



**Birch Barken**  
**ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.**

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## COMMODORES' COMMENTS

Time flies when your weather includes the sun! The 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend has descended upon us so quickly. At least at our place there is one word that sums it all up; chaos.

The activity on the Lake seems to climax before and after the 4<sup>th</sup>. Last weekend was no exception, with the Regatta Kidz out sailing and many boats of all sizes on the water. I for one wanted to take to the water like Bob King's bunch, and sail quietly over the waves. With the help of friends, Scott Troeger, and a much improved sail from Dr. Joe and Helen Toth, my Brother and I got out on the Lake.....just in time for the wind to die. Except for my poor choice of timing, I am otherwise very excited about sailing, and encourage Lake folk of all ages to take your hand off the throttle, and challenge your self to ride the wind.

Again, I want to encourage everyone to join in the fun this holiday weekend.

### Events:

**Boat Parade:** Saturday, at 2:00pm starts at Reynolds for sign-up, and proceeds past the Gablemans for judging. All boats then parade around the Lake, and finish the loop back at the Gablemans for award presentations. There is no entry fee, and all boats receive a prize. Be creative, be crazy, be...

**Fireworks:** Saturday, at dusk, Thanks to all who have donated this year. Dare I say it, the rain date is Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Pancake Breakfast:** 8 till 11am Sunday, at Camp Tannadoonah's dining hall. Adult cost is \$4, Children 6-10 \$2, and children under 5, free. The food is great, and it is a great way to support the Camp. P.S. The Harman's have gone to lengths to make sure there will be hot coffee, and plenty of it.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend. Please remind your guests about the boating courtesy rules, and let's have another safe, accident free 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Al Cover, Commodore

### 1998 SCHEDULE- July *Indiana time*

Fireworks	Saturday, July 4, Dark Sunday, July 5, rain date	TANNADOONAH
Boat Parade	Saturday, July 4, 2:00	
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

Garage Sale at Klappauf's 63049 Birch Lake Road - Saturday and Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12.

**Shag Balls Needed** - Jon Roudot (Don and Lind Harman's Son-in-Law) will be conducting a golf clinic for the kid's at Camp Tannadoonah while Barb is doing Camp nursing during week 5. He is looking for donations of shag balls. As few or as many as you can donate would be greatly appreciated. To donate, just call Don or Lind Harman at 2039 and they will come and pick them up.

Long time resident, **Annie Haines** and her Daughter, **Peggy** of Florence, Italy will be staying at Cottage 126 this week. Tom and Nancy DeCoker bought the Haine's cottage three years ago and Annie is looking forward to seeing friends.

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## FLEET NEWS

July 1998

The second annual sailing event for kids was last weekend & we had loads of fun! As always, many thanks are in order. First, the refreshments were planned, provided & served by Amy Troeger & her friend Alice Corey. Stan Pitakos, Leslie King & Jim Beck ran the start on the Graceful Lady. Last but not least, thanks to my folks for letting us use our boathouse & lawn pre regatta. A handful of extra *Regatta Kidz 98* t-shirts are left. I will put them up for sale (&/or order more) at the Pancake breakfast Sunday-07/05 -- first come first served so go to Camp early & hungry!

The lake is especially crowded on Holidays. If last weekend was an indication, we are in for heavy traffic on the 4th. Please do not cut through the race while underway -- there were some close calls on Sunday. If you see large beach balls in the lake, leave 'em there, we may use them as additional race buoys for Sunfish.

In case you missed the Barker from a couple weeks ago, you will find the remaining race schedule in the box at the right. Can't make it out to race? Come out & join the spectator fleet. Better still, ride along on the start boat -- it's a great way to learn about sail racing! Happy 4th to all & *let's be careful out there!*

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

### Regatta Kidz 98 results:

	Race	
	1	2
<b>MCs</b>		
Don Harmon with Tyler	1	1
Scott Troeger, with Tori, Amy & Alice	3	2
Harold Cranmer with Chad & John	2	3
Rick Harmon with a mystery crew	dns	4
<b>Sunfish</b>		
Tom Howard with Kevin & Scott	1	dns
Bob King with Cal	2	1
Jim Bolinger with Becky	3	dnf
John Slayter with Chelsea	dns	2

### 1998 Schedule

#### 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

} 11:00a

#### 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

Still hope to have a BLYC burgee (flag) made. We are adding to the list of 20 who indicated an interest last year, 50 with most companies ... call me to add on!

Sailing lessons are being offered to youth on weekdays from 07/20 - 31 at the *Diamond Lake Yacht Club*, Cass, MI Organized by age / skill levels, including both on-shore & on-water experience. Familiarity with water / swim skills (for intermediate & advanced) required. Bring your own PFD (life jacket / boat coat), the boats are provided.  
*Harbor Mice* - age 6-7, having safe sailing fun, (4) 60 minute sessions, DLYC members \$12, non members \$16  
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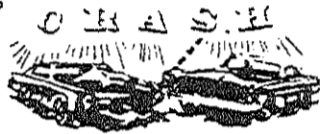
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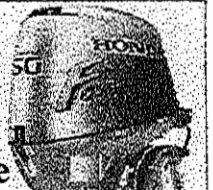


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