



BIRCH BARKER

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Judging by the quantities consumed last Saturday, corn and sausage seems to be one of those universally popular combinations, like ham and eggs, hotdogs and baseball, Motherhood and apple pie and a few other things best left to the imagination. The talented crew of cooks and inside workers (servers, bartenders, runners, shuckers and moneyhandlers) included Marty Asire, Kevin Barker, Dean and Phyllis Davis, Claudia and Ross Gableman, Bernie and Blair Garceau, Jim Hettmansperger, Tim Lauver, Jim Pagano, Buzz and Linda Rasmussen, Vicki and Randy Rogers, Rick and Patti Russwurm, Tony Sacco and Bob Waddle. John Gableman chaired the event, Rick Russwurm took charge of the inside arrangements, Holly Troeger did the shopping and Earl Troeger obtained two of the necessary ingredients - the corn and the sausage. As in past years, the generosity of Kevin Bullard in donating the corn (which my children at least consider the best corn in the world) is greatly appreciated.

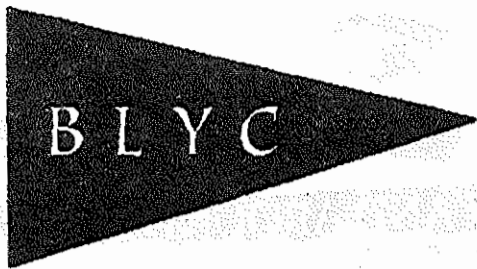
The Michigan Boating Safety certification course last Saturday at the clubhouse had an outstanding turnout of 37 participants. Dan Covey and Ron Carlisle of the Cass County Marine Sheriff's department are to be thanked for making this course available in such a convenient venue.

The Fall Dinner is now only a week away, so don't forget to send in your reservations and checks. We need to provide the caterer a final attendance number early this week. Another convenient form for this purpose is attached to this issue of the Birch Barker. The menu is chicken breasts; roast beef au jus; noodles; green beans amandine; salads; rolls; cake and ice cream. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. (Ind. time), 6:30 (Mich time) and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. (Ind. time), 7:30 p.m. (Ind. time).

Tom Howard didn't heed - indeed he flaunted - my admonition about not messing with Mother Nature in the sailboat races, and as a result you may have noticed all the gloomy rainy weather we've had this week. There is still time to correct course, Tom.

1997 BIRCH LAKE FALL DINNER RESERVATION

Name: _____	(Make checks payable to Birch Lake Yacht Club)
Number of Adults _____ x \$8.50 = _____	
Number of Children _____ x \$4.50 = _____	
_____ Total	



August 1997

FLEET NEWS

The weatherman finally smiled on us last weekend! The winds were great on Saturday & several sailors went out for pleasure & practice. Sunday the breeze held for two races; results are posted below. It was especially nice to see Dr. Tom out with the MCs & Marty in the Sunfish fleet. Tom Howard is pacing the Sunfish with some new toys on his boat. The MCs are tight in scoring with Harold showing the way to the Harman boys. We all thank Stewart Spratt & his buddy Joe for their efforts on the start boat (the Graceful Lady).

		Race #		Season Standings	
07/20 - Results:		1	2	Points	% Place
Sunfish	T. Howard	1	1	10960	1
	S. Troeger	2	2	10798	2
	B. King	5	3	9596	3
	J. Bolinger	4	5	9150	4
	D. Olson	3	4	8513	5
	J. Gableman	dns	dns	2760	6
	M. Gotstein	dns	dns	1454	7
	M. Sante	6	dns	1235	8/9
	B. Parsons	dns	dns	1235	8/9
MCs	H. Cranmer	2	1	11033	1
	D. Harman	4	3	10569	2
	R. Harman	1	2	10488	3
	T. Troeger	3	4	2833	4
	B. Harlan	dns	dns	2758	5
Starters	Plaia			2	1/2
	Pitakas			2	1/2
	Spratt			1	3/4/5
	Sante			1	3/4/5
	King			1	3/4/5

* Place in the weekly posted season standings are reflecting a sailors aggregate points to date. As in years past, we award season place on average (divide points by races sailed). Two provisions keep someone from scoring high in a few races & trying to protect a place without defense on the water (ie: 1st in one race yields a perfect # of points). A minimum # of races must be sailed & bonus points reward sailors for up to 15 races/year.

Remember, if a couple extra bonus points might make a difference you can bring kids out for 10 points/race!

The starters are also in a real tight race to the finish with multiple ties on the books! Thanks again ...

