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ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE

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Issue 9

COMMODORES' COMMENTS

We have been blessed this season with splendidly "summery" weather! You know it's been nice when you hear Birch Lakers make comments like the following; sure hope we get some rain for the crops", and "my electric bill will be doubled purely because of the water pump for the lawn sprinklers." This Lake lubber doesn't care. I can soak my lawn by having our dog, Bailey, shake when he gets out of the water.

The Vice Commodore's party was another Yacht Club hit-event. Jim, Sally Beck, and their crew decorated the Yacht Club in great, Jimmy Buffet-Floridian flair. By the time Liz and I arrived, however, I thought the theme had been changed to Smokey's Barbecue and Blues. Honestly, Jim's organization and commitment have me looking forward to Yacht Club events next year.

Commodore notes:

1. Please sign up now for the Men's & Women's Golf Outing.
2. It is important you complete the enclosed Homeowner's Association questionnaire and return to any of the people listed in the paragraph directly under question 4.

Al Cover, Commodore

1998 SCHEDULE

Indiana time

Mens' Golf	Friday, July 31	Park Shore/BLYC
Ladies' Golf	Friday, August 7	Park Shore/BLYC
Corn & Sausage	Saturday, August 8, 5:30	BLYC
Homeowner's Association	Saturday, August 15, 10am	BLYC
Fall Dinner	Saturday, August 22	BLYC
Sailing Trophies	Monday, September 7, 10:00am	BLYC

I hope everyone enjoyed Caribbean night! We apologize for the smoky room, but grease fires can cause that. We learned a valuable lesson, grilling should be done outside! Many thanks to my Wife, Sally, and her friend, Angie Makay, for their help with decorations. Also, thanks to Bob "Marley" King for his nautical contributions. The bartenders did a great job, and we were able to keep the frozen margarita's flowing. Thanks to Dean Davis, Patty Russworm, Holly Troeger and Liz Cover. Also, a big thank you to Phyllis Davis and Marty Asire for, once again, taking money at the door. Thanks go to Don Harman for wiring a 220 outlet so the guys from "Phun Foods" could provide the elephant ears. Don, I really liked your glasses!! Thank you Steve and Julie Plaia for picking up and delivering our tequila and beer. As always, clean up is a real joy! Thanks to all who broke down the tables and chairs. I really appreciated the help Sunday afternoon from my Wife, Sally, Amy Everett, Jeff Walls, Bob King and Stan Pitakos. It's never a fun job! If you have a craving for more of the cheeseburgers, they can be purchased at Phun Food in Mishawaka on McKinley (By Teacher's Credit Union).

By: Jim Beck, Vice-Commodore

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We would like to thank the **GOOD SAMARITANS** who came to our rescue on Sunday, July 19th, in front of the Camp. Our pontoon had stalled and, thankfully, a kind couple in a red and white speed boat offered to tow us home. They wouldn't even give their names so that we could properly thank them, but we hope this lets them know how much their help was appreciated. **The Klappanfs**

BIRCH LAKE TRIVIA: Name the Father Dowling Mystery Novel in which Camp Tannadoonah is mentioned.

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THE CAMP TANNADOONAH STAFF and BOARD wish to thank the residents of Birch Lake for their generous support of the Camp. By all measures, the Pancake Breakfast was a huge success! The gift of over \$1500 will be used to upgrade sports equipment and make some pier repairs. We are hoping to start a golf program and considering some other sports programs.

It was great to see so many friends at the breakfast. Again, a thank you to all who came, to those who made extra donations, and to those who bought T-shirts, sweatshirts, and donated items for our craft programs. Your continued interest and support makes for a stronger Camp. BY: Cindy McCray, Director
PS. Adequate milk jugs have been received.

Answer to trivia question: Ralph McNerny's "Seed, of Doubt," Asked why he mentioned the Camp - because his daughter's had gone to the Camp. Read the Book and enjoy.

**MEN'S GOLF OUTING
38th BIRCH LAKE OPEN**

Park Shores Golf Course, Cassopolis, Mi

Friday, July 31 at 11:00am (IN), shotgun start!

The \$50/man entry fee covers golf, cart, favor, door prizes, refreshments and prime rib dinner. While the deadline for registration is July 26th, remember this is on a first-come-first serve basis... we fill the course with 72 golfers. Thanks again to those who have sponsored holes and provided door prizes in the past, we hope you will support this years event as well.

Contact Rich Mullin at 8820/277-8884 - Al Cover at 9339 - John Ball - stop by his place or 219-295-6021

.....**ENTRY FORM**.....

38th ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE OPEN

I am registering for MENS WOMENS (Please circle one) Payment enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Foursome: 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____
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Ladies Golf Outing

Park Shores Golf Course, Cassopolis, MI

Friday, August 7th at 9:00 am (Indiana time)



Join us at the next Birch Lake Ladies Golf Outing. We will play a "scramble" again, teaming four players of varying abilities ... you needn't be a pro to play. Everyone takes their shot and you all move to the "best ball". It's a great way for both beginners and frequent golfers to go out on the course and have some fun!

