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The wind finally cooperated last weekend to give the sailors a rousing race day. Pictured above, BLYC

Commodore Jim Bolinger gives some advice to Sunfish Capt. Rick Russwurm.

Barker photo by PATTI RUSSWURM

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Dear Birch Lakers,

Another week of summer has passed and another fine party is over. Kudos (the praise kind not the granola kind!) to Phil and Sandy Vitale for the great blues and ribs – especially the ribs which were wonderful – at the Vice Commodore's Party. Things went along smoothly, everyone mellowing to the music and talking to neighbors, until an "Eastsider (who shall remain nameless, but has been referred to as "BAD" in the past) showed up with some toxic concoction that glowed like nuclear waste. Luckily, those that imbibed most of the potent potion appeared to be fine and out sailing in the morning.

We have a couple weeks rest between lake activities, the next big-bash weekend being the 4th of July weekend. That should

be a busy few days filled with fireworks, the parade, the pancake breakfast and a lot of sailing. I can't wait!

Thinking about the busy 4th of July weekend reminds me to remind you again about the boating rules and courtesies. I realize most of the residents know and abide by the rules, but guests and renters may not know. Rules should be posted in rental properties and guests made to read them before hitting the waves in either boats or PWCs. I know it is tempting to give a thrilling serpentine ride on the "tubes" or jump the boat wakes on a waverunner, but it is hazardous and it invades the space of other boaters. Also, be sure you and your guests are especially watchful of how your boating affects the sailors. Your large wake can make the difference in the safety of our sailors or the outcome of a race.

Deb and I will be spending a couple days in Kentucky this week so I won't be seeing you on the lake this weekend. I wish

everyone a pleasant time and hope you have perfect weather with just the right amount of wind for the sailors.

-Commodore Jim

BLYC Calendar

- June 29.....Kids Craft Day 10 am
- July 5.....Fireworks (at dark)
(Rain Day Saturday, 7/6)
- July 6.....Boat Parade 3 pm
- July 7.....Pancake Breakfast 7-11
- June 20.....Beach Party
- July 26.....Men's Golf Outing
- Aug. 3.....Women's Golf Outing
- Aug. 7.....Women's Luncheon
- Aug 10.....Corn and Sausage Roast
- Aug. 24.....Fall Dinner

NOTE: All parties at the Yacht Club start at 7 pm unless otherwise noted



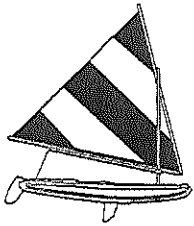
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BLYC Sailing News

AT LAST THE WIND COOPERATES FOR SAILBOAT RACES

After two straight weeks of little or no



wind, it was great to have a good Northwest wind last Sunday. We took advantage of the good conditions to run three races.

Dave Troeger came out of Sunfish retirement to win all three Sunfish "A" races, "Good job Dave."

Thanks to Steve and Julie Plaia for doing a great job

manning the committee boat. The next regular season races will be June 23rd 11:00 am Indiana time.

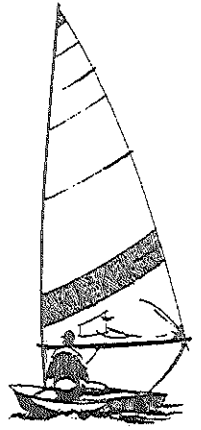
The 4th of July Regatta will be held on Saturday and Sunday July 6th and 7th at 11:00 am Indiana time.

Don Harman
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Next Races:
Sunday, June 16, 11 am

Don't miss the Fourth of July
Regatta Sat & Sun, 7/6 & 7; 11 am



Sailing Results

Week of June 15 and season standings

Sailor	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Average	Place
MC's					
H. Cranmer	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd	1563	2 nd
D. Harman	1 st	3 rd	rd	1493	3 rd
R. Harman	DNS	1 st	1 st	1584	1 st
Phil Vitale	3 rd	4 th	4 th	1430	4 th
Sunfish "A"					
J. Bolinger	3 rd	2 nd	3 rd	1493	4 th
T. Howard	2 nd	3 rd	2 nd	1547	2 nd
D. Olson	5 th	5 th	4 th	1324	7 th
R. Russwurm	4 th	4 th	6 th	1350	5 th
S. Troeger	DNS	DNS	DNS	1531	3 rd
D. Weaver	6 th	6 th	5 th	1337	6 th
D. Troeger	1 st	1 st	1 st	1610	1 st
Sunfish "B"					
J. Meyer	DNS	DNS	DNS	1610	1 st
S. Vitale	DNF	DNS	DNS	1454	3 rd
C. Plaia	1 st	1 st	DNS	584	2 nd
S. Plaia	DNS	DNS	DNS	1531	4 th
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B. King	DNF	2 nd	2 nd	1571	1 st tie
D. Weaver	DNF	1 st	1 st	1571	1 st tie

