



Birch Barker

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COMMODORES COMMENTS

It was an okay weekend! Saturday was good, Sunday started very slow and we got some much needed rain. The sailors had to scuttle the second race due to a lack of wind and approaching storm. All in all, it wasn't too bad of a weekend! Summer officially arrived last Monday, the 21st, but it seems like the "dog days" are already here.

Congratulations to Joe & Shirley Caenepal on their 50th wedding anniversary!!

Also congratulations to Jason and Lori (Machellack) Noyer, who were married Saturday, June 26th.

Everyone needs to be in their final preparations for the 4th of July. Plan to join in the BOAT PARADE. The Arnolds have issued a subtle statement to the Cove....."WE'RE BACK"!!!

I hope everyone is ready for the 4th. Be aware, there are a lot more people, cars, pedestrians, bikers, etc around the lake. Also more vehicles around our roadways, so take it easy! Needless to say, there is a lot more boat traffic. There's room for everyone if we just use common sense and slow down a bit!! Always be alert, whether you're on the road or on the water. Have a great weekend and we'll see you at the boat parade!

Jim Beck, Commodore

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT MONTH

- Sat/July 3 Boat Parade 4pm
- Sat/ July 3 Fireworks Dusk (this is MI time)
- Sat / July 10- Birch Lake Garage Sale
- Sat / July 17- Vice Commodore's Cocktail Party
- Fri / July 30 - Men's Golf Outing
- Fri/ Aug. 6 - Ladies Golf 9:30 IN time(see note)
- Fri/ Aug. 6 - Lunch following (again see note)
- Sat/ Aug. 7 - Corn Roast
- Sat/ Aug. 21 - Fall Dinner



PLEASE NOTE: TIMES OF EVENTS.....ALL TIMES ARE INDIANA TIME UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE
(I know Aunt Loretta, we are in MI, but..)

Editor's Notes:

If you have items for the BARKER, they should reach me by Monday of the week you would like them to appear. Put your information in the special box at the bottom of the hill on Lakeview Drive... Call 476-2840... Or E-Mail Eblackwood@netscape.net.

NOTES ON UP COMING EVENTS

RAIN DATE FOR BOAT PARADE AND FIREWORKS ...SUNDAY JULY 4th

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday July 4th, 8 to 11 am at Camp Tannadoonah . Adults \$4., children 12 to 5 \$2. Under 2 free.

Garage Sale

Garage Sale is set for Sat. July 10, 8am to 5pm IN time. Give Lisa Dudeck a call if you want to participate (476-2395). Please pay a \$1.00 fee to Holly Troeger to defray cost of advertising.

Men's Golf Outing

Dust off your sticks, Fri. July 30th will be here before you know it. Our annual Men's Golf Outing will be held at Spruce Ridge, shot gun start, 72 man field at 11:00 IN time. Prime Rib dinner to follow at the Yacht Club. Get your foursome ready, contact John Ball at 976-9775.

Ladies Golf and Luncheon

The Ladies Golf Outing will be at Garver Lake Course at 9:30 IN time on Friday, Aug.6. Lunch will follow at Lindy's, just outside Dowagiac, at 12:30 IN time for both golfers and non golfers. Since we will not have the usual Ladies luncheon, all Birch Lake Ladies, are encouraged to join the golfers for lunch and camaraderie at Lindy's.



1999 BLYC MEMBERS

* Indicates Fireworks

Asire, Marty*
 Bolinger, Jim & Deborah*
 Ball, John Jr.*
 Ball, John & Marty*
 Blackwood, Howard & Beth*
 Blue, Jim & Shirley*
 Blue, Richard &
 Sandra Krchmar*
 Beck, Jim & Sally*
 Bender, Dick*
 Burket, Edyth*
 Budzinski, Loretta*
 Brovold, Gary & Karen*
 Barnaby, Dave & Lynne*
 Bernaciak, Ken & Mary Ellen*
 Benjamin, Rita*
 Bliler, Frank & Grace
 Bullard, Kevin*
 (Honorary Member)
 Cote, Adrian & Judith
 Caenepeel Joe & Shirley*
 (fireworks only)
 Calderwood, James & Nancy*
 Carpenter, Bill & Ann*
 (fireworks donation in memory of
 Reg Carpenter)
 Coles, Deanna
 Coan, Jim*
 Cover, Al & Liz
 Cranmer, Harold & Donna*
 Custard, Phil & Betsy*
 Curtis, Terry & Linda*
 Curtis, Steven & Deborah*
 Cowen, Dick & Peggy*
 Como, Ron & Melanie
 Dunlap, Ralph*
 Doba, William & Judy*
 Davis, Dean & Phyllis*
 Dufour, Duffy & Sue*
 DeCocker, Tom & Nancy*
 Dennert, Larry & Frances*
 Devon, Dale & Christine*
 Drolet, Loretta*
 Dugan, Terry & Carol*
 Eakle, Jerry*
 Eberhart, Gilbert & Barbara*
 Emory, Tim & Becky*
 Erhardt, John*
 Flora, Larry & Marge*
 Funk, Clarence & Nancy*
 Foley, William & Gladys*
 Foss, James & Carole*
 Falk, Roger & Suzanna*
 Groszek, John & Lois*
 Greenig, Bob & Kay*
 Gotstein, Michael & Margaret*
 Garceau, Bernie & Blair*

