	1640
TOM HOWARD	2	10	3			17	2405	1595
BILL CARPENTER	4	7	5			12	2452	1402
MARTY SANTE	3	7	10			10	2050	1492
STEVE SANTE	5	2	7			16	2677	379
MIKE GOTSTEIN	9	4	6			11	2594	1255
MIKE MACHALLECK	7	1	2			15	3121	1359
RANDY WELCH	11	DN3	DN3			10	—	1174
ASHLY WELCH	16	16	14			11	1354	970
HAROLD CRAMMER	13	13	15			19	1400	1083
DAVE OLSON	10	3	4			13	2813	1246
JEFF OLSON	19	19	17			9	1000	755
LEO ZALASKO	6	6	9			19	2249	1372
DON HARMAN	8	11	8			19	1979	1341
JEFF HOWARD	14	17	DN3			12	576	1065
KEN TROYER	12	9	12			13	1765	1140
JOE O'BRIEN	17	14	16			11	1354	952
TONY HAMMES	*	DN3	DN3			6	—	1072
RICK DOOLITTLE	15	DN3	DN3			3	—	973
BRIAN EBERHART	*	DN3	DN3			4	—	696
TROY TROEGER	*	DN3	DN3				—	
CHAS LA PIERRE	21	DN3	DN3			3	—	293
RICK HARMAN	18	12	11			4	1741	703
MATT ROSS	20	19	DN3			7	529	751



AUGUST 24, 1985

Do you all realize that we only have one more Birch Barker left, after you read this Barker ?? And you know what that means don't you ?? Yes, sad but true, the 1985 Summer Season is at an end . . . school started for most of our area children and summer cottages are beginning to close up for the season. Gosh this is the depressing part of Birch Lake summers . . . the end!

I am looking forward to being the editor of the Social Gossip Pages again next summer, and will await eagerly the return of all the familiar faces to the lake! Mike Machalleck, next years' Birch Lake Commodore, informs me that he has bunches of exciting events planned for our 1986 Summer Season. . . such as a Junior Yacht Club activity each month; Birch Lake's "soon to be" Annual Square Dance; we are trying to organize a Corn & Sausage Roast at this time, to add to our busy schedule for next season . . . plus much much more in store!!!

VICE-COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

A big Thanks goes to the lovely ladies who took the responsibility for the distribution and delivery of the Birch Barkers this year. The following ladies did an outstanding job and I want to personally express my appreciation and thanks to you:

- |                       |           |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Janet Barr-----       | Southside |                 |
| Cheri LaPierre -----  | Southside |                 |
| Jane Nagy-----        | Eastside  |                 |
| Darlene Troyer-----   | Eastside  |                 |
| Linda Tate -----      | Northside |                 |
| Sherry Holleman ----- | Cove      |                 |
| Nancy Walker -----    | Westside  | from.           |
| Kathy Doolittle ----- | Westside  | Mike Machalleck |
| Linda Rasmussen ----- | Westside  | Vice-Commodore  |

ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE DINNER

If you have let this date slip by your attention then you have my sympathy - for you are surely missing one of the best events of our Birch Lake Summer Social Calendar. Saturday night, August 24, at the Yacht Club, a Polish Wedding Style Feast will be served to all the lucky Birch Lake residents that bought a ticket !! If you for some strange reason were in Timbucktu and missed mention of this fantastic dinner and would really like to come -- try calling Mike Machalleck to see if there are any extra tickets available, you may be lucky!!

SCAVENGER HUNT AND DANCE

From what information I could gather on this event I heard that the Yacht Club can now claim that they have had the "roof raised" ! About 27 kids attended the scavenger hunt at the Yacht Club on Saturday Aug 17, along with the 6 enthusiastic chaperones! Upon arriving at the Yacht Club the kids were grouped and thus began the adventurous scavenger hunt - the winning group : Jeff Olson, Brian Machalleck, Todd (friend from Welch cottage), and Beth Davis. The winners received gift certificated to the Tin Roof Ice Cream Shop! D.J.'s Dwayne Weaver & Craig Cole put on a light & sound show to beat all shows, creating a Disco Dance Floor!! Three Cheers and much applause goes to these two fellows!

