



Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The long awaited and eagerly anticipated Vice-Commodore's Karaoke Party is upon us, this Saturday at the clubhouse with cocktails beginning at 7 p.m. (Ind time), 8 p.m. (Mich. Time) and with the performances commencing at 8 p.m. (Ind. time), 9 p.m. (Mich. time). Don't miss this chance to experience the angelic tones and graceful gyrations of your friends and neighbors on the stage. Better yet, seize this opportunity to show Hollywood and Nashville what they are missing. For your Commodore, who is both tone deaf and ignorant of any aspect of popular culture, this will be purely a spectator sport. The Vice-Commodore, on the other hand, is rumored to combine the voice of a Pavarotti with the explosive stage energy of a Mick Jagger.

The Michigan Boating Safety Certification course will be presented by the Cass County Marine Sheriff's Department on August 9, 1997 at the BLYC clubhouse from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Michigan time), 7 a.m. to 12 noon (Indiana time). At the conclusion of the course, boating safety certificates will be awarded to successful participants aged 12 to 16. These certificates entitle persons between the ages of 12 and 16 to operate watercraft with motors greater than 6 horsepower in Michigan, without the immediate supervision of an older person. The course is also recommended for persons over age 16 as a useful refresher on water safety principles and boating laws and regulations. Persons who are now age 11 may take the course this year, and will receive their boating safety certificates when they reach age 12. Those interested in this course should telephone the Cass County Sheriff's office at (616) 445-8644 to register (registration is necessary so the certificates can be prepared for distribution at the conclusion of the course). There is no charge for the course. Participants should bring a #2 pencil and a bag lunch.

I wish to thank Marty Asire for making Birch Barker deliveries for the West Side the last couple of weeks.

1997 CALENDER OF EVENTS

Indiana time

Vice-Commodore's Party (Karaoke)	Saturday, July 26	BLYC
Ladies' Golf Outing	Friday, August 1	Park Shore/BLYC
Caribbean Party (Jimmy Buffet)	Saturday, August 2,	BLYC
Corn & Sausage	Saturday, August 9, 5:30	BLYC
Ladies' Luncheon	Tuesday, August 12	BLYC
Fall Dinner	Saturday, August 23	BLYC
Sailing Trophies	Monday, September 1, 10:00	BLYC

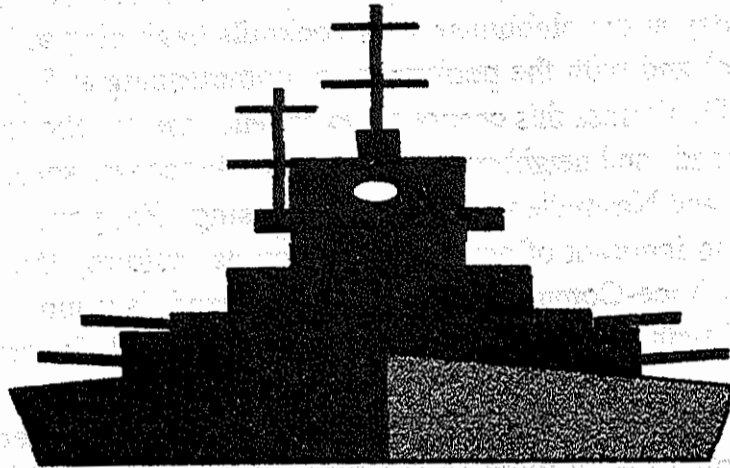
JIMMY BUFFETT, CARIBBEAN NIGHT - Saturday, August 2, at 7:30 - Remember to bring an Hors D'oeuvres to share. We will be serving margaritas, plus beer and other drinks. Special entertainment will start at 8:30, so be there early. There will be a \$3.00 cover charge per person at the door. Come dressed in fun, island attire. We still need help with the bar, decorations and clean-up. Call us at 476-2760, if you would like to help. By Jim and Sally Beck.

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The Birch Lake Rarker

Provided by: Craig Dugan, Ross Gableman, Ryan Gableman, and Kevin Thornton

USS RARKER



The Swim Across the Lake is Here

The time has come! The swim across Birch Lake is finally here! We have compiled all of your requests and concluded that the time of the swim should be held at approximately 1:00 p.m. (central standard time) on the date of Saturday July 26th. We will meet at the end of Gableman's pier (SO48). Our resources are limited, so feel free to bring a coast guard approved life preserver and/or sunscreen. Also, if you feel it is necessary, you may bring inner tubes, goggles, flippers, snorkels, or even throw in the family couch if you would like. Swimmers of all levels are welcome and a boat will be provided in case you get tired. Don't forget to bring a smile! =)
For more information call 2132 or 2814.

----- NEWS FLASH -----

Les Jensen turned 94 years old Tuesday July 22, 1997! Happy Birthday Les!

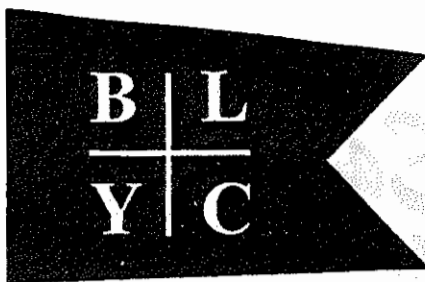
The Birch Lake Rarker added the News flash section to their news letter!

