



Volume Thirteen, August 21, 1999

COMMODORES COMMENTS

My, it feels like fall is in the air! We had to suffer through another unbearable week-end at Birch Lake!! The kids had some great wind on Saturday for the Regatta Kidz. The sailors on Sunday weren't so lucky but they did persevere. Thanks to Bruce and Sue Wagner for serving on the committee boat Saturday with Sally and me. Bruce had so much fun he volunteered for Sunday's races... thanks! Also, thanks to Sally for keeping the stats.

We got some much needed rain last week and the temperatures have really dropped, especially in the evenings.

Congratulations to Tom and Betty on their 30th Anniversary of being in business. They had a great turnout for the Open House.

I hope you all have your reservations made for the Fall Dinner this Saturday at the Yacht Club. See you there.

Have a great week!

Jim Beck, Commodore

COMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT MONTH

Sat/ Aug. 21 - Fall Dinner

PLEASE NOTE: TIMES OF EVENTS.....ALL TIMES ARE INDIANA TIME UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

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

Fall Dinner

Make your reservations for the Fall Dinner early. Dinner will take place at the Yacht Club on Aug. 21st. Cocktails will be at 5:30 with dinner following at 6:30. Make reservations by clipping and sending in the coupon attached to last week's Barker or call or whatever works to reserve your space.

CAMP NOTES

Tannadoonah Reunion

We are planning to have an all camp reunion (both camper and counselor) on Saturday, August 21, 1999 from noon to 3pm (IN time). We hope to have old pictures on display. Please come and share memories, walk around the camp, and visit with friends. *Ed note: Taken from vol, 1 issue 1, summer 1999 of Tannadoonah Times.*

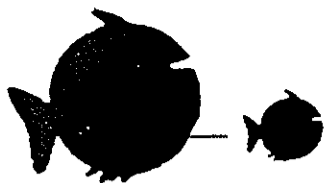
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WEEK'S TIMES (IN) THAT WAVE RUNNER'S MUST BE OFF THE LAKE

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Sat 8-21 6:35	Wed 8-25 6:29
Sun 8-22 6:34	Thur 8-26 6:28
Mon 8-23 6:32	Fri 8-27 6:26

DIRECTORY'S

EXTRA DIRECTORY'S CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$2.00. Please call Jim and Sally at 476-2760 or stop and pick one up. Evenings after 5pm or anytime on weekends.



LAKE NOTES

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

Many property owners in Sylvan Shores, south side of Birch Lake, are very concerned about the County Park Commissioner's plans for developing access sites for general public use. We believe that such development will result in greater congestion, pollution, and safety hazards for all residents at Birch Lake. The proposed sites are inadequate in depth and area to accommodate proper sanitary facilities, parking areas, boat launching, and the like, required for general public use. (Birch Barker 7/27/74)

We made a single recommendation: if swimming is to be permitted at Sears Park, then the County must provide restroom facilities. Otherwise, swimming at this site should be stopped by Commission notice. (Birch Barker 7/26/75)

At a meeting of the Yacht Club officers, trustees, and directors on Sat., July 26, it was unanimously agreed that we proceed on the second phase of our lake self-help program...the voluntary dye testing of septic systems. Plans are now being formulated to conduct this project. Property owners will be advised directly of the project and their voluntary participation will be solicited. (Birch Barker 8/2/75)

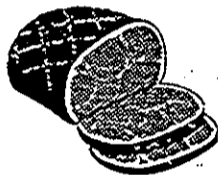
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BEST OF BECK'S BISTRO

Entree of the Week

HONEY - LIME HAM

1/2C butter or margarine
1/4C honey
1/4C lime juice
2 tsp. Seasoned salt
1 fully cooked ham center slice (1 1/2 lbs)



In a small sauce pan, heat the first four ingredients until the butter is melted. Place ham in a re-sealable plastic bag or shallow baking dish, pour honey mixture over ham. Seal bag or cover container, refrigerate overnight. Bring to room temperature. Drain and discard marinade. Grill, uncovered over hot coals, turning several times for 5-10 minutes, or until heated through. Yields 4-6 servings.