Grittith, Tom & Betty*
 (Tom's Garage)
 Golden, Marc & Ilene*
 Goodin, Hubert & Betty*
 (fireworks only)
 Green, Richard & Barbara*
 Howard, Tom*
 Hayden, Bill & Latitia*
 Harlan, Bruce & Juanita*
 Herms, Bob & Marty Slayter*
 Hettmansperger, Jim*
 Harris, Gwen*
 Harmon, Don & Linda*
 Hornbeck, Jack & Marianne
 Horvath, Steve & Irene*
 Jones, Victor & Leslie*
 Jankowski, Coy*
 King, Bill & Le*
 King, Bob & Leslie*
 Kinner, Dave & Marge*
 Klappauf, Ray & Lee*
 Kolber, Chet & Vivian*
 Koontz, Thelma*
 Krueger, Lorene*
 Kruggel, Herm & Bev*
 Kruggel, Kevin* (Fireworks
 Only)
 Klimek, Joyce & Matt
 La Pierre, Chuck & Cheri*
 Leach L.S. & Norma*
 Leatherman, Phyllis*
 Lindzy, Richard & Judy*
 Lindenfeld, Frederick
 Lochmandy, Jeanette & Elaine*
 Messner, Jim & Judy*
 Machalleck, John & Arlene*
 Machalleck, Mike & Katha*
 McKay, Larry & Deb*
 McNamee, Kathleen*
 Miller, Jack & Marty*
 Mitchell, Jim & Betty*
 (fireworks only)
 Monroe, Norm & Nancy*
 Montaque, Terry & Sue*
 Mumaw, George
 Mullin, Rich & Pam*
 Niezgodski, Ron & Kathryn*
 O'Brien, Joe & Betty*
 (fireworks only)
 Olson, Dave & Judy*
 O'Neil, Bill & Marianne*
 Obrien, Nancy*
 Odenwald, Bill & Lyn*
 (fireworks only)
 Parkinson, Frank & Elizabeth*
 Parnell, Dorothy*
 Petit, Claude*

Price, Eileen*
 Papandria, Sheryl*
 Pitakos, Stan*
 Pletcher, Ruth*
 (fireworks only)
 Rasmussen, Buzz & Linda*
 Reynolds, Dan & Janet*
 Russwurm, Rick & Patti*
 Russell, Mike & Paula*
 Richmond, Margaret*
 Richwine, Mike & Debbie*
 Rieth, Bud & Louise*
 Rogers, Tom & Shelly*
 Rogers, Tom & Vicki*
 Sanders, Ray & Sonia*
 Sankey, Joe & Terri*
 Sante, Marty & Doris*
 Scofield, John & Laveeta*
 Sikorski, Joseph & Lenore*
 Steffen, Tim & Irene*
 Stevens, Pat*
 Stout, Gary & Wauneta*
 Toth, Helen & Joe*
 Thayer, James*
 Tjaden, Jim & Juanita*
 Troeger, Tom & Pat*
 Troeger, Scott & Holly*
 Troeger, Earl & Connie*
 Tudor, Dennis & Rita*
 (fireworks only)
 Tunncliffe, Joanne*
 Vath, Helen*
 Valentijn, Nico & Lynette*
 Wagner, Bruce & Sue*
 Walker, Brad & Nancy*
 Waddle, Bob & Sue*
 Waggoner, Monty & Kris*
 Weaver, Doug & Julie
 Weesner, Keith & Dennie*
 Weesner, Bernie & Helen*
 White, Phyllis*
 Williams, Patrick & Susan*
 Williams, Jerome & Mattie*
 Wiseman, Terry & Becky*
 Witchie, Ron & Linda*
 Wozniak, Ben & Vanessa*
 Zelasko, Mildred*
 (Fireworks Only)
 Zesinger, Bud & Barb*

