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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Welcome back to beautiful Birch Lake for another wonderful season. The Birch Lake Heron whispered in my ear that this summer is going to be warmer and drier than last.

Once again, we will have many activities for the young and not-so-young. A listing of all activities appears in this week's Barker. We still need a few volunteers to co-chair certain events. One activity that I am very pleased to announce is Friday Night Teen Activities at Birch Lake Yacht Club. The Balls and Wisemans agreed to coordinate these activities this year.

As of the May 8th BLYC Board Meeting, we already had 47 BLYC dues-paying members for 1993. Please contact your nearest BLYC director to join! Contributions, over and above the membership dues, are needed to pay for our 4th of July Fireworks Display, water quality, monitoring and maintenance of the Yacht Club.

On Saturday May 15, 1993, the following people helped clean up the roads around the Lake as part of our "Adopt-a-Road" program: Denny Weesner, Steve Horvath, Bob and Sue Waddle, Linda Curtis and Patrick Mullin. Thanks to everyone!

Permanent Michigan Residents are urged to vote -YES- on Proposal A June 2nd to help lower our property taxes.

As we begin another glorious summer, let us join together to make sure this is a safe and enjoyable summer for everyone.

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

Rich Mullin, Commodore

SUMMER "1993" EVENTS

(all times Indiana)

28th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. at BLYC May 2nd - Vote on Proposal A 5th - BLYC Board Meeting & clean-up at 9:00a.m. June June June 12th - Commodore's Cocktail Party - 5:30p.m. BLYC June 20th - or 27th Children's Party - 2:00p.m. BLYC 3rd - Boat Parade - 10:00a.m. 3rd - Fireworks - at dark July July July 4th - Pancake Breakfast - 8:00a.m. July 4th - Fireworks raindate July 10th - or 24th Luau - 6:00p.m. - BLYC July 30th - Birch Lake Golf Open Aug. 14th - Triathlon - 9 or 10:00a.m. Aug. 14th - Corn & Sausage Roast - 5:30p.m.- BLYC Aug. 28th - Fall Dinner - 6:00p.m. - BLYC

Oct. ? - Hayride & Pig Roast
More events will be scheduled - check the Barker for details.

PROPOSAL A

Please vote on June 2nd if you are a registered Michigan voter! Vote "yes" to lower property taxes and improve educational funding for everyone.

Anyone that needs transportation to vote call 476-2526.

SYMPATHY

During last winter we lost these long time Birch Lake residents.

FRANK HORVATH (S034)

MARY ALYCE THAYER (N245)

SHERMAN EICHORST (S064)

Our deepest sympathy goes to their families.

1993 BOATING SAFETY CLASSES

June 5th - Penn Twp. Hall, Vandalia, MI - 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.(MI)

June 19th - Cass County Sheriff's Dept. - 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.(MI)

July 24th - Cass County Sheriff's Dept. - 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.(MI)

Aug. 7th - Cass County Sheriff's Dept. - 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.(MI)

Aug. 21st - Cass County Sheriff's Dept. - 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Students should be between the ages of 12 and 15 to attend the class. Eleven year olds may attend, but cannot receive their certificate until their 12th birthday.

There is no charge for the class and all students must be preregistered with the Sheriff's Department prior to taking the class. Cass County Sheriff's Department telephone # 445-2481.

Students should bring a sack lunch.

HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY TO AMY EVERETT AND BETH DAVIS!!!

SAILING NEWS

Sailboat racing has been scheduled to begin again at Birch Lake. Many of us remember the many years of Snipe and Sunfish Class Races on Birch. Racing started in 1948 and had been a mainstay of our water activities up until a few years ago.

As many as 15 Snipes and 25 Sunfish could be seen on the lake each weekend. Birch Lake has hosted Regattas with up to 35 Snipes and Sunfish competing. Let's build our sailboat involvement up again.

Sunfish Races begin Sunday June 20th and the MC's will begin with a 4th of July Regatta. Everyone is welcome and a few Sunfish are available for those who may wish to race but don't have a boat. The Sunfish is a great boat for beginners and those who wish to work on improving their skills. Watch the Barker for more information.

SAILBOAT RACING

Starters for the Sailboat Racers are needed. There is nothing better than spending a couple of hours on a Sunday morning out on Beautiful Birch Lake helping to Start and Finish the Races. We need your help and we hope there are enough Volunteers to maybe schedule only one or two weekends for our starters. Let us know if you are interested. Earl Troeger.

DIAMOND LAKE OPEN

The Diamond Lake Yacht Club will host its Annual MC Open Regatta on Saturday and Sunday, June 26th and 27th. On the weekend of July 10th and 11th they will host the ever popular Inland Yachting Association Annual Regatta. Stop by to see sailboat racing at its best.

NEW GRANDPARENTS

Congratulations to proud new grandparents - Terry and Linda Curtis and Bud and Angie Lovejoy.

Terry and Linda have 2 granddaughters and Bud and Angie have a grandson. Next time you see them ask about the new grandchildren. They may have a few pictures to show you also!

COLLEGE GRADUATE

Congratulations to Amy Ross who just graduated from college.

FOR SALE

1988 Maxum - 17' open bow with matching trailer - \$6200 or best offer - call #476-9901.

1975 Hurricane - 16' Deck Boat and cover. 115hp tilt & trim motor and trailer - \$1500. Call Terry or Sue Montague at #476-2207.

1986 Honda Civic - front wheel drive - automatic - 4-Door - Recent TuneUp - New Exhaust System - one owner - \$3550.00. Call Bud Zesinger at #476-2526.

WATCH FOR ADVERTISERS IN NEXT BARKER!

EDITOR: Barb Zesinger

TEEN NIGHT

New to Birch Lake this year will be Friday night, Teen night, at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Our committee chairwomen, Nance Ball and Becky Wiseman, are organizing what promises to be a fun weekly event for our teen Birch Lakers! Every Friday from 8 P.M. to 10 P.M. will be set aside for music, games, ping pong, and chatter.

At present, the following parents have graciously offered to chaperone the get-together for one Friday evening during the summer:

May 28th - Steve and Nance Ball June 4th - Terry and Becky Wiseman June 11th - Diana Wozny

June 18th - Phillip E. and Betsy Custard

June 25th - Spike and Ann Abernethy
July 2nd - John and Claudia Gableman
July 9th - Richard and Patti Dueringer

July 16th - Jim and Julie Rans

Any willing parent of Teens is invited to be included in this illustrious list!

Please call the Ball/Wiseman cottage at 476-9560 to take a step forward and make the Teens of Birch Lake have a great Friday evening. We feel sure that you'll enjoy it, too!

