



# Birch Barken

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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## COMMODORES' COMMENTS

The recent behavior of Mother Nature leaves me speechless, or is that more correctly, commentless.

A relaxing, quiet weekend with no Yacht Club events makes this weeks column more difficult than usual.

Now is the time to begin fasting for the August 8<sup>th</sup> Corn and Sausage Roast. Last year we all noticed Judy Olson had 12 cobs of corn in front of her. We hear David won't let her eat all week prior to the event - or does David eat all the corn and place the cobs on Judy's plate? It might be interesting to watch and see what happens this year.

I hope everyone is enjoying these dog days of summer as much as I am. Have a great, safe weekend.

Al Cover, Commodore

## 1998 SCHEDULE

*Indiana time*

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

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Director's meetings, 9am Saturday, August 15, September 5

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**NEW FROM THE MACHALLECKS** - Was it bussing all last week at both Machallecks - John & Arline and Mike and Katha's.

Brian & Kris, Mike's & Katha's Daughter-in-law from Mishawaka and their puppy Tonka planned their vacation to be here at the Lake at the time his cousins would be here. Lori, Mike and Katha's Daughter also spent the week at her parents cottage.

Marianne Desmond of Vancouver, Washington, Daughter of Arline and John, came in Sunday morning and was picked up by her Daughters, Elizabeth, a second year medical student at Wayne State University and Hilary, from Scottsdale, Arizona, who had arrived at the Lake the day before. Hilary's friend Adam Schuer, a veterinarian from Scottsdale, arrived at the Lake and joined all of the cousins in a round of fun until he and Hilary had to leave Sunday morning.

Kathy, Arline & John's Daughter and her husband, Denny Wolf, arrived Friday afternoon, followed by their Daughter, Sarah coming from her summer job in Dayton, Ohio.

Arline and John attended the Senior Citizens Program at the Cass Fair, Thursday morning, returning Arline in time to attend the Ladies Luncheon with Marianne and Katha. It was a wonderful luncheon, and we all came home with prizes and favors.

Saturday night we all enjoyed a bonfire, swapping stories and enjoying the warmth of the fire and comradery of the clan!

How great to have family together for Birch Lake Fun! Needless to say, it was a blast having all the cousins together again doing their thing from morning until well into the night!

### ***"It's For The Birds"***

The kitchen is closed for another year and with grateful hearts we thank the ladies who attended the luncheon. From the comments made at the luncheon it sounded like every one had a good time. " The food was delicious, the decorations are beautiful ,thanks for the gifts" was heard as the ladies departed.

We were lucky enough to have so many door prizes donated that every lady took one home. Thanks to all who donated.

We have had fun preparing for the luncheon and enjoyed working as a team to get it ready for you. All our fun and work would not be worth it if we didn't have our dear friends to share it with us. Thanks again for attending.

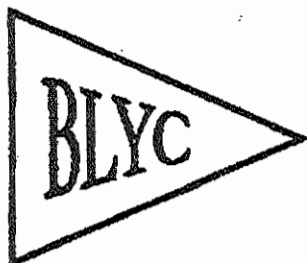
Now it is our turn to thank Chef Darlene who does all the buying and preparing of the food free of charge. We, the committee, are treating her to a lunch so she can sit down and enjoy it. Thank you for all your hard work Darlene!

See you next year everyone!

Darlene Troyer  
Dawn Troyer

Linda Curtis  
Helen Toth

Lind Harman  
Maryann O'Neill



July 1998

## FLEET NEWS

Sunday was another day that keeps sailors on shore (oddball wind shifts, fluky, goofy). Still we got in two races thanks to the Plaia crew who ran the start boat. The way son Chad was sailing solo last weekend I'm glad he didn't come out to race -- toooooo fast!

The Ball family graciously offered their Sunfish to the Yacht Club. We will take everyone up on their gift (though boats will be "judged" on their deplorable condition -- some may have to be saved for the kids). Thanks again -- come see your gift in play at BLYC soon!