Drink of the Week

ATOMIC SUNSET

2oz citrus vodka
2oz melon liquor (Midori)
5oz orange juice
1oz grenadine



Shake first three ingredients over ice and add grenadine last, as it will separate from the rest of the drink.



OOPS!

Sorry about last week's recipe. We forgot the cheese in the Cheesy Potatoes, so if you try the recipe, put in 1C (8oz) of shredded cheddar cheese! Sorry!

Also one week we omitted one lb of browned ground beef in the spaghetti pie recipe!

Seems like we've had too much on our minds lately, or else Sally has been sampling too many of the drink recipes!! Again our apologies!!

CLASSIFIED

Wanted: Nice young couple wants Birch Lake Cottage/home. We always seem to miss dream spots as they sell (overnite). Please give us a call if you know of a property coming on the market.-Phil & Sandy Vitale at 219-291-6102

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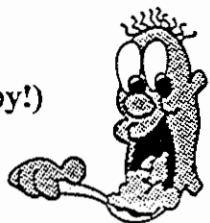
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE LAKE OR... (it's out of control, baby!)



NEWS FROM THE WEST SIDE

The 30th Anniversary party at Tom's Garage last Saturday was very enjoyable. Great Sloppy Joes, baked beans, salads and home baked desserts plus a nice chance to visit with Birch Lake neighbors and friends. Congratulations Tom and Betty and thanks from all.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE

There is a new addition to the Tom and Pat Troeger family. Son Todd and wife Wendy are the proud parents of Rachel Maire, born August 13th. Todd and Wendy are now South Bend residents, moving from California. Rachel is the 10th grandchild. She joins Tyler (15), Wade (13), Brady (10), Corey (7), Iams; Reiley (8), Allison (6), Dillion (3), Bergin; Emily (7), and Hannah Cernak (5).

The summer has been very enjoyable for all of us.

Juanita (JJ) and Bruce Harlan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Mackinac Island this past week. The Harlan's were married in South Bend on August 20, 1949. They have a son Bob, daughter-in-law Valisa, and two grandsons and a granddaughter, plus...daughter Linda, son-in-law Paul Williams, and two grandsons. The Harlan's have been on Birch Lake for 32 seasons and hope for many more.

NEWS FROM THE EAST SIDE

Gabby must be AWOL

NEWS FROM THE NORTH SHORE

You realize you only have a couple more issues to send me the reports on your neighbors activities. (Sometimes known as gossip!)

NEWS FROM THE COVE

(and thereabouts)

By Sunny Waters

Great food, good friends, door prizes and fair weather made for a great 30th Anniversary celebration at Tom's Garage. Many thanks to Tom, Betty and daughters.

Please keep Vivian Kolber in your prayers as she recovers from surgery. For the uninformed, Vivian is the world's best meat-ball maker. Bounce back quickly, dear friend.

Fall Dinner... whoa.... We just opened the cottage and put in the pier, or so it would seem. Is fleeting time an aging syndrome?

Carpe diem, friends...carpe like crazy!

John Erhardt, you have some serious competition. Brett Asire, boy wonder, has invented the soon to be famous, "Brett's Bee Buster". The only equipment needed is a stack of plastic cups and a hunting instinct (possibly some Benadryl). Buzz Rasmussen, aren't you sorry you didn't come up with this? Would've been so apropos.

B.S.'s favorite Italian recipe: Call D'Antini's, make reservations.

Jack Asire is progressing nicely in his rehab program. Hopefully he'll be sprung in six weeks or so. Keep flying, Cap'n Jack!

Happy 50th anniversary, Harlans.

It's a little known fact that Bruce and J.J. are actually Chinese and were betrothed to one another at birth. That would account for the youthful appearance.

