



June 14, 1997  
Issue 3

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The ever-expanding school year has finally ended. It's not fair for school still to be affecting me at age 40, but I find myself now intergenerationally tied to the school schedule. Perhaps the childrens' bright sense of freedom from school will be mirrored by clear Summery weather from now on.

Don't forget the cocktail party this Saturday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m. (Indiana time), 6:30 p.m. (Michigan time) at the clubhouse. Liquid refreshments will be available, served by a skilled staff of bartenders, and if you wish to share an hors d'oeuvre I am confident it will be consumed with grateful appreciation.

To be entitled to vote for the members of the board of the Homeowners' Association, your \$10 dues for the Homeowners' Association must be received on or before July 1, 1997. As with the other club dues and contributions, you may deliver them to any director or officer, but if convenient it is recommended that they be delivered either to Linda Rasmussen, Treasurer, or Scott Troeger, Commodore.

On behalf of the club, I wish to extend condolences for the passing of loved ones to the following people and their families: Rita Benjamin, for her husband John; Louise Dvorak, for her sister Millie; Bob Morrison, for his wife Loanne; Dorothy Parnell, for her husband John; and Ruth Pletcher, for Gail. We all are saddened at the loss of any of our lake neighbors. If I have not mentioned anyone it is purely from lack of knowledge, and if like my predecessor I have prematurely eulogized anyone, I abjectly apologize.

I wish to acknowledge and thank those faithful deliverers of this renowned newspaper: Nancy DeCocker, Judy Olson, Linda Curtis, Patrick and Sarah Mullin, Louise Reith, Bev Kruggel, Brittany Gableman and Holly, Amy and Tory Troeger. It is not too late to bask in the prestige of being a Birch Barker deliverer, as the South side route from the turnaround to the Gableman's (or any portion of it) can be made available. Please let me know.

Human nature being what it is -- curious -- I suspect many would enjoy more news of lake goings-on. You are encouraged to deliver any items to Sante's or to Scott Troeger's cottages, and my guess is that the Birch Barker deliverers would also accept them and let the Editor or me know. Generally, an item received by Monday will be printed in the upcoming weekend issue. The editorial policy is rigorous and based on a paraphrase of the New York Times': "All the news that fits we print."

### 1997 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Camp Tannadoonah Clean Up</b>	<b>Saturday, June 14 noon to 4:00 pm and Sunday, June 15 from 10 am to 4 pm</b>	
<b>Commodore Cocktail Party</b>	<b>Saturday, June 14, 5:30 p</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Fireworks</b>	<b>Friday, July 4, Dark Saturday, July 5, Rain date</b>	<b>Tannadoonah</b>
<b>Boat Parade</b>	<b>Saturday, July 5, 4 pm</b>	
<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>Sunday, July 6, 8 am</b>	<b>Tannadoonah</b>
<b>Directors' Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday, 9 am</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Garage Sale</b>	<b>Saturday, July 12</b>	
<b>Vice Commodore Karaoke Party</b>	<b>Saturday, July 19</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Homeowner's Assn Committee Annual Meeting</b>		<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Ladies' Golf Outing</b>	<b>Friday, August 1</b>	<b>Park Shore/BLYC</b>
<b>Jimmy Buffet Party</b>	<b>Saturday, August 2</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Corn &amp; Sausage Roast</b>	<b>Saturday, August 9 5:30pm</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Directors' Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday, August 16, 9 am</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Fall Dinner</b>	<b>Saturday, August 23</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Sailing Trophies</b>	<b>Monday, Sept 1, 10 am</b>	<b>BLYC</b>
<b>Directors' Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday, Sept 6, 9am</b>	<b>BLYC</b>

#### CAMP TANNADOONAH CLEAN UP

Part of the aesthetic appeal of our lake is attributable to the unspoiled shoreline and tree crowned hills of Camp Tannadoonah. (In case familiarity has jaded your appreciation of this feature, imagine what the lake would be like in an alternative universe with perhaps an RV campground, marina, condos or amusement park there instead). One way to show our appreciation for the Camp's enhancement of our enjoyment of the lake is to help with some of the cleanup and routine maintenance and repairs. Pat Laing indicated that volunteers are welcome to help this weekend at the Camp on Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. (all Indiana times). The agenda includes tearing down a structure and some miscellaneous repairs and painting. The Camp season opens June 22<sup>nd</sup> and there is a wedding scheduled the preceding weekend. This weekend will be your best opportunity this season to help the Camp.

#### JIMMY BUFFET NIGHT

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Caribbean evening with Jimmy Buffet music, plus exciting, surprise entertainment, (sorry, not Jimmy). Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre and wear your island attire. Kick back and enjoy a relaxing evening.

We still need bartenders and help with clean-up and decorating. Give us a call if you would like to help. 476-2760. Jim & Sally Beck

## BLYC DUES AND FIREWORKS CONTRIBUTIONS

Below are dues received before this publication deadline. An asterisk indicates fireworks contributions. If you believe any of this information is incorrect, please check with Scott Troeger or Linda Rasmussen.