I'm consulting with the sailors to pick a good day for the Couples Race II - 98 (scuttled due to lack of wind 07/18/98) & the day to run a FREE sail training class. Watch this space for updates. Our intention is to offer a Sailing 100 on general concepts & probably Sailing 101 to help aspiring sailors gain further competence. Call my folks at 476-2128 participate.

### 07/26 - Race Results:

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

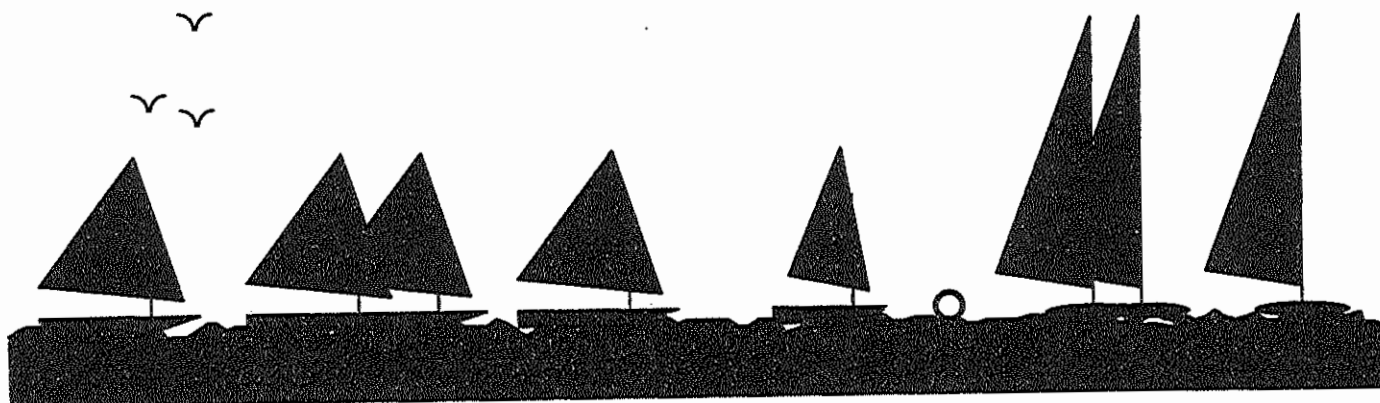
## WANTED

More new & old Sunfish sailors for Birch Lake Yacht Club racing. Must be able to come out & play Sunday mornings. For those whose boat is in repairable condition (but need guidance), let's get that hulk out on the water! Attend the upcoming - "learn to sail" classes & learn to repair / rig your boat. "No worries mon" - we want to get you sailin' ...

**FREE** sailing lessons coming in August, everyone welcome! See details in next weeks Barker.

**Season Races every Sunday at 11:00am**

All times are IN standard time ... we never change



**LADIES GOLF OUTING - IMPORTANT- Park Shore does not allow metal spikes.**

The **CANDLE-LIGHTING CEREMONY** at Camp Tannadoonah will take place on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at about 8:30 or 9pm. The lighting signifies the closing of Camp for the summer - how can that be! Over the years many Birch Lakers have observed the ceremony from their boats. When the singing is heard as the campers descend the stairs with their candles, this annual ritual adds another chapter to the memories of Camp Tannadoonah.

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**CASS COUNTY BOATING SAFETY CLASS August 8 8am to 1 Michigan time**  
Classes will 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 wave runner next year you might consider this class

*Last week-end, Jamie Eshleman, (Denny & Keith Weesner's grand daughter) had eight of her friends, age 14, at the lake for the week-end. Four boys and five girls, all from Carmel, Indiana: were on their way to Camp Eberhart for the week. Jason Eshleman and his friend Michael, age ten, joined the group for most of the week-end. However, being a lot younger, the boys were thrown off the raft a lot, didn't get the choice sleeping spots, and for some reason, had lots of Oreo cookie crumbs in their sleeping bags.*

*It was great fun having all of them. Next year they will be staying at Birch Lake on their way home, after a week at camp. If Jamie has her way, there will probably be even more kids staying with us. Its a good thing we have the new house so we can fit them all in.*

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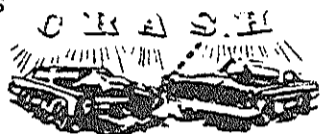
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