FUN FACTS

- ***THE FIRST COMPUTER WAS FORTRAN WHICH WAS OVER 2000 SQUARE FEET IN VOLUME
- *** IN 1833 THE BATTLE OF FERGUSON BETWEEN THE SCOTTS AND THE BRITISH LUNGED ON FOR AN AMAZING 3 WEEKS
- ***TRUE OR FALSE: THE RARKER WAS PRINTED ON AN EPSON *STYLUS* COLOR II's
- ***LAST WEEKEND IN A GOLF OUTING IN BATON ROUGE AL GORE RUPTURED HIS PELVIS TRYING TO GET HIS BALL FROM A TREE
- ***TRUE OR FALSE: WHO INVENTED THE WHEEL?
- ***THE NETWORK OF VEINS IN YOUR BODY WOULD CIRCLE THE EARTH 7 AND A 1/2 TIMES IF RIPPED OUT OF YOUR CIRCULATORY SYSTEM AND LAID OUT
- ***BILL CLINTON WAS REELECTED IN 1996 OVER THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE BOB DOLE
- ***THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF CLOWNS IN A CIRCUS IS 23.716
- ***NEW DELHI INDIA IS LOCATED AT 36 NORTH LATITUDE AND 32 WEST LONGITUDE

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Special Thanks to the following: Kevin Sheetz, Joseph Williams, Jailbird, the CEO of Entrepreneur Publications, and Matt Williams who broke the record this week!



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FLEET NEWS

Last weekend there were some old & new faces out racing! The Hobie Turbo that sailed with the MCs belongs to Vel DeKreek, a past National champ, visiting Don Harmon from St. Petersburg, FL. All sailors & all boats are welcome to join in. I need to again ask a courtesy of those operating powerboats during the races. We sail every Sunday at 11:00 am (IN). Please don't cut through the course during races. It's both dangerous & very frustrating. We sail a triangular course which leaves half the middle for PWCs & ample space around the outside of the triangle for powerboat traffic. Thanks go to Bill, Leslie & Cal King for starting our two races.

		Race #		Season Standings	
07/20 - Results:		①	②	Points	Place
Sunfish	S. Troeger	1	2	6282	1
	T. Howard	4	1	6130	2
	B. King	7	4	5305	3
	J. Bolinger	6	7	5159	4
	D. Olson	2	5	4301	5
	J. Gableman	5	3	2760	6
	M. Gotstein	3	dns	1454	7
	B. Parsons	dnf	6	1235	8
	D. Weaver	dnf	dns	0	na
	M. Machalleck	dns	dns	0	na
MCs	K. Kruggel	dns	dns	0	na
	T. Athanas	dns	dns	0	na
	H. Cranmer	1	1	6361	1
	D. Harmon	3	2	6126	2
	R. Harmon	2	3	5893	3
Starters	B. Harlan	dns	dns	2758	4
	T. Troeger	dns	dns	0	na
	Plaia			2	1/2
	Pitakas			2	1/2
	Sante			1	3/4
	King			1	3/4

If you wonder who won last weeks races, or, if you sailed & want to know if you have moved into the top (3) places for season standings ... check in the Monday South Bend Trib. Results will be reported if space is available!

SAILING

Birch Lake results

At Birch Lake Yacht Club

MC Division

Race 1: 1. Harold Cranmer, Elkhart; 2. Rick Harmon, South Bend; 3. Don Harmon, Vandalia

Race 2: 1. Cranmer; 2. Don Harmon; 3. Rick Harmon

Season Standings: 1. Cranmer 6,361 pts.; 2. Don Harmon 6,126 pts.; 3. Rick Harmon 5,873 pts.

Sunfish Division

Race 1: 1. Scott Troeger, Elkhart; 2. Dave Olson, South Bend; 3. Mike Gotstein, St. Joseph, Mich.

Race 2: 1. Tom Howard, Vandalia; 2. Troeger; 3. John Gableman, Vandalia

Season Standings: 1. Troeger 6,282 pts.; 2. Howard 6,130 pts.; 3. Bob King, South Bend 5,305 pts.

from SBT Monday edition 07/21/97

We are still gathering orders for a club flag - a burgee. The Troeger clan dug into memories long past & recreated the design of the Birch Lake Yacht Club burgee. The expected cost is \$15-25 for a design similar to the flag below.



Want a burgee? Call 2128 Sundays - or - 219-299-0705 during the week. Bob King

Ladies Luncheon

The committee is working on the plans for the Tuesday, August 12th luncheon. The Heavenly Birch Lake theme will be carried through from appetizers to dessert. Darlene Troyer will be catering the luncheon again for us this year and those who were at last years luncheon know what a fantastic job she can do.

A discussion of three different kinds of favors led to "Let's make all three favors for each guest!" The committee will be working very hard to prepare great food and special favors and prizes for our guest.

Friends and relatives are welcome to join us. Please call any member of the committee to make your reservations. Since we are handcrafting the favors it will be very helpful for us to know as soon as possible the number of guest that will be attending.

Come join us, it won't be any fun without you! Tickets will be \$7.50 / person.

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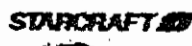
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