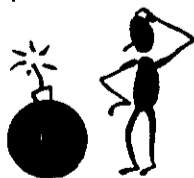


ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Conley, Kim
 Everett, Amy
 Vitale, Phil & Sandy
 Kinsella, Gary & Becky (Walters)
 Van Huffel, Mark, Kim &
 Courtney*

This past week I interviewed Ron Evans - owner of RKM Fireworks Co. - who arranges the Birch Lake Fireworks show. Jim Sheets "shoots" the show, the Fire Department provides on-site safety. Every year Ron orders some of the new works for our display.

This year there are over 1,000 shells in the show. Some are multi-shot boxes with 50 - 200 shells. The small shells rise 65-100 feet in the air. There are over 240 large shells in the 1999 display which can soar over 600 feet. The *Finale* will feature a 133 shell barrage. Ron explained that due to the expected increase in firework displays for the millennium, companies like his are ordering forward for New Years celebrations & 2000 4th of July shows.



Bob King, VC, C2k, FC-ret

Every Year some of my guests ask if they can donate to the Yacht Club for our fireworks. No one needs to feel obligated, but, donations are welcome. This year, for residents who have not made a contribution yet, or guests who want to contribute --

wave in the last boat in the boat parade!



LAKE NOTES

Lake Notes are compiled from local history publications, including Birch Barkers and other newspaper archives.

Your editor was away from the lake just long enough last Saturday to miss the spectacular hailstorm of the century. Without much fanfare, small hailstones grew larger and larger, until they were the size of golf balls, and piled up to a depth of 2 or 3 inches on the ground. Didn't want to print anything I couldn't vouch for so my neighbor, Mrs. Cowen, referred me to her freezer to see the evidence first hand. (Birch Barker 7/4/64)

Heavy rains have caused excessive damage in our area...Roads and basements have been flooded... trees blown down... Retaining walls at Howards, Forbes and Eberharts have been washed out...Top soil from adjoining farms has washed into their yards and the Lake... Last but not least... Our clubhouse has suffered severe damage. (Birch Barker 6/29/68)

Major O'Brien on the North shore, cottage 250, will mow lawns for \$1.50 an hr... (Birch Barker 6/28/69)

Dave Evans Dixieland Band, under the direction of Thomas Gray, Director of the Community Band, will serenade Lake residents from a pontoon boat prior to and during the fireworks display. (Birch Barker 6/26/71)

Sandra Krchmar

THIS WILL BE THE LAST WEEKEND TO ORDER THE BEAUTIFUL NEW BIRCH LAKE SHIRTS: LOON, HERON, KINGFISHER OR BASS DESIGN IN T-SHIRTS, LONG SLEEVE T'S AND SWEATSHIRTS. KID'S SIZES TOO! SEE THEM AT THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST OR CALL DAN REYNOLDS AT 476-8877

Compiling the database for the '99 Directory has been a monumental task for Sally and her team, starting in April. It is hoped that the Directory Galleys will be ready by July 3rd. Please take the opportunity to proof your info at the Pancake Breakfast.

NEWS FROM THE WEST SIDE

We want to welcome a second great grandchild to Birch Lake. Jaclyn Poe, daughter of Ken & Kim Poe, was born May 21, and will be joining the family and friends of the Parnell's and Niezgodski's for the 4th celebration and Luau.

We are having the Luau to reminiscence about our great trip to Hawaii in April.

Jaclyn's brother Zachery had a Birch Lake Baptism last year. We expect them to be regular visitors now that the family has moved to St. Charles, IL.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE

Last Thursday Birch Lake lost a 47 year resident. Reg Carpenter of the South Side passed away of natural causes at the age of 82. His wife, Mildred and all the family, want to thank the Lake residents for all the support. Reg will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Welcome Manny and Mary Lu Molho (#S072). They are from Rochester IN. Manny is a retired teacher, and Mary Lu is a Spanish teacher at Rochester High School. They have 4 children and were just blessed with their 1st grandchild. Mary Lu has fond memories of the lake, as she went to Camp Kiloqua as a young girl..They are looking forward to spending time at Birch Lake.

Megan Mary Russell was baptized Sunday at St. Matthews Cathedral, So. Bend. She is the daughter of Dr. Paula & Mike Russell and granddaughter of Dr. Joe & Helen Toth. A lovely open house was hosted by Megan's parents after the ceremony. Birch Lake friends, Phyllis & Dean Davis were there, as well as the extended family of the Toth Clan.