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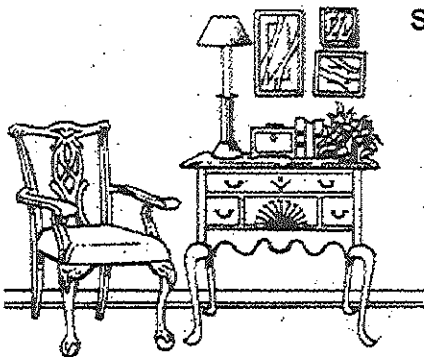
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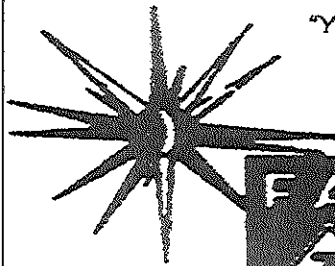
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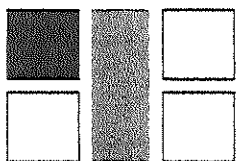
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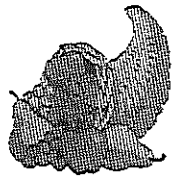
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-Ben and Vanessa Wozniak

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 salt & pepper to taste

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 1 cup currant jelly
 1 1/2 T hot prepared mustard
 1/2 T dried rosemary, crushed
 1 T lemon juice

Generously coat hens, inside and out, with mixture of melted butter and wine. Place on individual cornish roasting racks; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place in roasting pan with 1 1/4 cups water.

Roast at 450 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 375 degrees and roast 30 minutes longer or until internal juices run clear, (or insert instant-read thermometer in thickest part until it reads 180 degrees).

Combine glaze sauce ingredients until jelly melts. The last 10 minutes of cooking, brush hens with glaze sauce and brush again after cooking.

Yield; four servings.

Black Bean Salsa

2 - 15.5 oz or 1 #30 can of black beans, drained and rinsed
 3 T chopped green pickled jalapeno slices, or to taste

2 tsp minced garlic or 4 cloves garlic, minced
 3 T olive oil
 1 cup diced onion
 1/2 cup red or yellow bell pepper
 1 large tomato, seeded and diced
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 3 T fresh lime juice
 1 T chili powder
 2 tsp ground cumin

Combine ingredients in large bowl. Serve with tortilla scoop chips.

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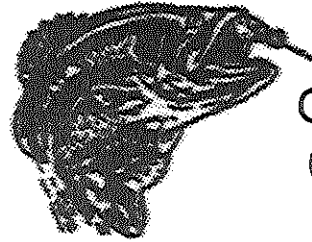
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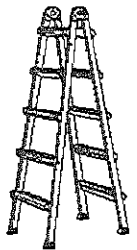
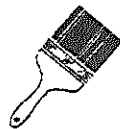
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A dog owner's 'Kid of the Week'



The Barker has been running those cute photos of the Kid of the Week all season now and Fido tells me that she just loves 'em.

In the spirit of a true friend, we decided to include a picture of one of our favorite Fidos as this week's alternate "kid" of the week pictures for the Barker. Hope you like it as much as I do!