(I heard that the chaperones had a great time playing Trivial Pursuit during the party) There was also a campfire going on so the kids were free to wander outside for some cooler air -- all in all everyone claims they had a terrific time.

RUMOURS . . .

Rumour has it that Judy Olson turned "39" . . . again . . . how many years is this going on Judy??!!!! Happy Birthday , belatedly.

RULE OF THUMB : For every \$1 you spent on the tree or shrub, put \$10 in the hole - digging it well, adding humus, carefully watering, and staking against winds. September is tree planting time, so for best results follow this rule of thumb.

RECIPE IDEA from Linda Tate, Northside  
ROCKY ROAD SQUARES

- 1 - 12 oz pkg semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 2 TBL margarine
- 1 - 14 oz can Eagle Brand Sweeten Condensed Milk

Melt these over low heat and stir until smooth.

- Add: 2 cups dry roasted peanuts  
1 10½ oz pkg mini marshmallows

Spread this into a 9x13" waxed-paper lined pan. Chill for 2 hours. Cut into squares.

CELEBRATE !

Last week was Harold & Donna Cranmer's 30th Wedding Anniversary. To help them celebrate this occasion, their children, Bob, Julie, and Steve, along with Dortha Cranmer, Julie's husband, Steve; and Steve Cranmer's girlfriend, Cynthia McCullough; and Donna's parents, Dr. & Mrs. Longnecker, took them to the Emporium Restaurant for a very special dinner celebration ! Congratulations Harold & Donna!

Happy Brithday goes to Bob Cranmer, Dortha Cranmer's grandson, as he celebrated his 27 th Birthday on Friday August 23rd !

INTERESTING FACTS. . . .

Recently I became very interested in the early beginnings of Birch Lake and decided to contact a few people around the different shores to glean some information! I started with the East Shore but I would like to print something about each of the shores concerning the first cottages and other interesting memories you may have to share! If anyone can help me in any way I would really appreciate it - just call me.

East Shores - around the 1920's - Genevieve Lagoni's grandfather, Henry Sears, owned the farm from the Public Beach to the Haines cottate. Ruhl Harvy owned the cottage that is now Bernaciak's - his farm property started at Haines and went to Bernaciak's.

In 1923 Thelma(Koontz) and Helen(Weesner) , sisters, had a picnic on the shores of the East side with their parents when along came Mr. Darling, from Darling Realty from Elkhart, selling the newly plotted property that they were picnicing on. Thelma & Helen's family bought their property in 1923 and built in 1924, the house that Thelma & Leo live in now.

Genevieve Lagoni's grandfather had taken a "wing" from the family farm, which is now the Manning Farm on Birch Road and had it moved down the hill to sit on the location that is now the Lagoni cottage on Birch Lake. (early 1926 ). There was a small house that stood across the street from Hansen's on Birch Rd. that was called the tenants house, (where people who worked on the farm lived) (this farm then belonged to Genevieve's great grandmother's family) that was also moved down to the lake about this time, and this cottage became Larson's, which is Genevieve's cousin. Genevieve's grandfather also had a boathouse at Sear's Park. Left of Sear's Park land all belonged the the Palmer Farm.

1900's - There was a brick building where the ceramic shop is located now in Williamsville that burned to the ground and then it was rebuilt and owned by White's. Later Lanky Breece bought it from the White's and it was the local grocery store. Yvonne (Purdy) Breece, Lanky's wife, had a father who celebrated his 101 th birthday about 25 years or so ago - he painted pictures of this lake and some people may still have some of his pictures. In 1925 or 26 Lanky had an ice storage building right where the Powell cottage is, South of Sears Park. Ed Lowe's father used to have an ice truck that he would deliver ice to people in the area. (Kitty-litter founder)

In 1923 when Thelma & Helen first came to Birch Lake they had a 6 foot sandy beach in front of their cottage - until the dam was built and the water level was raised. Thelma & Helen had a nice sailboat with two sails that they used to sail around the lake on - after they taught themselves how to operate it!

