



Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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COMMODORES' COMMENTS

Often a manager, a president or commodore must wrestle with the delegation of duties and responsibilities. Your Commodore excels at this management trait.

Saturday evening was yet another fun, and successful event at the Yacht Club. Earlier in the week I was left with enough time to only question and remark on the preparations for the Cocktail Party. My lovely wife, Liz, continually reminded me that my role was as "figurehead". Thanks, Liz, for making it run smooth, and thanks to, Bob Waddle, Dr. Joe Toth and Holly Troeger for your work behind the bar.

As many of the attendees at last Saturdays Cocktail Party learned, the saga of the Club's new wooden deck continues. Brad Walker's help with the road commission, and Scott Troeger's legal advice and guidance allow us to remain hopeful. Sometime this season the deck will be approved, permitted, and finally finished.

The delay in construction offers us the opportunity to pay the project off before the work is finished. The Board would like to accomplish this in two ways:

1. Additional donations to the building fund.
2. Selling the balance of Birch Lake towels that remain. The towels had been priced at \$25 each. We now have a clearance sale price of \$15 for one towel or \$10 when you purchase two or more. Towels may be purchased by calling Cover's at 9339 or Troeger's at 9898. If any are left, they will also be available at the Pancake Breakfast.

More delegated, job well done, thanks to Herm Kruggel, Bill King and Dean Davis for their work selling ads for the Barker. Herm also worked with the Barker's printer, Jay Taylor at Union Sales and Publications, to organize and tidy-up the ad section. And, in case you wonder, the advertising pays for all costs associated with the Barker. Thank our advertisers with your business.

Final thanks to the anonymous lumberjack for cleaning the fallen tree off of the Yacht Club.

1998 SCHEDULE-June and July

Indiana time

Fireworks	Saturday, July 4, Dark <i>Sunday, July 5, rain date</i>	TANNADOONAH
Boat Parade	Saturday, July 4, 4:00	
Pancake Breakfast	Sunday, July 5, 8:00	TANNADOONAH
Garage Sale	Saturday, July 11, 8:00am	
Vice-Commodore Party	Saturday, July 18, 5:30	BLYC
Ladies Luncheon	Thursday, July 23, 11:30	BLYC
Mens' Golf	Friday, July 31	Park Shore/BLYC

FOR RENT-LAKEFRONT on Westside - \$550 weekly - Please call Brad Walker 2515

Welcome to the Lake - Suzanne, Roger, Emily and Jake Faulk. The Faulk's reside at 14763 Birch Northshore Drive.

We are sorry to report the death of Ceclia Goddard, a Northside resident.

FOR SALE-New Beginners Training Ski's - "Ski-Tech" - up to 90 pounds. Please call Bliler's 9688.

Mary Olson died this past week. Mary, the Mother of David Olson, East side, came to Birch Lake in 1955 and resided here many years.

The Camp has requested if the Lake people would save the following items to be used for crafts: baby food jars, gallon plastic milk jugs, old white sheets, scraps of fabric, buttons, shoe boxes, pie tins. You may leave at the Camp or on Judy Olson's back porch (E127).

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WELCOME to Jim and Nancy Calderwood and their children Jammie & Jeff. The Calderwood's, of Berrien Springs, are West side residents.

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FLEET NEWS

The preseason is under way. Come on out & enjoy sailing in the fresh June breeze. We intend for the informal racing to be a way for everyone to get acquainted with the sport of sailing.

At the sailors meeting Tom Howard suggested I offer the help of our group to anyone who wants to sail. If you want help making your boat lake-worthy, just need a little sailing guidance, or want to hitch a ride with someone on their boat let me know! I will match you up with a willing captain.

In the box at the right you will find our 1998 Schedule. We have agreed to continue some of the provisions from last year that are intended to have fun while limiting the "drifters". There are time limits -- if no boat makes the first mark in 30 minutes, or no boat makes the finish line in 90 minutes, the race is scuttled. Any race called due to lightning over the lake is scuttled & thrown out.

We always need help with the start boat. If we could find four+ groups, no one would need to volunteer more than once a month. If you want to learn how to run the start, try riding with someone who has done it before. It's a great way to see the racing.

The young inherit the future. We want to get a lot of kids out for *Regatta Kidz*. This was loads of fun last year for everyone. No one will be turned away. Find a ride now!

Thanks to all the boaters for coming out to watch the races last year & showing courtesy on the course.

See you on the water ... Cap'n Bob

1998 Schedule

Pre-Season:

Su - 06/14 - all day
Su - 06/21 - all day

Regatta Kidz:

Su - 06/28 - 1:00p meeting
2:00p race

4th of July Regatta:

Fr - 07/03 - 2:00p
Sa - 07/04 - 11:00a
Su - 07/05 - 11:00a (at need)

Season:

Su - 07/12
Su - 07/19
Su - 07/26
Su - 08/02
Su - 08/09
Su - 08/16
Su - 08/23
Su - 08/30

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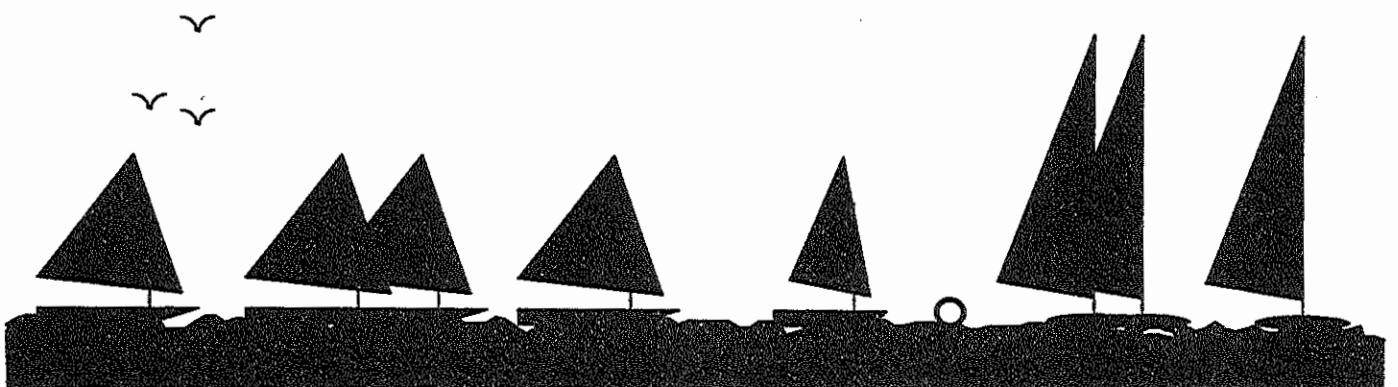
Labor Day Regatta:

Sa - 09/05 - 2:00p
Su - 09/06 - 11:00a
Mo-09/07 - 11:00a (at need)

Awards Gathering:

Mo - 9/7 - see you in Sept...

All times are IN standard



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