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-Fido's Friend



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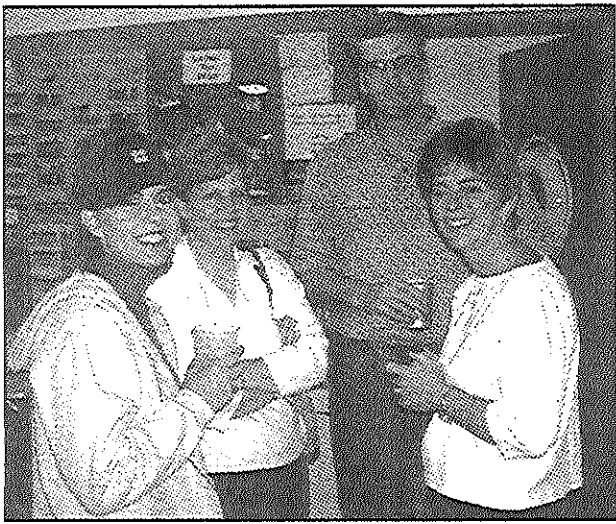
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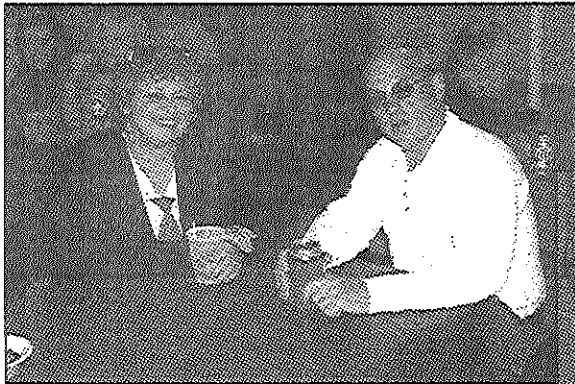
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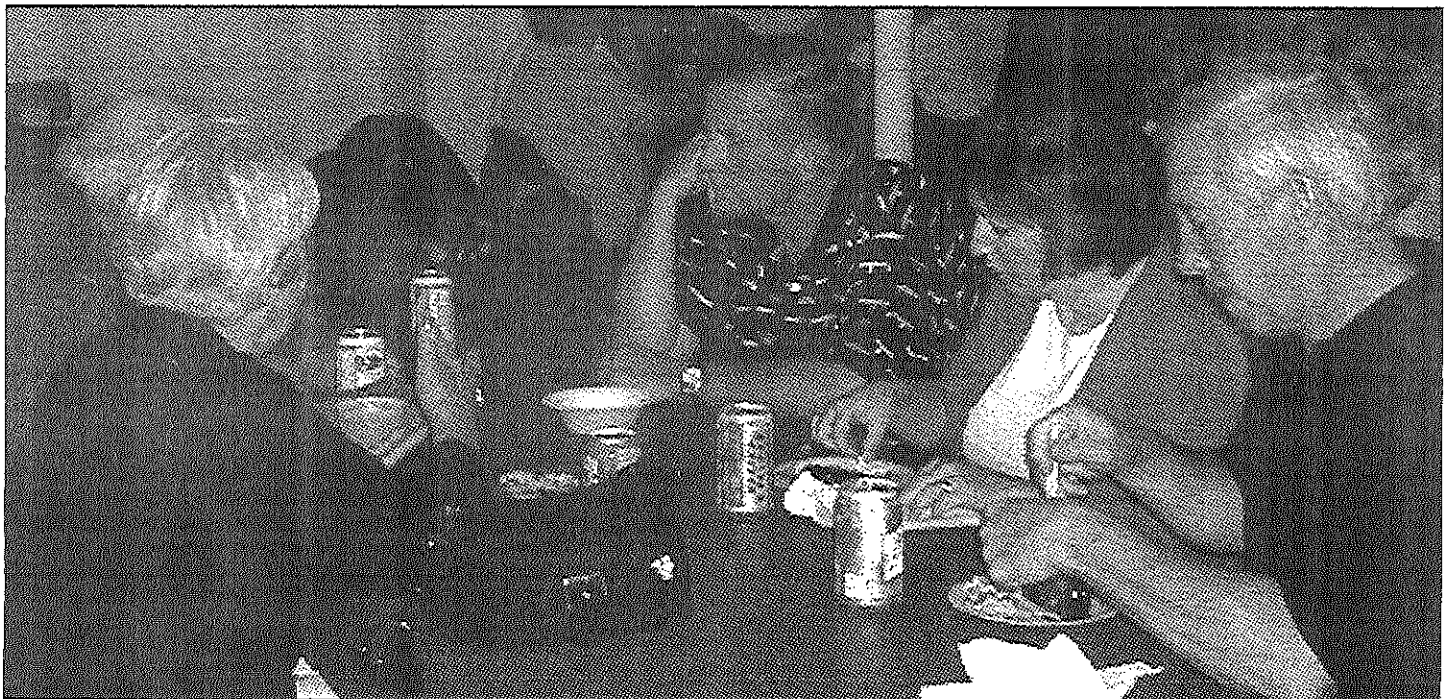
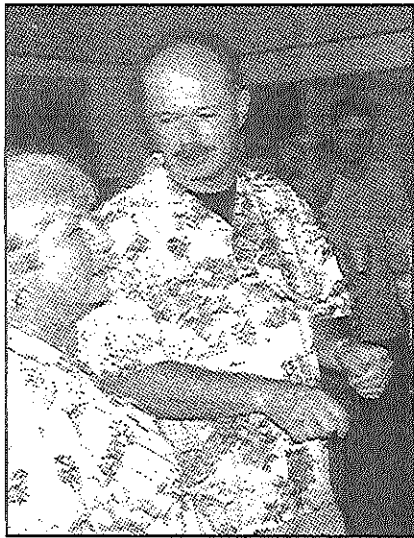
Images from the Ribs 'n Blues Party

Barker photos by
Patty Russwurm
and
Phil Vitale
on the PattiCam



The Vice Commodore's Ribs 'n Blues Party was held last weekend at the Yacht Club — and just in case you missed it, here are an assortment of images from the evening. We Hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed the ribs as much as we did.