Tom, Julie & Amanda Lacy are enjoying their stay at Mom & Dad Ball's cottage #98. Sister Cindy Hague & family are arriving for a few days over the 4th from Sarasota. Brother John & family have moved ups to their house for the summer, so there will be lots of family dinners & fun ahead! Of course brother Steve joins us from South Bend.

The Machalleck households were bursting at the seams this past weekend. The entire family was together to celebrate the marriage of Lori Machalleck to Jason Noyer. The wedding took place on Saturday, June 26 at Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, South Bend. Steve and Bobbi Machalleck (Apopka, FL); Kathy, Deny, Sarah and Jeff Wolf and their guests Ryan Barr and Katie Dorton (Midland, MI); Marianne Desmond (Vancouver, WA); Hilary Desmond (Phoenix, AZ) and Elizabeth Desmond, (Detroit, MI) all joined John, Arline, Mike, Katha, Brian and Kris Machalleck for the festivities.

NEWS FROM THE EAST SIDE

Welcome to Birch Lake - Ian B. Zesinger. Ian will be celebrating his 6 month Birthday on July 3rd at his grandparents home on the East Shore. Joining Ian for his party will be his sister Zoe (2) and cousins Spencer (5), Malorie (3), and Margot (3). They represent the fourth generation of ZESINGER'S at Birch Lake.

If you see extra activity going on at the Hunt residence (you know, the house you pass when you're walking or "pushing" your bike up the hill on the north end of the lake..) well that's because Pat and her husband Terry Keirn have moved in to help her Mom, Jean.

Jean turned 83 this year and thought that a little bit of help was in order! Of course, that help also comes from grandchildren (Jean's great grandchildren) that really like to spend more time with Grandma Pat and Grandpa/Papa Terry at Birch Lake.

The Hunt/Keirn household will soon be bursting at the seams the weekend of July 9, with Tim Burchell and family coming in from Florida, Pete Winiarski and family from Battle Creek, Bonnie and Dale Debolt from Chicago (of course they just might be visiting with Matt and Joyce also, since it is Bonnie's Dad) and, of course, Aunt Wanda will be coming in from Battle Creek. Looks like Birch Lake is once again the spot for families to get together.

Looks like Ray and Lee Klappauf have moved into their new home on the East side. Ray and Lee...when did you say the party begins? Lee says that she has waited 74 (?) years for a new home...looks like she reached her dream! Congratulations folks... it is really beautiful!

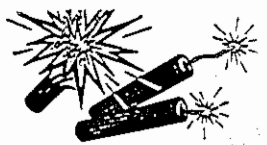
Easy Recipe For Great Dessert

- 1 large container small curd cottage cheese
 - 1 small package strawberry-kiwi jello
 - 1 quart strawberries, sliced
 - 1 medium container cool whip
- Mix dry jello with cottage cheese, blend cool whip and add the strawberries.

Change jello flavor to match your fruit... tastes great!

OOPS...Last week the Parkinsons meant to thank neighbors Terry and Sue for all their wonderful help. The Curtis's were mistakenly listed. Sorry about that.





NEWS FROM THE NORTH SIDE

Dr. Michael Waxman and family from Leawood, KS will be spending the next two weeks on the North shore. Mike's kids attend Camp Eberhart. Mike himself is an alumnus of Camp Eberhart and frequent visitor to Birch Lake. Stop by and say hello!

Stewart and Michael Spratt enjoyed another great weekend. In spite of the many projects that had to be done, Stewart still had a ball. He will be sad to miss out on the next three weekends. Unfortunately, there are things in KY that need attention, so time must be divided. Besides, his old and tired body can't tolerate all the physical activity that he feels compelled to participate in. Aren't you supposed to relax at the Lake?

The new Birch Banana Boat lives on the North Side, a reincarnation of the former Lochmandy Cat. It would be greatly appreciated if the rest of you Hobie owners would come out in the afternoon - maybe 2 pm Sun.-to put all those pretty sails on the Lake (not racing but sailing in company) & show me how to "fly" a Hobie. -Bob King

NEWS FROM THE COVE

By Sunny Waters

Welcome back, noisy neighbors!

Once again we are serenaded by the throaty song of bullfrogs. As a youngster, back when the earth's crust was still cooling, it was such an experience to lie awake listening to their sound. Help protect these threatened creatures.

