

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

A big THANK YOU to Phil Dudeck for mowing at the Yacht Club and to these Directors for helping with the Birch Lake Yacht Club cleanup: Steve Cranmer, Linda Curtis, Mike Machalleck, Rich Mullin, Dan Reynolds, Earl Troeger, Bob Waddle, Denny Weesner, and Barb Zesinger.

The Yacht Club is really improving each year making BLYC activities more pleasant. Speaking of activities - these past traditions need <u>you</u> to Chair them:

HOUSEWALK

CHILDREN'S PARTY

If you are interested in heading-up or helping with these events or have any <u>new</u> ideas, please let me know so we can put them on the calendar. Don't forget the COMMODORE'S COCKTAIL PARTY Saturday night - 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM (IN) and bring an hors d'œuvre or snack tray. This is a good chance to see old friends and meet new Birch Lakers. SEE YOU THERE!

> John Gableman Commodore 1992

SUMMER "1992" EVENTS

June 13t	th Commodore's Cocktail Bring an hors d'oeuvr	Party - 5:30PM to 7:30PM (IN)
July 4t		
July 4t	th Fireworks	
July 5t	h Pancake Breakfast	
July 5t	th Fireworks Raindate	
July 29t	th Ladies Luncheon	
July 31s		
Aug. 8t	the Triathlon and Andrea	
Aug. 8t		
Aug. 22n	nd Fall Dinner	

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to Art Buck, Tom Howard, and John Gableman for all the work they did finishing the Yacht Club ceiling. It looks great fellows!

FIREWORKS DONATION

Due to the increased cost of liability insurance that is required to put on the fireworks display (which all Birch Lake residents and their guests enjoy) the Yacht Club would appreciate your help of a donation to the Fireworks Fund. You can give your donation to John Gableman, Commodore; Mike Machalleck, Treasurer; or any Birch Lake Yacht Club Director. Remember, the Fireworks are for your enjoyment!

WATER SAFETY

Now that summer is here, let's all review the boating rules; especially with new operators and guests. Several near tragic accidents were reported involving guests using personal watercraft incorrectly. Remember, you are liable for your guests. All watercraft operators must be 12 years of age and possess a power boating certificate or a valid driver's license. Watercraft should be driven counterclockwise. Personal watercraft are subject to the same rules and laws as all boats. See attached Michigan Watercraft Laws.

Safety Committee

WATER QUALITY

We are happy to report that five more septic systems were replaced since last season, but sad to report that there are still a few people who remain in violation and refuse to comply with the law and continue to pollute Birch Lake. Hard to believe isn't it!

But don't dismay, this summer is the last summer we'll have to put up with these systems as in September action will be taken against violators. See attached map of Progress Report.

Water Quality Committee

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MEMORIAL

Our Deepest sympathy goes to the families of the following Birch Lake friends who passed away this past year.

Mae Bernaciak - E157

Gary Stout HW357

Michael Bowen - Lenore St. Each moment of love lives forever in memory. (John Gray)

HUB GETZINGER

Hub Getzinger died Sunday, June 7th. His wife, Dorothy; son, Dave; and daughter, Gail survive. Hub and Dorothy lived on the South shore (S002) for 35 years.

BOAT PARADE

Put your thinking caps on and contemplate on boat decorations for the annual July 4th Boat Parade. It is much more fun to participate than observe! Details to follow in next Barker.

MORE WARM WELCOMES

To Pat and Gene Knutson (W345) who moved to Birch Lake from Granger, Indiana last October.

Pat and Gene have five children and twelve grandchildren. They also have a four legged member named Packer.

Many Happy Times!

To Irene and Tim Steffen (W322) and 15 year old son, Wes. The Steffens are from Elkhart, Indiana but spend many weekends at the lake during Fall, Winter and Spring and , of course, Summer.

Enjoy! Enjoy!

RECENT ADDITIONS

Sue and Bruce Wagner's (C294) recent additions:

1.) Tyler John Kruk, born May 16th.

Elizabeth and Dan, parents. South Bend, IN ..

2.) Matthew Robert Long, born June 1st.

Ann and Scott Long, parents. Arlington, Texas. Sue is leaving June 11th to cuddle Matthew and present him with an Indiana University sweatshirt.

SHIRTS AND PRINTS

There are still a few "Shore" tee shirts available and they will be on sale at the Commodore's Cocktail Party Saturday for \$5.00.

Also a few Birch Lake prints signed and numbered by Coy Jankowski will be available for \$50.00. Anyone who has purchased a signed print will receive an unsigned print free. Additional unsigned prints may be purchased for \$20.00. These will be available at the Cocktail Party also, or contact Dan Reynolds (476-8877) or any Birch Lake Yacht Club Director.

