



THE BIRCH BARKER



Birch Lake Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

That which seemed so far away has come! When many of us put our piers in this year Labor Day was too far into the future for consideration - now it's time to begin the closing up process that comes with the end of summer. For many, including myself, this is just short of depressing but in reality we are all fortunate to have such a terrific lake that provides us with untold hours of recreation and relaxation. Life is enhanced by looking towards the future and I know next summer will be here sooner than we all expect.

Whether your drive is long or short - drive carefully! We look forward to seeing everyone back next summer. For those who have not enjoyed a fall or winter weekend at the lake, make a point to do it - the quiet and beauty is well worth the trip. There is not sufficient space to name all those people who helped in making the years Yacht Club activities a success. You know who you are and I hope you have gained a feeling of satisfaction because you have earned it. I am most confident that the entire membership will give Mike Machalleck the same support I have received. Your Yacht Club is in excellent hands and its future is bright. Listed below are your next years officers:

Commodore	- Mike Machalleck
Vice Commodore	- Ken Tate
Treasurer	- Lynne Schaar
Secretary	- Fran Welch

If you remember the series MASH and the character B.J. Honeycutt, you might recall his greatest shortcoming was saying goodbye to those who were leaving. It was not until the last series when Hawkeyes helicopter rose into the air did you see the words GOODBYE spelled out in rocks by B.J. - well - rocks at Birch Lake are hard to find so I'll just say THANKS - - and I mean it!

Randy Welch - Commodore

BIRCH LAKE CUPS

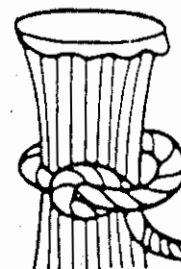
For those people wishing to buy Birch Lake cups please contact Bill Carpenter. These cups are available for sale at \$5.00 per dozen. They make for great gifts for those who visit and they provide a great remembrance for those members wishing to take them home and use them during the winter time. These are reusable cups and with proper care will last indefinitely.

C.P.R.

The Porter Township Emergency Health Crew has offered their services to teach CPR to beginners and/or experienced individuals. For anyone interested please contact Sherry Holleman who will be most happy to make arrangements for the CPR class.

COMMODORES AWARD

It was with great pleasure at the annual meeting to recognize Tom Howard as the 1985 recipient of the Commodores Trophy. Tom was cited as helping the Yacht Club in the construction of the refreshment and storage area as well as having assisted in many activities in the past. Tom has been our Fleet Captain, is an active participant in the races and has always been, and will always be available to help in the future. Tom is a great example of just what makes our Yacht Club work - Congratulations Tom - you are most deserving of this award.



SAILING NEWS - MC SCOW CLEANUP REGATTA

This Saturday and Sunday the MC sailors will be sailing races immediately following the Sunfish races. We are most hopeful that all boats will participate and we encourage and will welcome any viewers to this great spectacle.

SUNFISH RACING NEWS

Reliable winds appeared just in time last Sunday and we were able to run our two scheduled races. Both races were hard fought to say the least. Tom Howard finished 1st in both races, Harold Crammer sailing to a 2nd place finish in race No. 1, and Bill Carpenter was 2nd in race No. 2. The sailing expertise of our fleet in general is providing some really exciting competition.

AUGUST SERIES FINAL RESULTS

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

Hard to believe but the '85 racing season is drawing to a close. Last Sunday concluded the regular season in the August series.

This weekend we will have the Labor Day Regatta (3 races Saturday and 3 on Sunday). The trophy presentation will be on Monday at 10:00 a.m. (Ind. time) and the racing season will then be history.

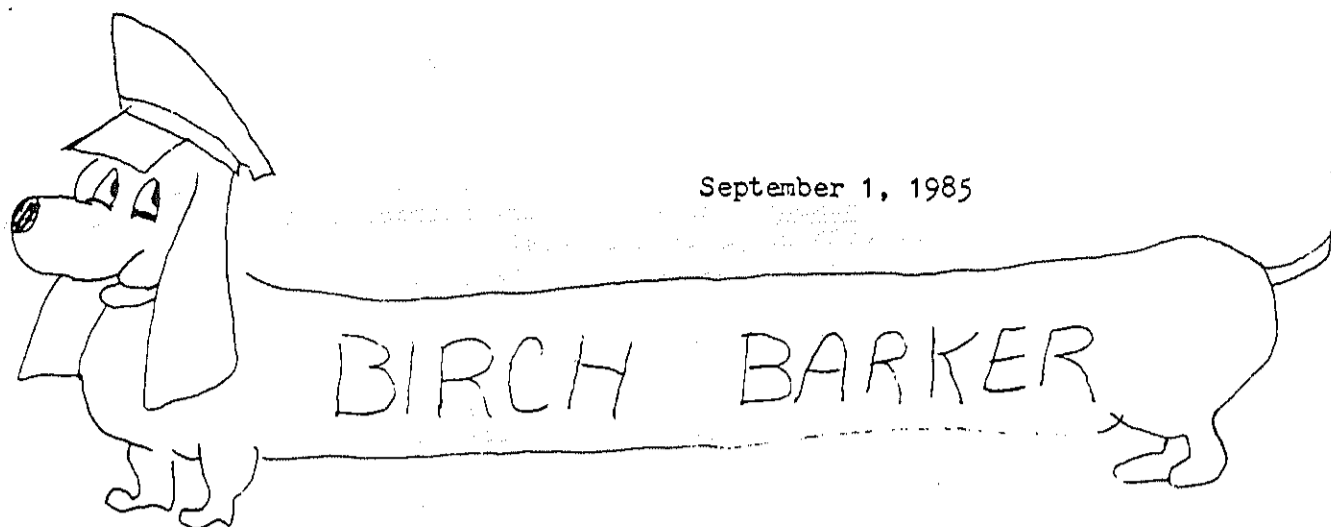
I would like to offer a special thanks to Earl Troeger for all the help he gave me throughout the summer. It's through the dedication to sailing of Earl and many others that we have such a strong Sunfish fleet on Birch Lake. In addition I wish to thank all those who helped Earl in manning the committee boat for all the races. Also, I would like to thank my wife Lind, for helping with the scoring every Sunday. Last, but not least, I would like to thank all the sailors who came out every week and joined in the races.