Visiting the Cove this past weekend were Wendy Wagner and Fred Cotton, lugging 435 wedding proofs. Just when you think all the wedding bills are paid!

Sunny's World Famous Bearnaise Sauce: Open a packet of Knorr's mix and follow directions. You'll love it! Coming soon: a favorite recipe of Beloved Spouse, henceforth referred to as B.S.

Happily, Beth Blackwood's mother is greatly improved, therefore allowing the editor to return to the Barker.

Tish Hayden continues to improve. She is now in Rehab working on PT and OT.

Annual Events:

July 2nd International cherry-pit spitting contest, originated by Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm in Eau Claire, MI.

July 3rd Compliment your mirror day. Participation consists of complimenting your mirror on having such a wonderful owner and keeping track of whether other mirrors you meet during the day smile at you.

July 2nd 1776 -Declaration of Independence

Happy Birthday, America

Let us all have a safe and enjoyable holiday as we give thanks for living in our beloved USA

Sunny

CAMP OPENS

Week One has begun at CAMP TANNADOONAH with a full house. Ninety campers are enjoying beautiful Birch Lake and the camp. Activities include fishing, nature lore, cookouts, archery, swimming, volleyball, hiking, handicrafts and costume parties. A popular activity is sailing and the success of this program is in large part due th Bruce Harlan who has gotten new boats for Camp and he also instructs the new sailors. Other Birch Lakers have contributed money and time to help get the Camp open for its 1999 season. Future Barkers will thank them all.

Camp continues thru Aug. 7th and there are openings for some sessions. Brochures will be available at the Pancake Breakfast or you can call the camp at 476-2177 if you have a child, grandchild, niece or nephew that would like to spend a great week at Camp Tannadoonah.

39th BIRCH LAKE OPEN

Friday, July 30 - 11:00 am Shotgun start
Spruce Ridge Golf Club (40N to Dutch Settlement & West (left) 12 miles
\$50/person entry fee includes greens fee, cart, favor, door prizes, refreshments and prime rib dinner.

Registration deadline is July 25 and is limited to the first 72 golfers.

Thanks to all who have sponsored holes and provided door prizes in the past and we hope you will participate again this year.

Contact John Ball at 476-9775 or Jim Beck at 476-2760 if you have any questions. Return entries to John Ball or Holly Troeger.

Entry Form 39th Annual Birch Lake Open

Name _____
Phone _____
Foursome:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
Dinner Only # _____
Payment Enclosed _____
Checks made out to Birch Lake Yacht Club

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

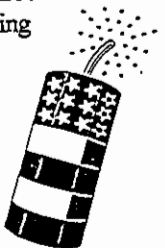
A Complaint was filed with the MI Dept of Agriculture relating to the odor from fields above the landing hill. Subsequently, a meeting was held at Dean Davis home with Wayne Whitman, Program Manager, Lansing. Numerous residents were in attendance. Mr. Whitman examined the fields, met with the property owner and a number of corrective measures were prescribed. First, the "application" of hog barn manure will cease for the next two growing seasons as the fields in question are being put to crops. Next, the farmer who leases the land from the owner was reminded of the MI good farming practice methods (which should reduce the odor). Lastly is hoped that the leasing farmer will choose other fields to enrich with future applications, if not, that injection equipment be used to put liquid manure underground (rather than on the surface). The Water Quality Committee was asked to pay special attention to the area noting any abnormalities. The Homeowners Association will follow up to protect our Lake.

Have a problem with a neighbor's barking dog? Quite often the owner is not aware of the severity of the problem. So the first step is to bring the problem to your neighbor's attention. If that doesn't work, then more serious action can be taken:

1. Call Cass County Animal Control Dept at 445-3701 and they will send someone to investigate and issue a warning.
 2. If this action doesn't solve the problem, call again. A possible citation and fine will be issued.
 3. If the problem continues after the citation, the owner of the dog could be issued a warrant for arrest.
- REMEMBER: TRY THE NEIGHBORLY APPROACH FIRST. IT USUALLY WORKS.**

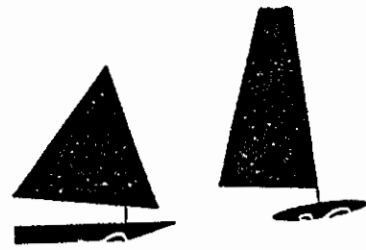
BARKER DELIVERY

- Louise Rieth - Westside...Cove to Parnell's 476-2174
Peggy Cowen - Westside...Dvorak's to Dam 476-2786
Sue Montague - South Side...Dam to Weesner's 476-2207
Natalie Dudeck - South Side...Bender's to Public Landing 476-2395
Holly Troeger - East Side...Public Landing to Hattmanspeiger's 476-9898
Judy Olson - Decocker's to Bolinger's 476-2125
Nancy Decocker - 476-9821 East Side
Dean & Phyllis Davis - East Side & Kiloqua Woods Garceau's to Temples 476-2396
Sarah Mullins - North Side...Falk's to Lutz's 476-8820
If you have any problems receiving your Barker, please call your delivery person.



