



Birch Lake Yacht Club

August 27, 1988
Vandalia, Michigan

It seems like only a few weeks ago we were welcoming everyone back to the lake for the summer and here we are with the last barker for 1988 season. It was a season many of us will remember as hot and dry and great for being around Birch Lake. It was also a summer of violent storms which inflicted a lot of damage and inconvenience.

Hopefully, we all had a fun summer. There are a lot of people to thank this year for all of the events and festivities, and I would personally like to do that now.

Doris Sante has done a terrific job writing and printing the Barker each week, and thanks to Sherry Holleman for doing the Barker while Doris was away). Special thanks to all the people who delivered the Barker: the Montagues; Terilyn, Sue & Terry; Sherry & Chuck LaPierre; Chuck Cealka; Nadine & John Brown; Lee & Ray Klappauf; the Abernethy's; the Holleman's; Steve Cranmer; Linda & Buzz Rasussen.

Also, thank you to the following:

- Connie & Earl Troeger for the Spring Dinner
- Nancy & Brad Walker for the Pancake Breakfast
- Sherry & Bill Holleman for the Corn and Sausage Roast
- Linda Curtis & Barb Zesinger for the Ladies Luncheon
- Coy Jankowski, deserves a big thank you for the beautiful new shirts, the art class, and for designing this year's triathlon t-shirt
- Herb Kruggel & Bernie Weesner for trying to get a fireworks display
- Steve Sante for being fleet captain
- Frank Horvath for taking care of boat storage
- Keith Weesner & Gus Eshelman for the Golf Outing
- Tom Howard for installing the new ceiling
- Don Harmon for helping with ceiling
- The people who helped with triathlon
- Gertie & Bob Temple for their continued efforts on the Water Quality Committee
- John & Nancy D'Brien for the table, chairs & couch donated to the Yacht Club

Hope to see everyone at the Fall Dinner this Saturday - there are still some tickets available at this writing.

Dan Reynolds, Commodore

On the back of this week's Barker is a map of Birch Lake which shows the progress to date of our Water Quality Program. A larger map is on display at the Yacht Club. The graph in the center indicates by section of the lake those systems which have been replaced. The solid dots on the perimeter of the lake indicate those residences found to be in noncompliance by the Cass County Health Department which have not been replaced.

Eventhough we have made progress, you can see that we have a longway to go. Many systems are in the process of being corrected this fall. As a system is corrected, the solid dot on the perimeter is removed and a circle takes its place on the graph. We are certainly hopeful that most of all of the systems will be corrected before the season begins in 1989. Some residents have known of their faulty systems since 1985.

I can virtually guarantee that stronger action will be taken by the Health Department and County Prosecutor in early 1989. So let's get rid of those solid dots. If you have any questions or need help of any kind, please let me know. Your inquiry will be treated in the strictest confidence. BIRCH LAKE NEEDS OUR HELP.

A long-time Elkhart & Birch Lake resident, Mike Lockmandy passed away August 9th in Rapid City South Dakota, after a long illness. He & part of his family were on a motor home trip at the time. Our thoughts and sympathies are with Jeanette in cottage 270. The Lockmandys have 5 grandchildren, 17 grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

SAILING NEWS - Labor Day weekend is the time to air out those sails and join the Sunfish and MC sailors on Saturday and Sunday for the Annual Labor Day Regatta. All Sunfish sailors join the Sunfish Fleet only for the combination Labor Day Regatta and Michiana Regatta. Any and all Sunfish sailors are welcome. At the same time all other sailors will compete with the MC's in the annual Garbage Scow Regatta.

We are planning three races on Saturday, Sept 3 and two races Sunday Sept 4. Watch for the markers to be set as a signal the races will start shortly. (Wind permitting 1:30 Saturday and 11am Sunday.)

Let's have a lot of sailboats out on beautiful Birch Lake.

Another light wind day made racing last Saturday difficult and challenging. Tom Howard won both races with Harold Cranmer second, Don Harmon third in race #1. Don Harmon was second and Rick Harmon third in race #2.

