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# BIRCH BARKER

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The coldest winter I have ever spent, was the "Summer of '97" at Birch Lake.

Reflecting on this Lake season it is difficult not to hold contempt for Mother Nature, and her choice of weather. During these cool and wet times the Yacht Club's functions are so vital in keeping the Lake morale.

In June, summer was reluctant to take on Spring's post. However, at the Commodore's Party there was no lack of toast.

August seems anxious to usher Autumn in, but not until Sausage and HOT grilled CORN from the bin.

The Fall dinner had 90 attendees, and we were all graciously served at the bar by Terry Curtis, and Dr. Joe Toth. Dinner was catered by Bonnie & Clyde's.

Near the end of the night I was given charge of the Yacht Club by Scott Troeger. Another bloodless transfer of ~~Power~~, I mean responsibility at the BLYC.

Jim Beck took time away from mourning his 50th Birthday to accept the post as Vice Commodore. THANKS JIM.

And finally, thanks again to Scott, Holly and the Troeger family for your time and energy in making this another successful BLYC year.

## BIRCH LAKE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

### QUESTIONNAIRE

1. In your opinion, what are the best things about Birch Lake?

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2. In your opinion, what are the biggest problems with, or threats to, Birch Lake?

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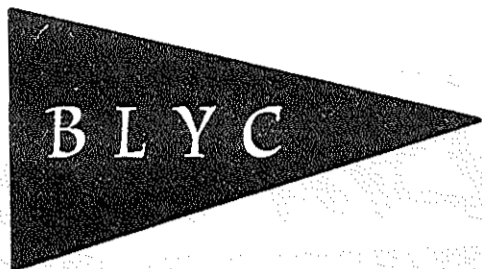
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Please return the completed questionnaire to any of Scott Troeger, Rick Russwurm, Herm Kruggel, Bill King or Dean Davis. Thank you.

**IMPORTANT MEETING** - It is the **NEWBURG-PORTER FIRE** and **AMBULANCE** crews that respond to Birch Lake calls for help.

There will be a meeting September 25th at 7:00 (Michigan) at the Newburg Township Hall regarding the funding that our Porter Township provides for emergency services to Newburg-Porter Fire Station.

This is very important issue to all Birch Lake residents so we hope you will put it on your calendar right away and plan to attend. Homeowner's Assn.



# FLEET NEWS

The regular season ended with two slow races last Sunday, results are below. A few words on scoring. To qualify for the season each sailor had to sail 2/3 of the races -- 6 of the 9. Bonus points were added prior to averaging. No races were thrown out. A *third season* opens & closes this weekend with the Labor Day Regatta. Hopefully sailors who were absent during the year can come out to fill the fleet.

Tom Howard started an "arms race" with lots of new gizmos on his boat -- we may make him sail with the MCs from now on. I suspect new daggerboards may be the Christmas gift of choice! Tom studied & adopted some strategies that put him atop the leader board & has offered to *share* what he has learned with the rest of us. Call him for help (I will -- the view of his transom is getting tiring). Maybe we should arrange a clinic for sailors, both beginner & advanced, in the spring of 98.

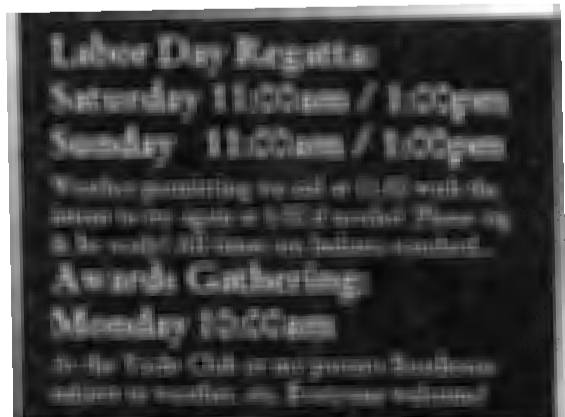
		Race #		Final Season Standings			
08/24 - Results:		①	②	Points	# Races	Average	Place
Sunfish	T. Howard	1	1	14180	9	1576	1
	S. Troeger	2	2	13820	9	1540	2
	D. Olson	4	4	11271	8	1409	3
	B. King	3	3	12594	9	1399	4
	J. Bolinger	5	5	11762	9	1307	5
	J. Gableman	dns	dns	2760	2	na	6
	M. Gotstein	dns	dns	1454	1	na	7
	M. Sante	dns	dns	1235	1	na	8/9
	B. Parsons	dns	dns	1235	1	na	8/9
MCs	H. Cranmer	2	3	11033	9	1558	1
	D. Harman	1	1	10569	9	1532	2
	R. Harman	4	2	10488	9	1489	3
	B. Harlan	3	4	2833	4	na	4
	T. Troeger	dns	dns	2758	2	na	5
Starters	Pitakas			3			1
	Plaia			2			2/3
	Spratt			2			2/3
	Sante			1			4/5
	King			1			4/5

Thanks to the starters who ran the races. Thanks to the South Bend Tribune for publishing race results. Thanks to all the spouses who let us go sailing. Thanks to the sailors for coming out to play. Birch Lake is a place where you always seem to get more than you gave. Thanks for the honor bestowed on Leslie & me. We are blessed to have the love & support of so many dear friends.

regatta kid? shirts have been in for a month. Please contact me if you ordered. I have paid for the shirts to square the books. Make payment to me if your shirts were delivered.

