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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Allowing a former English teacher to see this years' "Commodore's Comments" was a mistake. She graciously (and with perhaps more mirth than was merited) expounded upon some egregious spelling errors and stilted styling, with the result that I now suffer from a monumental case of writer's block. Thanks Mom! (She's still exacting revenge for the "frog incident" of 1973.)

It was delightful to see so many of you at the cocktail party last Saturday. Special thanks are due to veteran bartenders Bruce Wagner and Dean Davis and to their protege Bob Herms.

With last weekend's glorious weather Summer seems finally to have arrived. After the regatta on Saturday, June 29, the next BLYC events are clustered around the 4th of July holidays. Fireworks are scheduled for nightfall on July 4 (with a July 5 raindate). The boat parade will begin at 4 p.m. (Ind), (5 p.m. Mich time) on Saturday, July 5, beginning at John and Claudia Gableman's (South # 48). The Pancake Breakfast is tentatively planned for 8 a.m. (Ind), (9 a.m. Mich time) at Camp Tannadoonah. The sailing season will also officially commence (that is, scores will begin to be kept) on the 4th of July weekend. For more information about the June 29 regatta and the sailing schedule, please peruse Fleet Captain Bob King's materials in this issue.

Although Homeowners' Association dues can be paid any time, you are encouraged to do so by July 1 in order to be eligible to vote for the directors of the Homeowners' Association who will serve for the next three years. The annual Homeowners' Association dues are \$10. The current directors of the Homeowners' Association are Dean Davis, Bill King, Herm Kruggel, Rick Russworm and Scott Troeger.

1997 CALENDER OF EVENTS

Fireworks	Friday, July 4, Dark Saturday, July 5, Rain date	Tannadoonah
Boat Parade	Saturday, July 5, 4:00pm	
Pancake Breakfast	Sunday, July 6, 8:00am	Tannadoonah
Garage Sale	Saturday, July 12	
Vice-Commodore's Party-Karoake	Saturday, July 19	BLYC
Men's Golf Outing	Friday, July 25	Park Shore/ BLYC
Homeowner's Assn Committee Annual Meeting		BLYC
Ladies' Golf Outing	Friday, August 1	Park Shore/ BLYC
Jimmy Buffet Party	Saturday, August 2	BLYC
Corn and Sausage	Saturday, August 9, 5:30	BLYC
Fall Dinner	Saturday, August 23	BLYC
Sailing Trophies	Monday, September 1, 10:00am	BLYC

DUES AND FIREWORKS CONTRIBUTIONS

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LAURA EMORY, age 11, recently returned from a school trip to St. Malo, France, on the Brittany coast. Laura thought the family she stayed with was interesting and that overall it was a good trip, but she noted that "France is weird."

Congratulations to Ryan Gableman for receiving the silver medal in the recent INT International Water Sports Wakeboard competition. Look for Ryan doing his various wakeboard tricks on Birch Lake.

If you are looking for a BABYSITTER, please contact Brittany Gableman at 2132. Brittany is 12 years old and CPR certified.

The annual 4th of JULY BOAT PARADE will be held Saturday, July 5th at 4:00pm. Decorate your boat in any style! Be fancy like these past entries - Cleopatra's Barge, the Giant Supersoaker, Pirate ship, Gilligan's Island, etc. or just put a few flags and balloons and join in the fun! There is no entry fee and all boats receive a prize. At 4:00 pick up your entry # at the Reynold's two story natural cedar home on the South side and proceed past the judges on the Gableman's pier a few houses from the Reynolds. All boats then parade around the Lake for all to see. Back at the Gableman's, awards will be presented. Let's keep this wonderful Birch Lake tradition going! Participate and become part of the fun. If you have any questions, call Claudia Gableman at #2132.

