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ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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COMMODORES' COMMENTS

Issue 15

Well, again the weather gods smiled on Birch Lake, with the exception of the storm we had early Tuesday morning. Without a doubt, this has been one of the nicest summers weather-wise in recent years! Al Cover must have had an "in" somewhere. I hope I can find out his secret before next spring.

Saturday September 5th is the final Board of Director's Meeting for 1998. I would like to thank all of the Board members for their dedication and perseverance throughout the year! Well done! Following Saturday's Board meeting, we will be joined by Mr. Joe Ervin, a water research specialist, with thirty year's experience from Michigan State University, who will give a presentation on a proposed year long water quality study and testing of the Lake and surrounding watershed. This meeting is open to the public and any interested people should come and listen to this presentation.

This is only a proposed analysis and we need to listen and consider what Mr. Ervin has to say. The presentation should begin at 10:00am, immediately following the Board meeting. What Mr. Ervin has to say should be of great importance to all residents of Birch Lake, as the quality of the water affects all of us.

Jim Beck, Commodore

1998 SCHEDULE

Director's meeting	Saturday, September 5, 9:00am	BLYC
Sailing Trophies	Monday, September 7, 11:00am <i>Please note time change</i>	BLYC

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB
50 YEARS OF SAILING

The Birch Lake Yacht Club will be completing its 50th year of sailing this Labor Day weekend. On Labor Day 1948, one trophy was presented to Earl Troeger for winning the Season and Labor Day races.

Any and all types of sailboats raced in the beginning with the races being handicapped by starting times. The faster boats sometimes started as much as 1-1/2 hours after race start.

From this beginning, a Snipe Class Fleet evolved and grew to about 15 boats racing every weekend. The Sunfish Class came about later and grew to about 25 boats racing. The Snipe Class then faded with the Sunfish coming on strong. The MC was introduced in the early "80"s and thus we have come to what we have now with both Sunfish and MC's competing on Sunday.

Birch Lake has hosted several regatta's over the years including the Snipe Class Junior District Championship which took in eight states. We used to get large turnouts for the Memorial Day Champagne Regattas for Snipes, the Birch Lake Open Regattas for Sunfish, and have hosted an MC Regatta for Diamond, Eagle, Corey and Birch Lakes.

Congratulations to all the Birch Lake Sailors and may there be many more years of sailing to come.

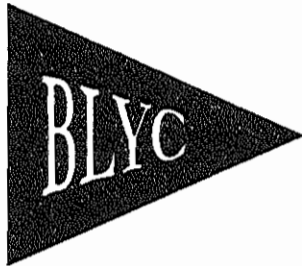
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FLEET NEWS

Sunday we sailed the final two races of the regular season in a lovely breeze. The rivalry was tight down to this last weekend in both fleets -- it has made me do the math twice! Though we kept the Commodore & First Lady up late Saturday night, they were first out on the lake to start our races (narrowly edging out Stan Pitakos who rode along). Thanks to all those who helped run the start this past year (including Santes & Plaia's who are starting this weekend).

We will finish the organized sailing with the Labor Day Regatta. Please note the time changes below (again). The races are both at 11:00 am. There are more MCs racing than Sunfish! The Regatta is one last chance to put a lot of boats on the course, please come out. Come to Bill & Le King's boathouse for the Trophy presentation at 11:00 am Monday (walk or sail please).

I want to repeat my thanks to everyone who has helped over the last two years. At the gathering Sunday I will announce the 1999 Fleet Captain. See you on the water, Cap'n Bob

		Race #		Final Season Standings			
		13	14	Points	# Races	Average	Place
08/30 - Race Results:							
Sunfish	S. Troeger	1	1	21,777	14	1,555.5	1
	B. King	2	3	21,307	14	1,521.9	2
	J. Howard	3	2	20,533	14	1,466.6	3
	D. Olson	4	5	16,601	12	1,383.4	4
	J. Bolinger	5	4	10,793	8	1,349.1	5
	M. Athanas	dns	dns				
	M. Machalleck	dns	dns				
	D. Weaver	dns	dns				
	J. Gableman	dns	dns				
	C. Spratt	dns	dns				
	J. Slaytor	dns	dns				
MCs	T. Howard	2	3	21,013	14	1,500.9	1
	D. Harmon	5	4	20,705	14	1,478.9	2
	H. Cranmer	1	5	20,255	14	1,446.8	3
	R. Harmon	4	2	11,412	8	1,427.6	4
	B. Harlan	6	6	17,830	13	1,371.5	5
	D. Troeger *	3	1				
Starters	J. Beck			6	6	6	1
	S. Pitakos			4	4	4	2-tie
	S. Plaia			4	4	4	2-tie

Couples Race - 3:
Sunday 09/06 - 2:00 pm
Awards Gathering:
Monday 09/07 - 11:00 am



Labor Day Regatta:
Saturday 09/05 - 11:00 am
Sunday 09/06 - 11:00 am

All times are IN standard

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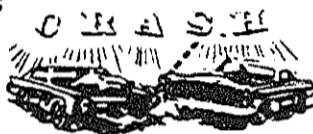
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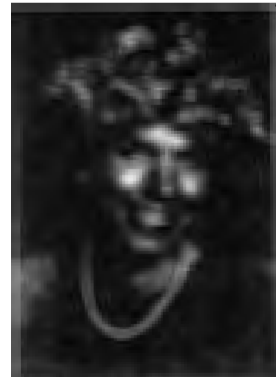
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