-Phil & Sandy V.



Lucky are the lake kids

Our grandson, (who is also Ken & Darlene Troyer's grandson) Madison Starr Troyer, is more fortunate than he can imagine. At 14-1/2 months, he can have little appreciation for the wonderful lake community he was born into, and by the time he is 14-1/2 years, he will probably assume that living here is just part of the natural order of things.

Lake kids have the best of all worlds. At Birch they grow up on the shores of a clear, clean, cool, and deep, body-of-water that houses nothing they need fear. They can learn to swim, not in a concrete box, or in a sea full of salt, and tides, and surf, and the occasional shark, but in a calm, beautiful expanse of water where fish and ducks and turtles and dogs and other kids also swim and play.

If they want to go fishing they need not wander more than 100 feet from home. Sail boats wait for those who want to ride on them, and anyone who has a yen to learn to sail, or to fish or swim or drive a boat can find someone at Birch who will teach them how to do it. There are fewer water skiers now than there were when our daughters were younger, but tubing and knee boarding are crowd pleasers among those who enjoy a good brain bounce across the water.

Car traffic is brisk on summer weekends, but most of the time a boy or a girl can stroll the roads around here without a care. It is a quiet lazy place where there's no need to be quiet or lazy if you don't feel

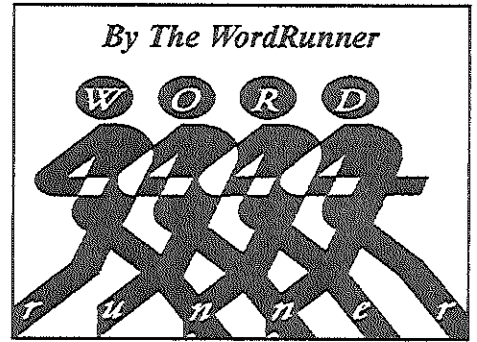
like it. A lake kid knows all the neighbors, knows who lives here during which months, and who drives what kind of boat. Big kids play with other big kids but they also play protectively and well with children half their size. Lake games often require too many participants to leave room for age discrimination among playmates.

Friendship is not a casual matter among lake kids, because they make their lake friends at an early age and almost nobody goes away from here permanently. My son-in-law, who is a third-generation Birch Laker, is as fond of and as loyal to DeWayne Weaver, and John Erhardt and Steve Cranmer as he was when I first saw them all, hanging out together 20 years ago.

You learn a lot of things naturally if you're a lake kid. You learn to be careful but to try new physical challenges when they present themselves, and to trust yourself in the process. You learn how to have fun without spending a lot of money, and you learn that nobody looks rich or important in a bathing suit. Very early, you discover that character, loyalty and integrity matter.

Without thinking much about it, you discover that "family" is the most important thing in life, and that neighbors look out for neighbors. You find out that dogs like to swim but most cats don't, and you absorb the names of dozens of kinds of wild animals and birds and ducks and fish and trees and flowers.

There are fewer distractions for a lake



kid. You learn to entertain and rely upon yourself. You discover what you can do well and what you enjoy doing when you're left to your own devices. Shopping centers and other commercial hangouts are far enough away that they don't become the center of social life.

To be happy here, one must learn to live comfortably with one's "available" companions, and to respect the wishes and the rights of those who live nearby. If you create a problem with the people next door, you'll have to do "the dance of the porcupines" with them for a long, long time.

Lake life is usually simple and uncomplicated; it's living as we would like living to be all over the world. And lake kids are lucky, lucky to be citizens of such a magical place, and lucky to be share in a community where each of us is valued by those who live around us.

Come to think of it, we're all pretty lucky, Birch Lake kids and ex-kids.

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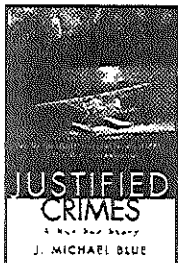
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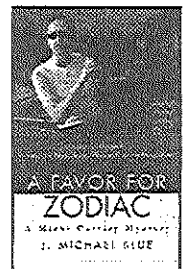


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Stu's Star Stuff



Happy Summer! It's officially here. The season of sunshine and vacations began at 9:24 a.m. EDT on Friday with the summer solstice (that's 8:24 a.m. for those reading this in Indiana). Yesterday also marked the longest day of the year, about 15 hours for the us here at the lake.