Asire, Marty*	Garceau, Bernie & Blair*	Rasmussen, Buzz & Linda*
Asire, Jack & Evelyn*	Golden, Marc & Ilene*	Reynolds, Dan & Janet*
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Barker, Kevin & Sherry	Greenig, Kay & Bob*	Richwine, Mike & Debbie*
Beck, Jim & Sally*	Harman, Don & Lind*	Russworm, Rick & Patti*
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Benjamin, John & Rita	Hayden, Bill & Letitia*	Scotfield, John & Laveta*
Bergan, Jim & Linda*	Hermes, Bob & Slayter, Marty*	Sikorski, Joseph & Lenore*
Bernaciak, Kenneth & MaryEllen*	Hornbeck, Ira & Mary	Stevens, Pat*
Blieler, Frank & Grace*	Horvath, Steve & Irene*	Tjaden, James & Janita
Bolinger, Jim & Debbie	Howard, Tom	Troeger, Earl & Connie*
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Brown, John*	King, Bill & Le*	Troeger, Scott & Holly*
Budzinski, Loretta*	King, Bob & Leslie*	Tunncliffe, Bill & Joanne*
Burke, Allan & Jackie	Kinner, David & Marjorie*	Vath, Helen*
Burket, Carl & Edythe*	Kolber, Chet & Vivian*	Waddle, Bob & Sue*
Carpenter, Reg & Mildred	Koontz, Chet & Vivian*	Wagner, Bruce * Sue(
Coan, James*	Krueger, Lorene*	Walker, Brad & Nancy*
Coles, Deanna	Krugger, Herm & Bev*	Weesner, Bernie & Helen*
Cote, Adrian	Landesman, Charles & Rosalie*	Weesner, Keith & Denny*
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Dennert, Larry & Kay*	Minix, Cisco & Roberta*	Wiseman, Terry & Becky
Doba, Bill & Judy*	Monroe, Norman & Nancy*	Witchie, Ron & Linda*
Dudeck, Phil & Lisa	Morrison, Bob	Wozniak, Ben & Vanessa*
Dufour, Duffy & Sue*	Mullin, Rich & Pam*	Zesinger, Bud & Barb*
Dugan, Terry & Carol*	Mumaw, Jerry & Beth*	
Eberhart, Gib & Barbara*	Olson, Dave & Judy*	
Emory, Tim & Becky*	O'Brien, Joe & Betty	
Foley, William & Gladys*	Papandria, Sheryl*	
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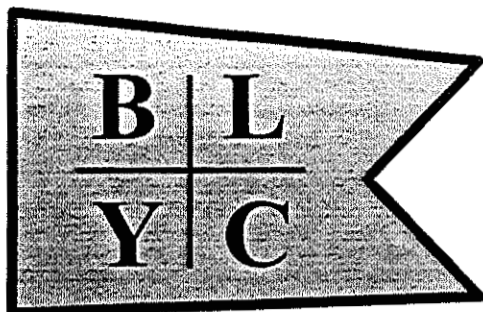
BABYSITTING: If you need a babysitter, call Natalie Dudeck, 476-2395. I can sit on week nights and weekends only.

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Commodore Scott Troeger  
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 Fleet Captain Bob King  
 Secretary Melanie Hall  
 Treasurer Linda Rasmussen

### DIRECTORS

Liz Cover	Herm Kruggel
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# FLEET NEWS

Ahoy there! We opened the sailing season with a *preseason* to encourage more people to come out & race. Preseason & regatta kid are FREE, so you can try out the sport with no obligation (money back guarantee). If you need help finding a sailor to give you some guidance, let me know. For those of you whose Sunfish needs repair, I have parts schematics & price lists.

We are going to sail preseason races at various times to consider afternoon racing. On Sunday June 15th we will race at 11:00 am. The following Sunday, the 22nd, we will sail at 2:00 pm. All times are Indiana Std ...