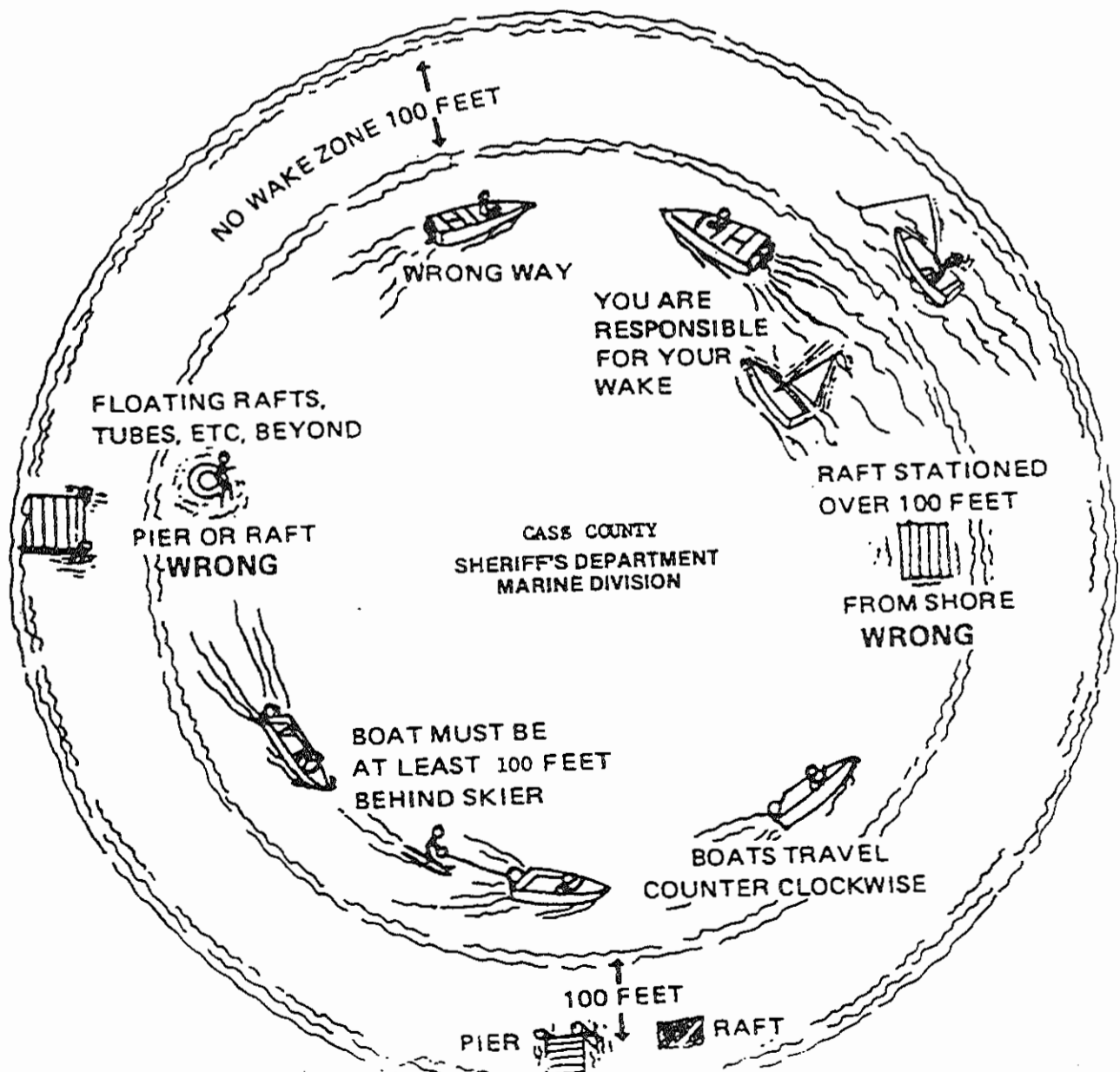
After golf in the morning we will share a delicious lunch as well as the awards ceremony at the Yacht Club. The cost is \$25 -- make checks payable to: BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB - LADIES GOLF OUTING. It is always helpful to make your own foursome, otherwise we will assemble groups as best we can. Please submit your entry no later than July 26th.

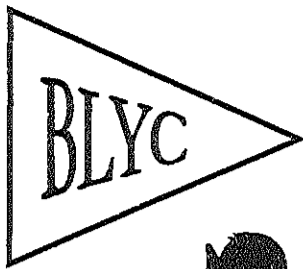
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Leslie King
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476-2128





FLEET NEWS



Last Saturday afternoon the Couples Race was scuttled for lack of wind, though Jim & Sally Beck were at the start bubble ready to go. Had they stayed out to drift around the triangle we would have had to award them first, second & third! We have agreed to give this another try, probably sometime in August -- watch this space for details.