There used to be a big log cabin back on the hill close to where the Went's cottage is - steps went up the hill to the log cabin, it had no windows and the only thing left in the cabin was a very old cradle. Thelma & Helen used to go in the woods there and find arrowheads and once even found a Tomahawk!

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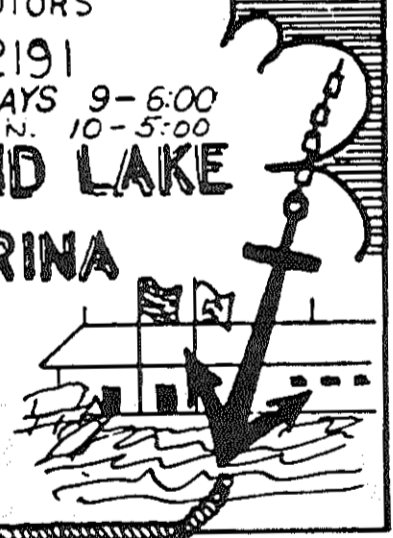
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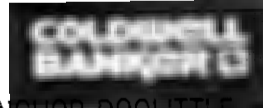
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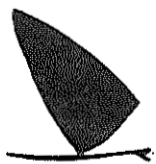
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BIRCH LAKE TRIATHLON 1985 FINAL RESULTS

The morning came for some with a wonder of what was to come. For others it brought back the memory of last summers race. They came to test themselves over three different fields - a  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile swim - a  $7\frac{1}{2}$  mile bike ride - and a 3 mile run. At the sound of the horn they were off, each to cover the 10  $\frac{3}{4}$  route the best they could.

Many people helped make the 1985 BLT a success again this year. Our thanks go out to all that helped in any way. A special thanks to the Cass Co. Police Dept. and the Porter-Newburg Ambulance Dept. for making this an accident free race again this year.

We still have 12 small and 2 medium T-shirts left for sale. The price is 8 dollars and will be at Carpenter's cottage and at the Fall Dinner this evening.

Dan Reynolds  
Bill Carpenter  
Race Chairmen

Time	Name (Place overall)	Male	Female	Relay
50:02	Kurt Kruggel	1		
50:04	Chris Scalise	2		
51:48	Ashley Welch/Steve Sante/Brian Machallack			1
52:24	Jeff Hammes	3		
55:15	Kevin Kruggel	4		
55:53	Todd Troeger	5		
55:56	Bud Zesinger/Janet Barr/Coy Jankowski			2
57:49	Dick Cowen	6		
58:58	Phil Verslype	7		
59:30	Steve Cramner	8		
59:30	Tom Jurgonski	8		
59:43	Dan Reynolds	10		
59:44	Tom Condon/Jim Cook/Kyle Condon			3
60:00	Sue Zajac		1	
60:16	Pete Lavato	11		
60:20	Tom Troeger	12		
60:58	Peggy Grcich/Peggy Vath/Bruce Vath			4
61:20	Keri Cook/Shannon Condon/Brad Zesinger			5
61:42	Buzz Rasmussen	13		
61:43	Marty Carey/Chris Kinsella/Kelly Kinsella			6
63:01	Kelli Condon/Amy Everett/Joel Habich			7
65:04	Tammy Troeger		2	
65:44	Tom Nagy	14		
65:59	Dewayne Weaver	15		
68:44	Dik Carpenter	16		
68:54	Coley Cook	17		
68:56	George Iams	18		
74:11	Rick Doolittle	19		
76:33	Heather Gwinn/Leslie Greenig/Terilyn Montague			8