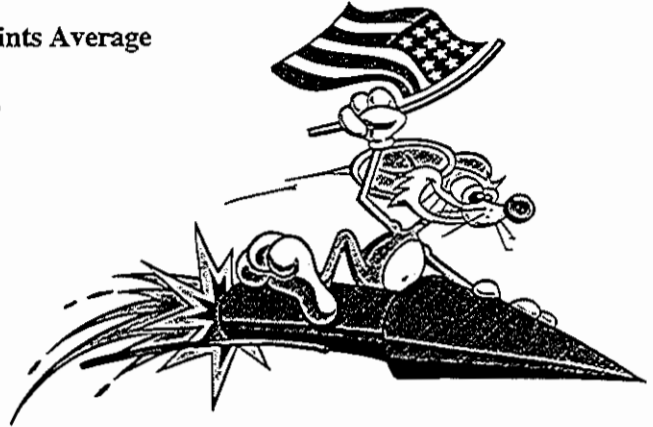


BLYC SAILING NEWS



So much for the theory that the winds are better in June. The sailors endured a cussed "drifter" last Sunday, with the few winds so shifty that Jim Beck on the Committee Boat got quite a workout lifting and resetting the anchor to adjust the starting line. (Had there been one more change I believe there would have been "Mutiny on the Pretty Lady".) Don Harman continued his winning streak in the MC class, and Dave Olson sailed a great race in the Sunfish class, steadily advancing boat by boat and then correctly anticipating the wind off the South Shore for a first place finish. The June 26, 1999 race results and standings are:

| <u>MC Class</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Cumulative Points Average</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Don Harman | 1 | 1584.2 |
| Rick Harman | 2 | 1495.33 |
| Harold Cranmer | 3 | 1460.6 |
| | | |
| <u>Sunfish Class</u> | | |
| Dave Olson | 1 | 1416.8 |
| Tom Howard | 2 | 1537.2 |
| Bob King | 3 | 1460.2 |
| Scott Troeger | 4 | 1491 |
| Jim Bolinger | 5 | 1310.6 |
| Stewart Spratt | DNS | 1296 |



Officiating on the Committee Boat and occasionally dousing the sailors were Stan Pitakos, Jim Beck, Phil Vitale and Mike Spratt. I earned a new appreciation for the role and responsibilities of the starters by helping on the Committee Boat at the Diamond Lake MC Regatta last Saturday. There's a lot to do and keep track of to make a sailboat race run smoothly, and I wish again to express my gratitude to our starters who so generously devote their time so the sailors can chase each other around. The Diamond Lake Regatta was impressive, with 31 boats from different lakes contending. Some noteworthy items from that regatta were: (i) a boat that came in 1st or 2nd in one race might be close to last in the next race, and vice-versa; (ii) some very old boats beat some sparkling new ones; (iii) some very young sailors beat a lot of the old salts; and (iv) boats from other lakes such as Eagle did very well against the Diamond Lakers despite the "home course" advantage. I know I'm a little prejudiced in this case, but having watched our sailors and those contending in the Diamond Lake Regatta, I believe any of our regular MC sailors would have had a good chance to bring home a trophy had they participated.

The Fourth of July Regatta will be on Saturday, July 3 (11 a.m. Ind. time/12 m. Mich. time) and on Sunday, July 4 (2 p.m. Ind. time/ 3 p.m. Mich. time).

BOAT INSPECTIONS JULY 10

Cass County Marine Department Officers will conduct voluntary boat inspections at Birch Lake on Saturday, July 10, 1999 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Ind. time)/12 m. to 2 p.m. (Mich. time). Boats passing the inspection will receive a sticker to display. Items the officers will be looking for include: registration; appropriate type and number of life preservers (for boats over 16 feet, one PFD for each occupant of the boat plus one throwable flotation device); running lights; fire extinguisher and horn or other noise device. The inspections will take place at Sheryl Papandrea's pier (gray house, fourth to the East of the boat launch; look for the sheriff's boat).

BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATION COURSE JULY 24

Cass County Marine Department Officers will conduct a boating safety certification course on Saturday, July 24, 1999 at the BLYC clubhouse. The course is from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Ind. time)/ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Mich. time). Those passing the course will receive a boating safety certificate. This certificate is needed for those between the ages of 12 and 16 to operate (with someone over age 16 present) boats of more than 6 horsepower. Michigan residents born after 1978 need this certificate to operate personal water craft (ie; waverunners). Beginning next year, this certificate will be needed by nonresidents of Michigan of any age in order for them to operate personal water craft. To register for the course, call the Cass County Sheriff's office at (616) 445 2481, and provide the student's name, date of birth and social security number. This information will enable the certificate to be available on the day of the class to those passing the course.

LEARN TO SAIL, OR LEARN TO SAIL BETTER.

Eagle Lake Sailing Club has a Summer Sailing Program for Persons 9 and Older.

Each session is taught for two weeks - three hours per day - Monday through Thursday; morning or afternoon classes; 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. Taught on Eagle Lake by certified instructors. Boats provided by Eagle Lake Sailing Club; all you need is a swim suit and U.S. Coastguard approved lifejacket. Cost is \$150 per student.

Next Sessions are July 12 - 22 and July 26 - August 5. Call Sue Marion for information and enrollment form. (616) 699-7231, marionfamily@skvenet.net

The Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program is a cooperative venture between the Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and us, Michigan's citizen volunteer lake monitors. They view this cooperative venture as a partnership for Michigan's lakes, which they hope will continue to grow for many years ahead. We, the BLYC Water Quality Committee, filed an application in February, 1999 and mailed it to ML&SA for participation in CLMP. Bob Temple is registered for the program as Sampler #1, citizen volunteer for Birch Lake.

In April, 1999 Bob and Gertie Temple attended the 38th Annual Conference Program, ML&SA, Boyne Falls, MI. Mr. Ralph Bednarz conducted the CLMP Training Session. Mr. Bednarz has been with the MDEQ since 1979, serving as an Aquatic Biologist, Environmental Chemist, Environmental Engineer (presently, Land & Water Management Specialist) his MS from MSU in Aquatic Chemistry, BS from U. of Il. in Biological Science. At the CLMP Training Session, Bob Temple received instructions, recording forms, equipment, etc. that are needed to carry out the testing assigned. - Mr. Bednarz, along with Donald Winne, Executive Director ML&SA, and Pearl Bonnell, Treasurer and Director Operations ML&SA, coordinate the CLMP. Ms. Diana Klemans is overseeing the CLMP.

In May, 1999 a letter was received from Diana Klemans. She earned a BS in Aquatic Ecology and an MS in water resources management; both from University of Michigan. The Annual Summary Report that she sent was prepared by Ralph Bednarz. It includes:

- 1) Summary of the Secchi disk transparency data for individual lakes that participated in the 1998 CLMP.
- 2) Summary of spring overturn and late summer total phosphorus data collected by the volunteers who participated in the 1998 CLMP.
- 3) Results from the 40 lakes that participated in the chlorophyll monitoring pilot study. DEQ was pleased with the results and the chlorophyll monitoring study continued in 1999 with up to 60 lakes participating. The BLYC Water Quality Committee is pleased to be enrolled in, as Diana Klemans states in her letter, "one of the top volunteer monitoring programs in the nation today".

STATE OF MICHIGAN



JOHN ENGLER, Governor

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INTERNET: www.deq.state.mi.us

RUSSELL J. HARDING, Director

REPLY TO:

LAND & WATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION
PO BOX 30458
LANSING MI 48909-7958

May 3, 1999

Mrs. Gertie Temple
14757 Kiloqua
Vandalia, Michigan 49095

Dear Mrs. Temple:

Pursuant to our discussion at the Michigan Lake and Stream Associations Annual Conference last month, I am sending you a copy of the 1998 Annual Summary Report for the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP).

The CLMP is a premier volunteer/state partnership for monitoring water quality in Michigan's inland lakes. Michigan's volunteer lakes monitoring program has been in existence since 1974 which makes it the second oldest volunteer monitoring program for lakes in the nation. The CLMP remains one of the top volunteer monitoring programs in the nation today.

The CLMP is administered as a partnership between the Department of Environmental Quality and Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc. The primary purpose of this cooperative program is to help citizen volunteers monitor indicators of trophic state, or lake productivity, in their lake and document changes in productivity over time. The basic indicators included in the program at this time are water clarity, as measured with a Secchi disk; the plant nutrient phosphorus; and the algal plant pigment chlorophyll.