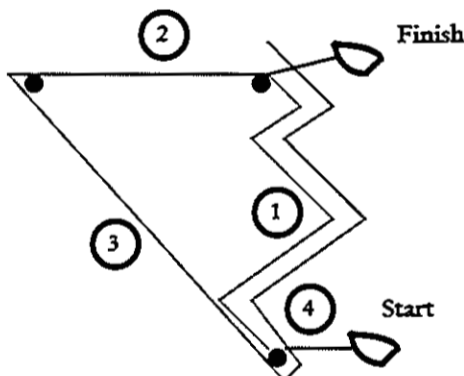
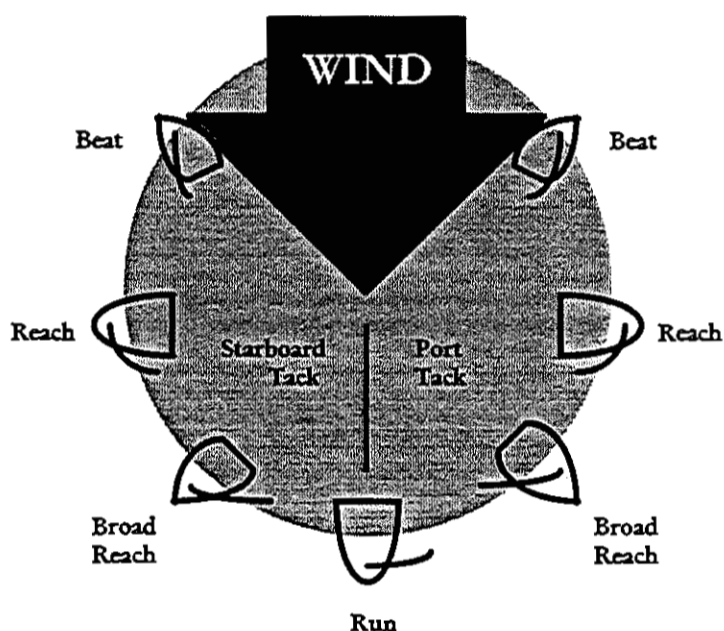
The July 4th Regatta will be held Friday the 4th & Saturday the 5th (with Sunday as a make-up day). The regular season will follow, sailing Sundays through the Labor Day Regatta. Watch this space for times ...

## Sailing 101:

Now & then I see beginner sailors frustrated as they try to sail upwind. The course nearest the wind you can sail is a *beat*. Head too close to wind direction & you end up "in irons".

Ever find yourself with sails luffing & boat slipping backwards? Just put the tiller hard-over to one side, slack the mainsheet & wait until the boat is side to the wind. Then gradually trim in the sheet, center the tiller & sail away.

Points of sail are shown at the right.



## Racing 101:

When racing, we usually sail a triangle course, completing "one & a third". That is, we sail the three legs of a triangle repeating the first leg to the finish.

The first & last legs are *beats* which require tacking (as this leg is to windward). The second leg is a *reach*. The third leg is a *broad reach*, or *run*.

It's simple & a lot of fun ... come on out!

just gotta regatta ... regatta kid? ... just gotta regatta ...



# regatta kid?

In order to get young people sailing, the Birch Lake Sailing Club is sponsoring a regatta on Sunday - June 29th. There will be a brief gathering with coffee, juice & doughnuts, followed by three short races (subject to weather). \$0 entry fee covers prize for the winners & T-shirts for the kids. You've gotta have a kid on board to participate! Any boat, any age & borrowed kids are ok ... send your entry & \$0 to me at the address below.

Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bob King, Fleet Captain, 1958 E. Denslow Dr., South Bend, IN 46614 (h) 299-0705 (w) 232-0881 (c) 276-9999

PLEASE POST THIS FOR YOUR GUESTS OR RENTERS

COURTESY RULE FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Birch Lake will again ask that operators of personal watercraft observe the lake rule that such watercraft will not be operated before 9am or 7 pm (IN). This allows residents to enjoy mornings and evenings in quiet.

**Michigan Laws Regarding Operation of Personal Watercraft:** A person shall not operate a personal watercraft unless each person riding on or being towed behind the vessel is wearing a type I, II or III personal flotation device as described in R281.1234 of the Michigan administrative code.

2. While operating a personal watercraft equipped by the manufacturer with a lanyard type engine cutoff switch, a person shall have the lanyard attached to his or her person, clothing or personal flotation device as is appropriate for the specific vessel.

3. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft from sunset to sunrise.

4. A personal watercraft shall at all times be operated in a reasonable and prudent manner. Maneuvers that are unreasonable or unnecessarily endanger life, limb or property, included but not limited to, weaving through congested vessel traffic, jumping the wake or another vessel unreasonable or unnecessarily close to the other vessel or when visibility around the other vessel is obstructed, and swerving at the last possible moment to avoid a collision, constitute reckless operation of a vessel, as provided in section 74.

5. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft carrying more persons than the vessel is designed to carry. Carrying more persons than the vessel is designed to carry is prima facie evidence of reckless operation of a watercraft under section 74.

6. A person operating a personal watercraft shall maintain a distance of 100' from any dock, raft, buoyed or occupied bathing area, or shall not cross within 150' behind another vessel, other than a personal watercraft, that is traveling at a speed greater than slow - no wake speed.

7. A person under the age of 12 shall not operate a personal watercraft. A person 12 to 15 years of age may operate a personal watercraft only when accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older, or without adult supervision when in possession of a boating safety certificate in compliance with section 62.

8. The owner of a personal watercraft or a person having charge over or control of a personal watercraft shall not authorize or knowingly permit the personal watercraft to be operated in violation of subsection 7.

**LAST CHANCE . . .**

Anyone interested in submitting any changes or additions for the new Birch Lake Directory must have them turned in by 6/22. This is the FINAL date, as it is going to press the next day. You can drop them off to Janet Reynolds - south side (14930 Birch Lakeshore Dr.), call her at 8877 or fax them to 2855.

**BIRCH LAKE DIRECTORY UPDATE**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LAKE ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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