AREA RECYCLING STIES

Cassopolis: Harding's Market, Myers Super Value, behind Old Kent Bank. Bins for newspaper, corrugated cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, BIMETAL, plastic jugs.

Granger:

Cira's Supermarket. Bins for GL, AL, PL JUGS. Harris Fire Station 2, Indiana 23 and Elm Road. GL, AL, PL JUGS.

Recycle and help save the Earth!

LAWN SERVICE

BIRCH BARKER DELIVERY PEOPLE

Lee Klappauf (E197) Pam Mullin (N259)

Cheri LaPierre (S058)

Jim Mitchell (E182-A)

Loretta Drolet (C298)	icholas Bergan (C290)
Sally Everett (W309)	inda Rasmussen (W355)
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Terilyn Montague is available for lawn service and yard work. Please call her at 476-2207.

Terilyn Montague (S001)

Sheryl George

A DIGEST OF THE MICHIGAN WATERCRAFT LAWS

Prepared by Sheriff Paul D. Parrish

- 1. Boats requiring registration All motorboats; all sailboats 12 ft. or longer; rowboats (privately owned) over 16 ft.; rental or commercial cances 12 ft. or longer; rental or commercial vessels propelled by any means that are 12 ft. or longer. The registration numbers must be affixed to the watercraft and the certificate of registration must be carried on board when the watercraft is being operated.
- 2. All boats are required to have aboard one Coast Guard approved personal flotation device for each person on board.
- 3. Approved fire extinguishers must be carried on motorboats with closed compartments and should be carried on all motorboats.

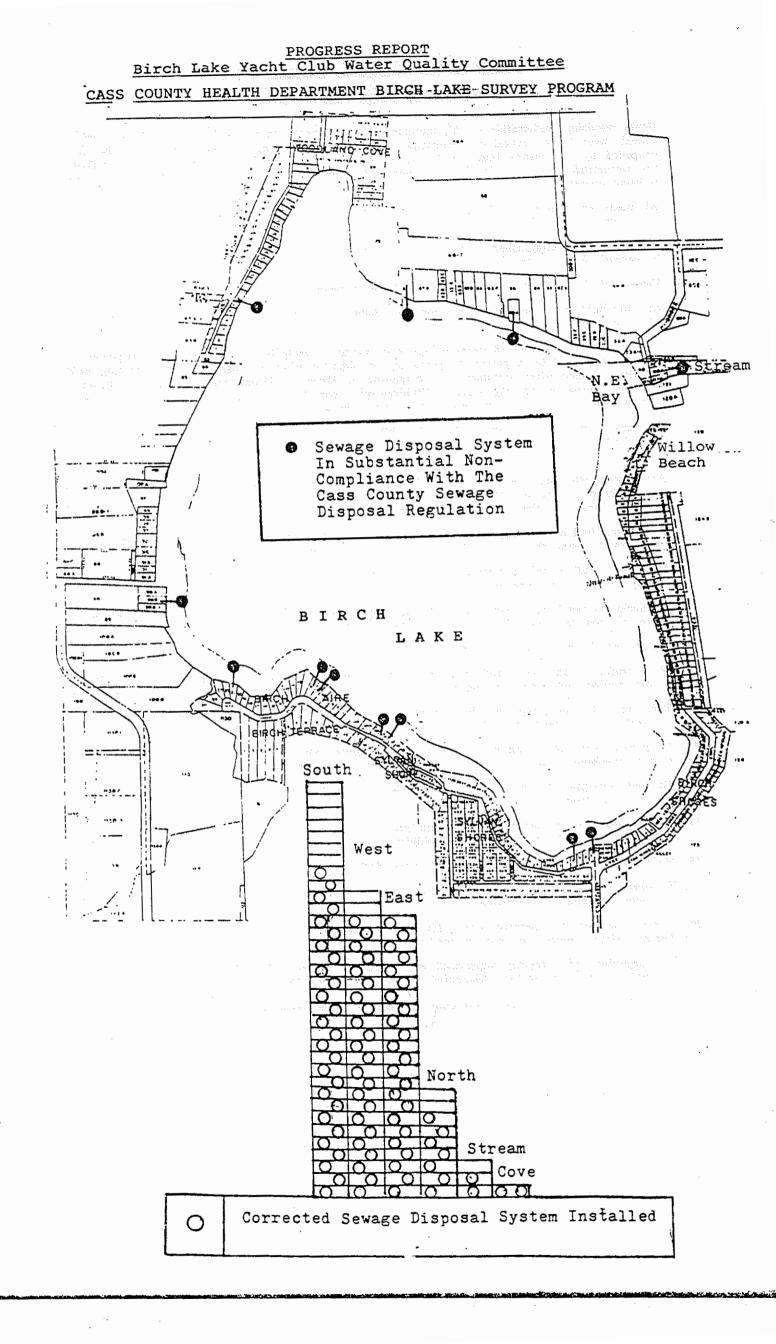
4. Vessels 16 ft. and over are required to have on board a whistle or horn.