The CLMP provides sampling methods, training, technical support, quality control, and laboratory assistance for volunteers to monitor their lake for these basic indicators of lake productivity. The volunteers may then classify their lake according to its level of productivity, using Carlson's Trophic State Index. Long-term monitoring of these parameters on a consistent and regular basis may provide the data needed to recognize changes or trends in lake productivity. By participating in the CLMP, you provide an annual check-up on your lake's health in terms of its productivity.

We welcome your participation in the CLMP. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ralph Bednarz, Inland Lakes and Wetlands Unit, at 517-335-4211, or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

Diana Klemans
Inland Lakes and Wetlands Unit
Land and Water Management Division

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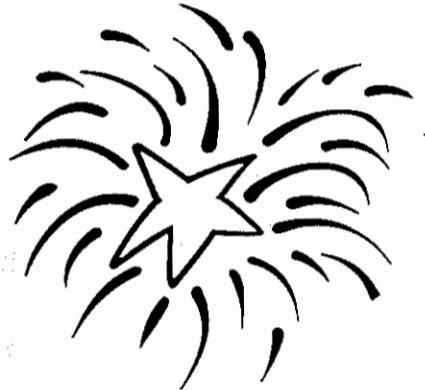
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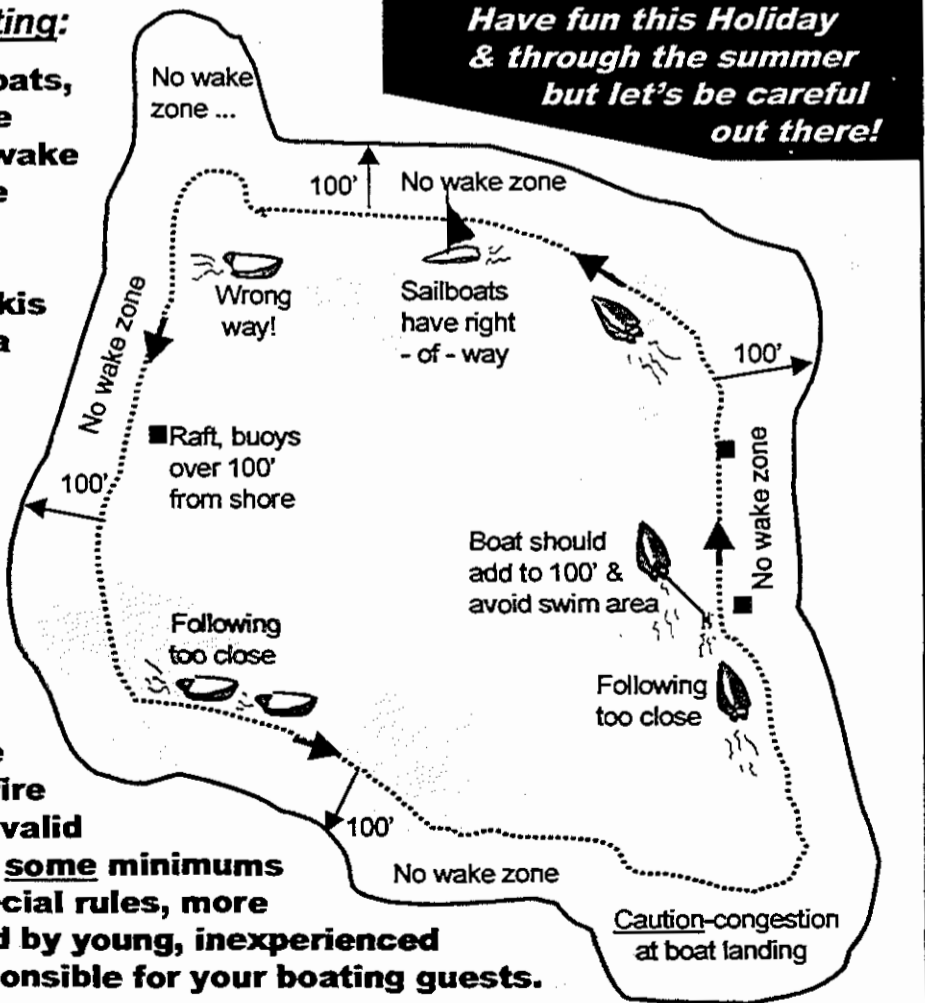
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