LADIES GOLF OUTING - Mark your calendars for the Ladies Golf Outing to be held on Friday, August 1st (9am Indiana time) at the Park Shores Golf Course, Cassopolis. It will be a scramble format again with a delicious luncheon and awards ceremony at the Yacht Club. More details to follow in the next Barker.

MEN'S GOLF OUTING - The 37th Annual Birch Lake Open

Date: Friday, July 25, 1997

Time: 11:00am (IN) - Shotgun Start

Place: Park Shore Golf Club, Cassopolis, MI

Price: \$50 per man for golf, cart, favor, door prizes, prime rib dinner, refreshments

Deadline: July 19 - First come, first served basis. 72 golfer limit

Contact: Rich Mullin - 8820 or 219-277-8884
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Entry fees can be dropped off at Rich Mullins on weekends.

Sponsors: Hole and door prize sponsors needed. Special thanks to last years sponsors: Kruggel, Lawton & Co. (Kevin Kruggel), Buzz Rasmussen, Barger Box (Randy Welsh), Bender Mold (Dick Bender), Eagle Lake Marine, Factory Tile, Inc. (Lindzy's), American Express, Financial Advisors (Bob King), Transamerica (Dan Reynolds), Wells Electronics, Inc. (Rich Mullin).

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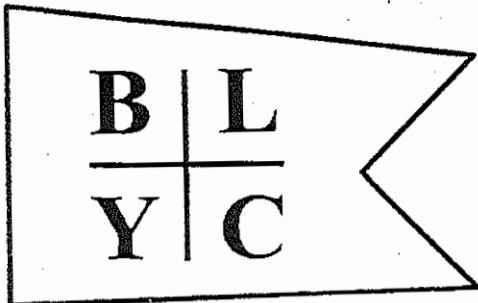
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June 1997

FLEET NEWS

Ahoy there! The preseason is under way & it's been wild. The wind has been outstanding. You may have seen three Sunfish streaking across the lake on Sunday June 8th. The Sunfish has a planing hull. As speed increases it rises on the water & surfs on top (rather than cutting through & displacing it). Last Sunday, Fathers Day, was all this Dad could ask for. It was a beautiful brisk day where we rose on plane in bursts, sailing three smooth speedy races. Better still, we had two new sailors out for practice. Welcome!

Sunday, June 22nd, we will sail at 2:00 pm to give afternoon racing a try. After that I'll poll the fleet as to preference, we'll pick a time & stick with it for the season (regattas are exceptions). Speaking of regattas, regatta kid? is in 8 days. After that we sail the 4th of July regatta (2:00 pm - 07/04 & 11:00 am - 07/05).

In conversation with lakelanders I'm told about all the other things kids have to do today: soccer, power-boats, PWCs, etc. I wonder if they were ever introduced to sailing? Turned loose without being shown could lead to frustration (see points of sail, last Barker). Try to ride with a sailor the first time out.

Anyone can drive a jet-ski, *that's why they are so dangerous* - too much power coupled with little (or no) instruction. Sailing is an acquired art. If you dislike PWCs you should love sailors ... we are sooo quiet! What we need from the boaters is right-of-way. Please remember & remind guests not to cut through races & give way to sailboats at all times - check out the rules in the Michigan Boater's Guide.

regatta kid? will sail Sunday June 29th. Gather at the public lot below the Yacht Club (next to Bender's) at 10:00 am for registration, coffee, juice & doughnuts. Captain & crew need to report with their boats ready - I will arrange a temporary tie up. Everyone is welcome, the entry fee is \$0, there will be prizes for the winners & a FREE shirt for the kids (see below).

We'll regatta at 11:00 am. Hopefully we can get in three races on a short course in an hour. When I say short course, I mean SHORT - geared to the attention span of a kid - the triangle may be as small as 150 yards per leg. Contact me by Sunday June 22nd so I can have a shirt ready for your crew. Come on out!

All times are Indiana Standard Time (we never change ...).

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regatta kid?

Birch Lake Sailing Club

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

regatta kid?

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