- 5. Running lights are required on all watercraft between sunset and sunrise. (Red and green front; white on rear)
- 6. Children between 12 and 16 years of age may operate a motorboat of 6 or more horsepower only when accompanied by a person 16 years old or older or when in possession of a boating safety certificate issued after satisfactorily completing a Michigan Department of Natural Resources approved course in boating safety. Children less than 12 years old may operate a motorboat of 6 or more horsepower only when accompanied by a person 16 years old or older.
- 7. No person shall operate any watercraft while under the influence of alcoholic beverage or narcotic drugs.
- 8. Any person who operates any watercraft in a careless and heedless manner so as to disregard the rights or safety of others, and at a speed that would endanger or likely to endanger any person or property, shall be guilty of reckless operation.
- 9. No person shall operate any watercraft at a speed greater than will permit him to exercise reasonable care, to bring the watercraft to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.
- 10. No person shall operate a watercraft in a manner so as to unreasonably interfere with the lawful use by others of any waters.
- 11. All accidents resulting in personal injury or property damage to exceed \$100 dollars shall be reported to local law authorities. (Sheriff's Dept. in this area.)
- 12. All motorboats must operate in a counterclockwise direction, insofar as it is reasonably possible.
- 13. No operator of any watercraft shall have in tow any person on water skis. watersled, surfboard, or any similar contrivance during the period one hour after sunset to one hour prior to sunrise.
- 14. There must be one competent observer plus the driver in any watercraft towing water skis, or any similar contrivance and the boat must be equipped with a 170 degree mirror.
- 15. No person being towed on water skis or other similar contrivance shall be closer than 100 feet to any swimming area, fishing craft, pier, raft, or another watercraft.
- 16. The only exception to the regulation above is when landing and taking off -- then, extreme caution must be used.
- 17. All persons must be seated in the seats provided when the watercraft is underway or in motion, sitting on the decks or gunwale is prohibited.
- 18. No operator shall allow his watercraft to pass closer than 100 feet to any fishing craft.

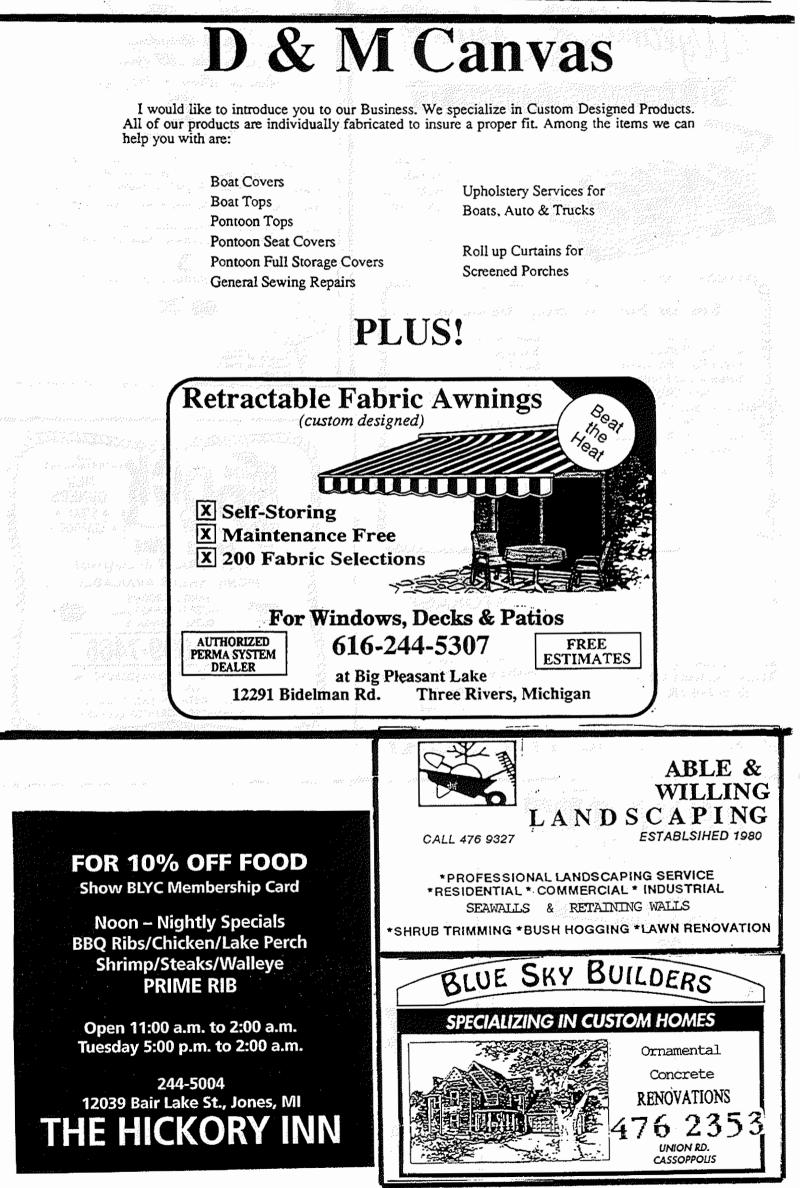
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- 19. No operator shall allow his watercraft to pass closer than 100 feet from any swimming area except when docking or debarking.
- 20. A boat shall not be operated within 100 feet of a bouyed diver's flag (red rectangle with white diagonal stripe) unless the boat is tendering the diver(s).
- 21. Any organized and properly supervised race (authority from State Waterways Commission) has the right-of-way over waters designated as raceway during the period of the race.