The last of the regatta kid's shirts are here. I will try to call you if you had a kid on board who never got a shirt -or- you ordered one & have not picked it up at the last two yacht club parties. Feel free to call me at 2128 on Sundays after the racing or 219-299-0705 through the week. See you on the water ... Cap'n Bob

GARAGE SALE + FREEZER - Stop by Machallecks this Friday and Saturday (16th & 17th). You are sure to find some treasures.

CAMP TANNADOONAH is planning two "parties" for us! The first being September 13th (Saturday) for general work around the camp. The second date will be November 8th (Saturday) to rake leaves. If you would be willing to donate your time please call Al Choitz at 219-272-7189. REMEMBER, the alternative to helping the Camp is a mobile home park? Condos? It's a choice piece of land we Birch Lakers need to help protect.

TOM and NANCY DECOCKER welcomed their fourth grandchild Ethan Sandock on July 13th. Ethan, the Son of Aaron and Karen Sandock, has a big sister Aris and big cousin, Quinn.

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WANTED TO BUY - FISHING MOTOR - 3 to 10HP - Check your garage for any old motor you may have forgotten about. Please call Tom DeCocker at 291-7654 weekdays or 9821 on weekends.

1997 CALENDER OF EVENTS

Indiana time

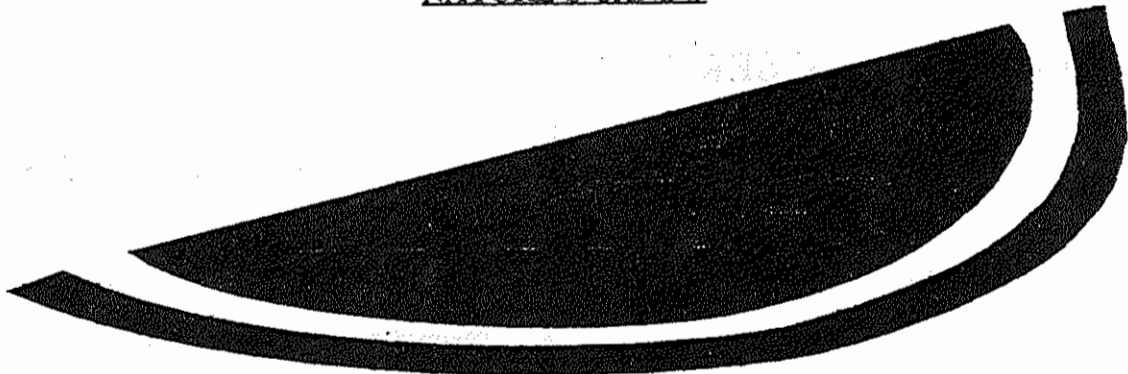
Homeowners' Association	Saturday August 16-10am	BLYC
Fall Dinner	Saturday, August 23	BLYC
Sailing Trophies	Monday, September 1-10am	BLYC

THE LAKE LADIES would like to thank the luncheon committee for a memorable day of fellowship and great food prepared by Darleen Troyer. An article will be included in the next issue regarding the luncheon.

ARLINE and JOHN MACHALLECK returned to the Lake in mid June. Soon after their arrival, Daughter Mary Ann Desmond came from Vancouver Washington to spend the summer at the Lake. Granddaughters Buffy and Hilary also visited the Machalleck compound to attend Brian's wedding and help celebrate Arline and John's 57th wedding anniversary on July 14th. Buffy and Hilary then went back to Washington to pick up Buffy's furniture and drive it back to Michigan. After three broken down trucks and three days on the road they finally made it to the Lake. They then spent a few more days with the Machallecks and drove on to Detroit where Buffy is enrolled at Wayne State where she is taking a 4 year program to become a doctor. While attending orientation the girls attended a picnic where Buffy won a book certificate for running a three legged race. Hilary went back to her home in Phoenix Arizona and Buffy came back to spend a few more days at the Lake.

The Birch Rarker

NATURE'S CANDY



Old Birch Lake Barkers: Judy Olsen gave the rarker staff a box of old birch barkers. We noticed many things that have changed over the years in this publication. First of all in a 1963 they actually had pictures in the barker. We noticed that there was a birch lake dump on elbow lake and Shavehead lake road. In some of these issues they had plans for building a yacht club, and they were looking for several items that could be used in the new building. Some of these were a ping pong table, a basketball hoop, and a jukebox. We feel that these items would still be useful today, and think that we should whatever we can to try to obtain them.

FUN FACTS

THE LONGEST PRISON SENTENCE EVER SERVED WAS 7 LIFE SENTENCES BY BILLY JOE TOLBERT OF ROMANIA.

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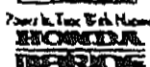
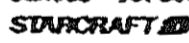
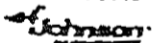
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