Sunny Salutes:

Commodore and Mrs. Beck Jim and Sally, who comes from a family of extremely nice, intelligent and good-looking people, have served Birch Lake with their hard work, enthusiasm and innovation. Thanks, Becks, for a job WELL DONE.

Have a good week and don't forget to floss.

- Sunny

Star Stuff

Two ancient "rivals" are closing in on each other in the early-evening sky this month. They're visible in the south southwest as darkness falls. They both look like moderately bright orange or red stars. In fact, though, only

one of them is a star — Antares, in the constellation Scorpius. To the right of Antares is the planet Mars. Since they look so much alike, ancient Greek sky watchers gave the star a name that means "rival of Mars."

Mars and Antares are rivals in name only, though. Mars is a ball of rock that's a bit more than half the size of Earth. It looks red or orange because its surface is coated with a powdery red soil.

Antares is a red supergiant star — one of the largest stars in our region of the Milky Way Galaxy. Its outer layers are fairly cool, which is why the star appears red. Antares is several hundred times bigger than the Sun — so big that if it took the Sun's place at the center of our solar system, it would swallow the three or four innermost planets — including Earth.

Within the next few million years, Antares will explode as a supernova. For many months, it will outshine the Moon — leaving its ancient "rival" far behind.

But Mars will get the last word in this cosmic rivalry. It will continue to shine in Earth's night sky long after Antares fades from view.

Watch each night as Mars gets closer and closer to Antares. In mid-September, they will be at their closest, about 3 degrees apart. After that, they will begin to pull apart.

Keep looking up.

Stewart Spratt.

EDITORS EDIBLES



"Brochetta Tomatella Heavenella"

With the multitude of ripe tomatoes now available, I would like to share one of our favorite ways of using them:

Cut vine ripend tomatoes in half, removing as little as possible of tomato when you remove the stem end, sprinkle cut side with olive oil, crushed garlic, sea salt, and fresh ground pepper. Put on small grill rack and place in center of grill on indirect heat with the cut end up. Grill for about 30 min.

We put this on lightly toasted peasant bread, crushing them a little until the juice soaks into the bread and top with chopped fresh basil.

We have also cut them in quarters and tossed them with pasta, basil, more roasted garlic, and parmesan cheese.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES.....

Birch Lake Water Quality Update

Birch Lake Joins COOPERATIVE LAKES MONITORING PROGRAM

This program, which is a cooperative venture between the BLYC Water Quality Committee, Michigan Lake & Stream Associations, and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality allows us to measure and monitor Birch Lake's CLARITY, PHOSPHORUS and CHLOROPHYLL

Secchi Disk Transparency

The station number for the *Secchi Disk* report is the 95 feet deep basin of Birch Lake. *Transparency* monitoring is reported on a weekly basis which began on May 3, 1999 and will continue throughout September. Readings will be sent to ML&SA for state recording. Readings will be included in the report produced by the state. The *Program is On-Going*. The water quality committee will make results available.

Phosphorus

The sampling site for the *phosphorus* test is the 95 feet deep basin of Birch Lake. The surface of the lake (spring turnover) was sampled on April 8, 1999. More extensive water column sampling will be done in the late summer. All *Phosphorus* samples are delivered to Michigan DEQ for their analyzing. Results will be included in the report produced by the state. The *Program is On-Going*. The water quality committee will make results available.

Chlorophyll

The sampling site for the *Chlorophyll* test is the 95 feet deep basin of Birch Lake. Sampling Event #1 was in May. Sampling Event #2 was in June. Sampling Event #3 was in July. Sampling Event #4 will take place in August and Sampling Event #5 will take place in September, 1999. All *Chlorophyll* samples are delivered to the Michigan DEQ for analyzing. Results will be included in the report produced by the state. The *Program is On-Going*. The water quality committee will make results available.