Don Harman - Fleet Captain

** RACE RESULTS FOR 8-25-85**

SAILOR	FINISH RACE #					TOTAL RACES SAILED	POINTS EARNED TODAY	SEASON AVERAGE TO DATE
	1	2	3	4	5			
DAVE TROEGER *	1	DNB	DNB			15	—	1640
TOM HOWARD *	2	1	1			19	3200	1611
BILL CARPENTER ✓	4	3	2			14	2965	1450
MARTY SANTE ✓	3	DNB	DNB			16	—	1492
STEVE SANTE	6	DNB	DNB			16	—	1379
MIKE GOTSTEIN	9	12	4			13	2210	1269
MIKE MACHALLECK	7	9	5			17	2320	1353
RANDY WELCH	12	DNB	DNB			10	—	1174
ASHLY WELCH	15	10	10			13	1922	1006
HAROLD CRAMMER	13	2	9			21	2545	1116
DAVE OLSON	10	5	DNB			14	1296	1268
JEFF OLSON	19	DNB	DNB			9	—	755
LEO ZALASKO *	5	4	3			21	2813	1390
DON HARMAN	8	7	6			21	2381	1341
JEFF HOWARD	14	DNB	DNB			12	—	1065
KEN TROYER	11	6	8			15	2314	1180
JOE O'BRIEN	17	DNB	DNB			11	—	952
TONY HAMMES *								
RICK DOOLITTLE	16	DNB	DNB			3	—	973
BRIAN EBERHART	21	DNB	DNB				4	696
TROY TROEGER *								
CHAS LA PIERRE	22	DNB	DNB			3	—	693
MATT ROSS	20	DNB	DNB			7	—	751
RICK HARMAN	18	8	7			6	2245	916

September 1, 1985



Well residents of Birch Lake, this weekend is your last harrah for the 1985 summer season ! Assuming the weather will cooperate with us this should prove to be a very busy weekend at the lake - skiing, picnicking, much laughter and fun, and hopefully a warm sunny day ! Have a wonderful Labor Day everyone!!!

Note From the Vice-Commodore

The Annual Dinner was a great success - there 115 people in attendance this year. The event was very well attended and the meal was just excellent! A big Thank You to Dave Olson for printing the tickets, and a Thank you also goes to the directors for selling and distributing those tickets. I also want to Express my Thanks to my wife Katha, and my mother Arline, for all their help with distribution and the taking of all the numerous phone calls we received!! Due to all this help our Annual Dinner was a fantastic success!!
Mike Machalleck, Vice-Commodore

PASSING

On July 22, 1985, Mahlon Eberhart passed away. He was a long time resident of the South Shores. He moved to Birch Lake in 1941 and was an active member of the Birch Lake Association and Yacht Club. He spent a great deal of time on the lake fishing also. I'm sure that we will all miss Mahlon on Birch Lake.

ELEPHANT STEW

1 Elephant Brown gravy
Salt & Pepper 2 rabbits

Cut elephant into small bite pieces. This should take about 2 months. Cover with brown gravy. Cook over kerosene fire about 4 weeks. If more guests drop by, the 2 rabbits may be added, but do this only if necessary as most people do not like to find hare in their stew. Serves 3,800 people. Should cook about 4 weeks.

A STRANGE SIGHT

Last Sunday the Walker's, Westside, had a scare!! Their neighbors let them know that they had a visitor on their doorstep - a groundhog. It appeared there may have been something wrong with this groundhog as he wasn't afraid of people and acted strangely. Ralph & Helen Dunlap (next door) had their son Jeff, a policeman, there and he and Brad tried to shoo the groundhog away - until it clamped down on Brad's pant leg and Jeff was forced to shoot it immediately. The westsiders may rest assured that Brad and Jeff are protecting them!!

SOME NEWS

Denny & Mary Kring & kids went out east for a vacation and her nephew's wedding in Boston. They also went to the ocean at Rhode Island and Conn. but it just wasn't the same as they were homesick for good ole Birch Lake.!