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Marine Division



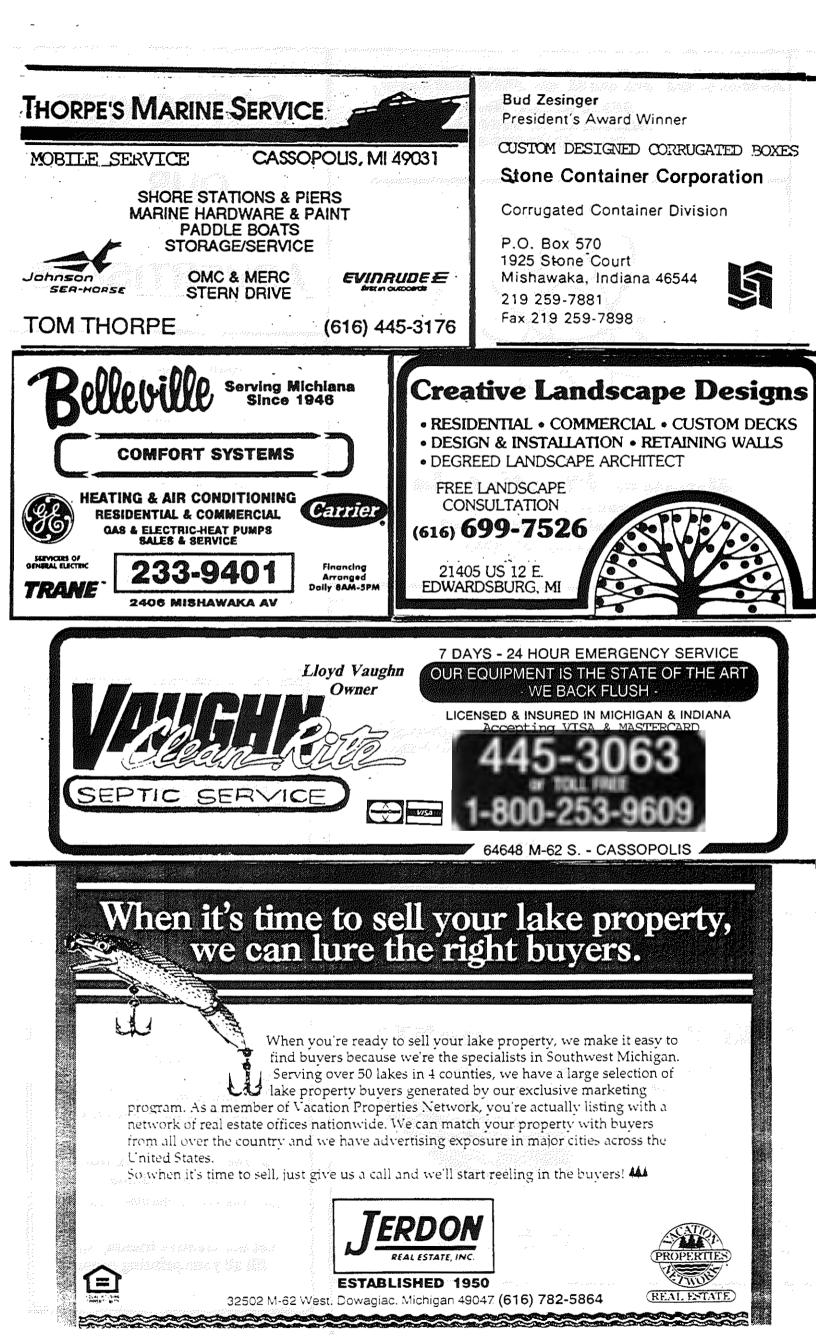
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