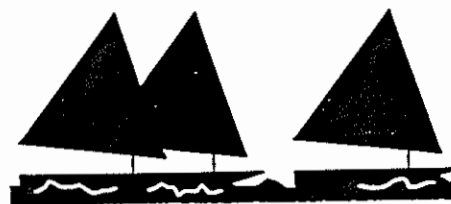
The late summer phosphorus results, along with chlorophyll and Secchi disk transparency measurements, provide an estimate of the level of productivity, or trophic state, of Birch Lake. These indices provide a quantitative means of describing the stage of lake aging. Using Carlson's TSI the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality classify lakes according to their trophic state.

Lakes can be divided into three categories based on trophic state. Oligotrophic lakes are generally clear, deep and free of weeds or large algae blooms. They are beautiful!

Eutrophic lakes are high in nutrients and support a large biomass. They are usually either weedy or subject to frequent algae blooms, or both.

Mesotrophic lakes lie between the oligotrophic and eutrophic stages.

BLYC SAILING NEWS



REGATTA KIDZ

A dozen kids and seven old-timers had fresh and very cool North winds for the third annual Regatta Kidz last Saturday. The first race was won in 12 minutes and the second race in 10 minutes, proving once again that kids are quicker than adults. The swift catamarans didn't fare well against the nimble mono hulls, with one hobie cat (mine) getting its jib twisted into the sailing equivalent of a "wedgie." The MC finish in the second race was almost too close to call. It was a little chilly for the anticipated free-for-all water fight, but Aris Forde was well armed, and with mischievous glee doused anyone within range. The Regatta Kidz results are a little complicated, due to several factors. First, there were different types of boats involved. Second, the sole "kid-only" entry never quite made it to the starting line, but deserved a second place in the Sunfish class for a valiant try. Third, the committee boat (ably commanded by Jim and Sally Beck and Bruce and Sue Wagner, modeling the latest Eskimo fashions) understandably got tired of waiting for the two hobie cats to finish the first race. So each cat knows it crossed the imaginary line ahead of the other. At least no math was involved.

Boat Type	Kids and Crew	Race 1	Race 2
MC	Shawn with Tom Howard	1	4
Hobie Cat	Calvin, Jeff and Emily, with Bob King	1?	1
Sunfish	Aris Forde with Dave Olson	1	1
MC	Chad with Earl Troeger	4	1
MC	Barb and Abby with Rick Harman	3	3
Sunfish	Amy Troeger and Alice Corey	2?	2?
MC	Tyler with Don Harman	2	2
Hobie Cat	Tory and Neil, with Scott Troeger	1?	DNS



SEASON RACES

The regular season races on Sunday featured light and shifty (I might even say malicious) winds. Tom Howard took the lead in the Sunfish class as the season nears its end (but it's very close, Tom). The second race was delayed when Harold ("ramming-speed") Cranmer collided with Don Harman at the start of the MC contest. There was fortunately no injury or serious damage, but the fact that this incident involved two of the lake's most experienced sailors should serve as a reminder to us all to exercise caution, even while doing something as safe as sailing. The blue Commodore's flag again adorned the committee boat, with Jim and Sally Beck and Bruce Wagner officiating.

The August 15, 1999 race results and standings are:

Class	Race 1	Race 2	Cumulative Points Average
MC			
Don Harman	3	1	1525.75
Harold Cranmer	1	3	1514.40
Rick Harman	2	2	1504.44
Bruce Harlan	DNS	DNS	1423.91
Sunfish			
Tom Howard	1	3	1514.60
Scott Troeger	3	2	1513.80
Bob King	2	1	1472.85
Dave Olson	DNS	DNS	1382.94
Jim Bolinger	4	4	1341.05
Dennis Savastano	DNS	DNS	
John Slayter	DNS	DNS	
F. Pettit	DNS	DNS	
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	



Next races: Sunday, August 22, 1999 at 11 a.m. (Ind. time), 12 p.m. (Mich. time).

Scott Troeger, Fleet Captain



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