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Burgee order is in progress. I will contact those who ordered when available.



It was a good summer for Camp Tannadoonah. A record number of campers enjoyed lots of sunshine and camping fun. We hope those of you who attended the annual Pancake Breakfast at camp over the 4th of July weekend noticed that camp was a bit more "spruced" than in prior years. Some of this sprucing was due to the generous donation of time, talent, and muscles from fellow Birch lakers.

Trees were cut, trimmed, and split by John Scofield, Dean Davis, and Don Harman and Don and Lind Harman painted the flagpole--with a little help from a Koontz-Wagner cherry picker. Bruce Harlan and Judy and Dave Olson helped tear down the decrepit old Caretakers cabin. Phyllis Davis, Julie Weaver, Lavidia Scofield and newlyweds Julie and DeWayne Weaver helped paint cabins, rake leaves, sand and seal cupboards in the Dining Hall, and performed many small repairs needed in the cabins. Concrete wizard, Doug Bollenbacher rebuilt the west ell of the seawall and made safety repairs to the long wall. A new storage shed was purchased and erected. Bruce Harlan and Gary Smith repaired the Main Gate damaged by vandals.

What does all this mean? It means that with a lot of help from Birch lakers--a lot of good things happened at Camp Tannadoonah.

The Camp Fire governing Board is most appreciative of this help and wants to thank each of you. We also thank all of you who support the Pancake Breakfast annually.

More changes and further improvements will continue at the camp under the leadership of South Bend's Martha and Al Choitz, longtime Board members and camp benefactors. Al still has quite a few things on the "To Do" list and he is hopeful that many Birch lake people will continue to help.

The Camp "HELP" days will be:

Saturday--September 13th--10am to 4pm

Saturday, November 8th--10am to 4pm--to rake a leaf or two (Please bring a rake)

(The November 8th date is a correction from the last BARKER)

Even a few hours will help

See you there ???

Judy Olson/Bruce Harlan  
Camp Fire Board members  
Camp Tannadoonah Committee

**THE BIRCH BARKER  
FINAL EDITION!**

It is time for the Rarker staff to say goodbye. Most of us will leave in a week. It was a fun ride while it lasted.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:**

Dear Rarker family,  
I want to compliment you guys on the great job you have done. I definitely think the Rarker is the best thing to hit the Barker since advertisements. It has impacted me on a highly emotional level. It has helped me with my kneeboarding and my relationships. Caleb Walker

Thank you for the letter Caleb. Glad to be of help to you.

I am writing because I was greatly offended by a fun fact in last weeks Rarker. It said, "the heaviest talk show host ever was Ricki Lake." It was incorrect. In the fall of '92 Oprah weight in at 400 pounds. Brett Asire

Way to go Brett. You definitely know your female talk show hosts.

THE RARKER-Continued

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ON THE LAKE - Last Tuesday I was out enjoying a beautiful summer day. The water was perfect for skiing and barefooting.

The tranquility was ruined by a waverunner jumping my wake at about 70 feet off of the boat's stern. We were forced to stop our boat and let the waverunner go by.

I am only asking that boaters be courteous to other boat drivers and anyone else on the lake. Chris Asire

EDITORS - Craig Dugan, Ryan & Ross Gableman

Thanks for your support. The Rarker couldn't have done it without you.

GREEN AND BLACK TUBE LOST in the "big storm". Burkets 2060

1997 BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 AT 9am. MEMBERS MIGHT CONFIRM DATE WITH AL COVER AS THIS IS A FOOTBALL GAME DATE AND WE COULD NOT REACH HIM PRIOR TO THIS PRINTING.

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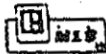
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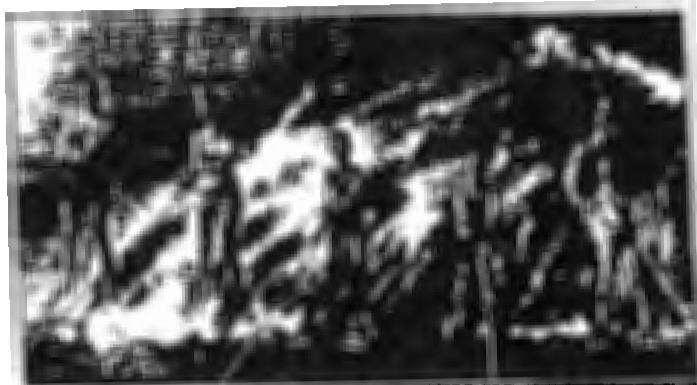
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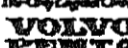
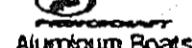
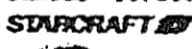
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