Though Jim was ready to start the season races on time, we were delayed a bit by the foggy crew who joined him. Must have been a byproduct of the Buffet Party Saturday night. The winds were highly variable. You may have seen some boats moving at high speed (on plane) before the start of the second race.

It is wonderful to see all the boats out pleasure sailing Sunday afternoons. I've noticed some young people solo in Sunfish & hope they are future fleet racers. After finishing the second race a Hobie flew by with five or six kids on board, some on trapeze -- that sure looked fun! Even the Troyers had sails on their boat, putting the colors of another Hobie out on the lake.

07/19 - Race Results:

		Season Race #	
		3	4
Sunfish	S. Troeger	2	1
	B. King	1	4
	J. Howard	4	3
	J. Bolinger	5	5
	D. Olson	3	2
	M. Machalleck	dns	6
	D. Weaver	dns	dns
	J. Gableman	dns	dns
	C. Spratt	dns	dns
	J. Slaytor	dns	dns
T. Athanas	dns	dns	
MCs	H. Cranmer	2	1
	D. Harmon	1	3
	T. Howard *	3	2
	B. Harlan	4	4
	R. Harmon	dns	dns
	T. Troeger	dns	dns
* T Howard sailed Earl's whale boat			
Starters	J. Beck	2	
	S. Pitakos	2	
	M. Sante	dns	
	S. Plaia	dns	
	W. King	dns	

WANTED
Old Sunfish sailboat for donation to the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Must be in deplorable condition. Seaworthy boat owners need not apply. Call 476-2128 to give away your hulk!

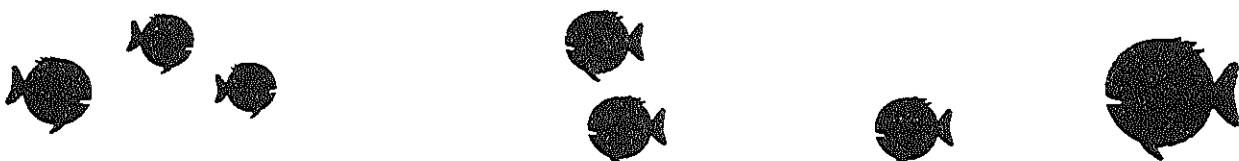
I have had inquiries from several lakers about the upcoming sailing lessons. Give me a call Sunday afternoon to add to our list.

The Tall Ships left Chicago bound for South Haven, MI where they are in port from 07/24-27. Last Sundays South Bend Tribune gave details.

Season Races every Sunday at 11:00am
All times are IN standard time ... we never change

CASS COUNTY BOATING SAFETY CLASS August 8 8am to 1 Michigan time

Classes we be held at the Sheriff's Office, 321 M 62 North in Cassopolis. Call 445-8644 between 9am & 4 to register. No charge for class. Certificate for 12 to 15 year olds - must be 12 this year. Adults welcome, Need to bring: Social Security Number. #2 Pencil and Sack Lunch. According to the Sheriff's Office, the new law will grandfather this class. So if you are between 14 and 19, planning to operate a waver runner next year you might consider this class.



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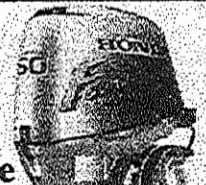
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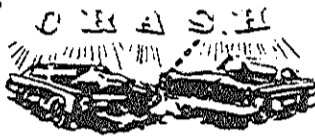
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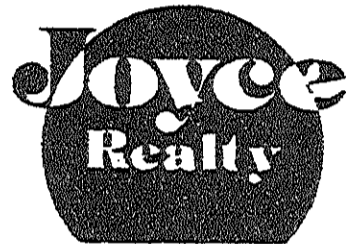
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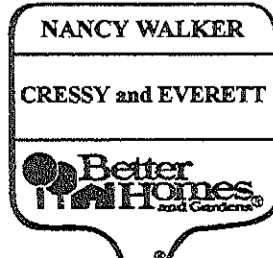
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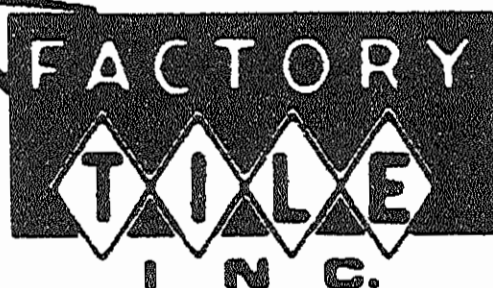
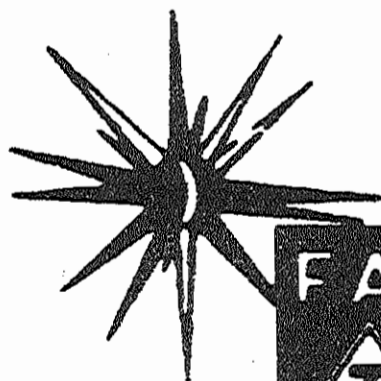
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