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1st RACE
 1 TOM HOWARD
 2 HAROLD CRANMER
 3 DON HARMON
 4 Marty Sante
 5 Earl Troeger
 6 Rich Harmon
 7 Dave Olson
 8 Bob Cranmer

2nd RACE
 1 TOM HOWARD
 2 DON HARMON
 3 RICK HARMON
 4 Harold Cranmer
 5 Dave Olson
 6 Bob Cranmer
 7 Earl Troeger

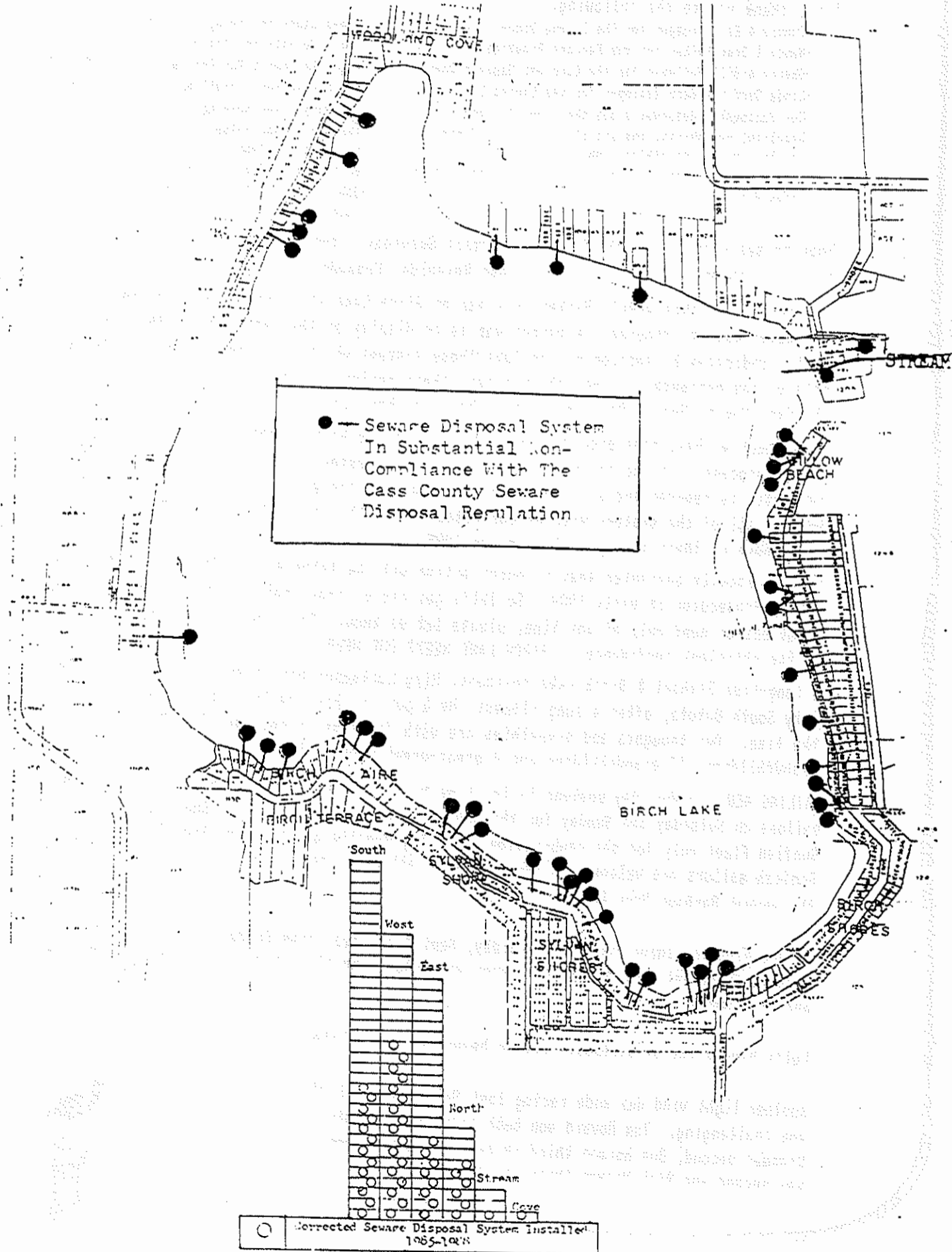
SEASON
 1 TOM HOWARD
 2 STEVE SANTE
 3 MIKE GOTSTEIN
 4 Harold Cranmer
 5 Marty Sante
 6 Don Harmon
 7 Mike Machalleck

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Birch Lake Yacht Club Water Quality Committee

1985-1988 Cass County Health Department Birch Lake Survey Program
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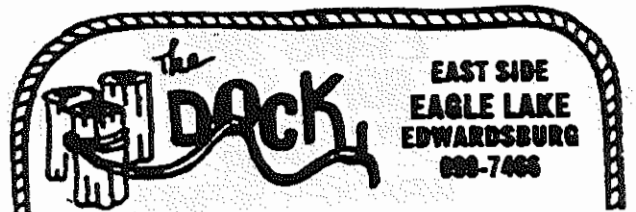


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