Married for 50 Years- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Guljas of South Bend Indiana ! This fortunate couple are the parents of Mary Kring! A celebration is to be held on Sept. 1st at the Little Flower Church. Congratulations!!

More News. . .

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston DeWulf just returned to Birch Lake from Europe. They spent 17 days visiting relations then went on a Town and Country tour of Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and Paris, France. Gerald DeWulf and Judie met them at O'Hare airport and all the children were in Mushawaka for a wonderful Welcome Home reception.

Gerald DeWulf and family spent most of the past month at the cottage. Sunday (2 weeks ago) a family reunion of relatives gathered at the lake, relatives of Mrs. DeWulf's side that came to about 40 people. Besides swimming, sailing, volleyvall, badminton and horseshoes, the fellowship was the greatest. The food was outstanding and plentiful!! We are all looking forward to the next reunion and the same good weather. The rain stopped just in time!

RECIPE IDEA

Soon your kids will be returning to school and when they return home in the afternoon you can be assured they will be HUNGRY ! Here is a very nutritious treat to offer them before they spoil their dinner with chips or pretzels!

"Yum Yum Snack" single batch is a 11"x15" pan
 2 Tbl. butter or oleo } mix & melt in
 1/2 cup peanut butter } 250 degree oven

6 cups of assorted cereals: i.e. rice or corn chex, Crispex, sun flakes, mini-shredded wheat, buttery flavored Kebler sticks or Mr. Salty pretzels, cheerios. etc.

Mix cereals together and then mix with butter and peanut butter mixture. Bake in the oven for 1 hour at 250 degrees. Stir twice, take out of oven, stir and let dry before storing in an airtight container.

HISTORY OF WILLIAMSVILLE

This story was submitted to the Birch Barker and printed in the summer of 1975 .

I have just copied this story, and I am sure that some of you can well recall most of these events - hope that you enjoy a recall to the past. . . .

This is a glimpse of Williamsville 100 years ago. Where Mrs. Breece lives was a large 2 story brick building, The William Merritt Store. This store has changed hands many times since it was first established back as far as 1860 by Josiah Williams, the gentleman who laid out the village in March 1848 that bears his name. Some of these people are William Merritt, Wm. Merritt, Jr., J. Fred Merritt, Milo Merritt, Oscar Loupee, Tom White, Albert Snyder, Hyton Jones and G.W. "Lanky" Breece.

The general store has played a very important part in the history of this community. It was the center of all business transactions in the early days. Part of the time it housed the post office and most of the time it had the only telephone in the area.

The earliest records in this township are the entries for land in 1829 by John White (who was probably the first settler in north Porter), John East and Nathan Williams. At this time, Josiah Williams built the great mill just south of the main streets of Main and Mill and it was operated by W.W. Camp. The old mill by the creek has also played an important part in the history of Williamsville. Many sacks of feed and flour have been ground by the great stone run by the water power coming down the mill race from Birch Lake and the Mill Pond. Austin Searer was owner of the mill in the 1940's and 1959's. His father, Cristian Searer, came here in 1880, bought the mill and ground feed, made cider and sorghum.

Down on the corner of Main and Mill in a house owned in the 40's by Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Franklin was an Inn operated by a man named Austin. No doubt many a weary traveler spent the night in this haven. Directly across the street was a grocery store or general store, as most all were in those days, operated by Rhuben Weikle and later by Tom White. In the center of the block was a telephone exchange installed by Perry Storey. There were two physicians in the village, a Dr. Moore who lived at the SW corner of Main Street and a Dr. Fort.

Zacky Brown started a barber shop in this same block and operated a feed store and a livery in connection with the barber shop. Other ventures were a saw mill run by Albert Reck and Jerome Cousins, a cabinet and paint shop operated by Will Rhinehart and a cooperage by Hardy McCally. Mail was carried at this time by horseback or horse and cart: the route running from Bristol through Williamsville and to Vandalia. The carrier was James W. East.

There was a Methodist Church erected on the NE corner of Pine Tree Road intereaction on land donated by Wm. R. Merritt. Cost of the church was \$5,000. The Quaker or Friends Church was erected back in 1850. These people have left their imprint on the section through these many years.

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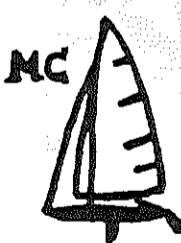
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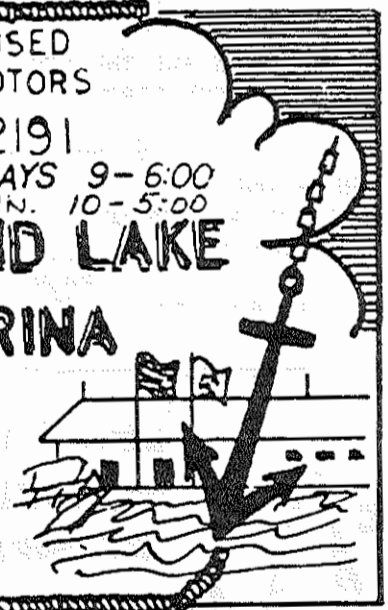
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