So how can one say that summer begins at a precise moment, 9:24? As you know, we have our seasons due to the tilt of earth's rotational axis. Because of this tilt, throughout the year the sun is in constant motion north or south in our sky. This motion is predictable and astronomers can determine the exact moment

when the sun will reach it's northernmost point in our sky and begin its six month journey south. If you were in parts of Mexico or Taiwan on Friday, you might have noticed something interesting at local noon — the moment when the Sun stands directly overhead: You wouldn't cast a shadow. The same thing will happen for latitudes 23-and-a-half degrees north down to the equator sometime between now and the autumnal equinox in September.

The solstice held deep religious significance for many ancient cultures. The point directly overhead, called the zenith, was often considered the pinnacle of

heaven. The Sun usually represented one of the most important gods, so its passage through the zenith was an especially important event. According to Inca tradition, when the shadows vanished, the Sun god descended to Earth.

But it's all down hill from here as the days begin to get shorter. To celebrate, watch a sunrise or sunset with someone you care about, and enjoy the show. It's free.

Next week, hunting the dragon.

-Stewart Spratt



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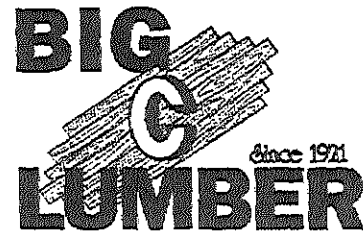
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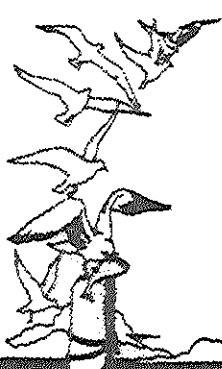
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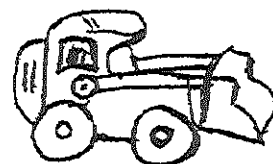


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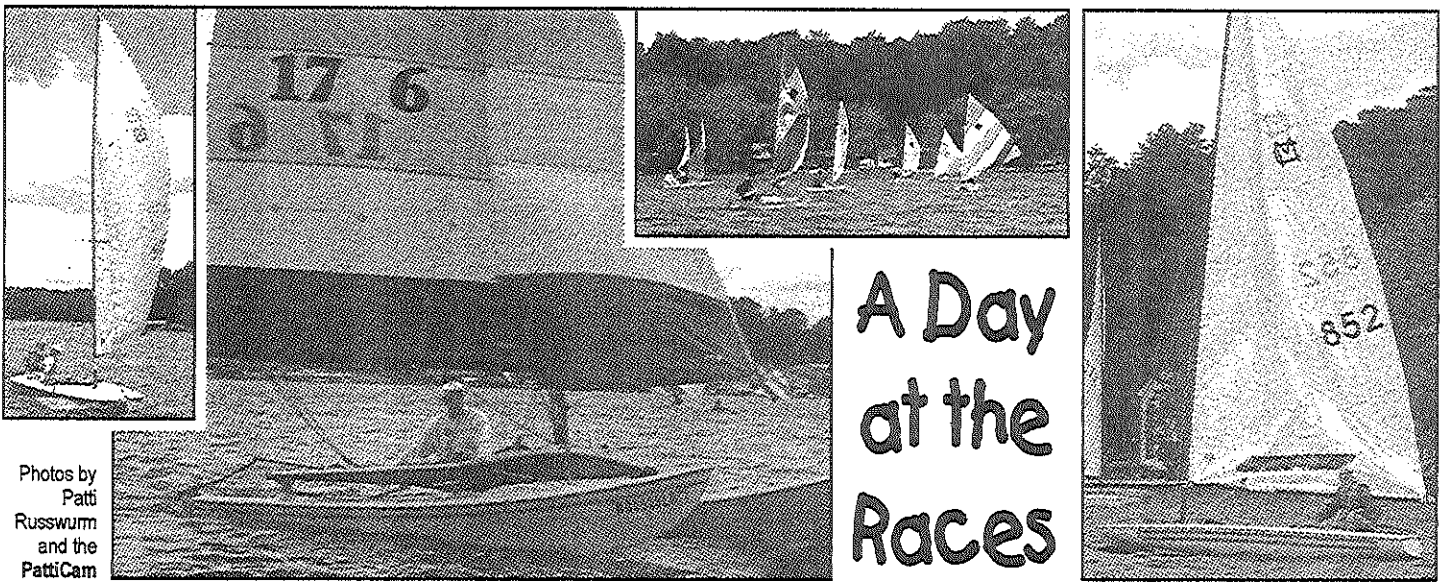
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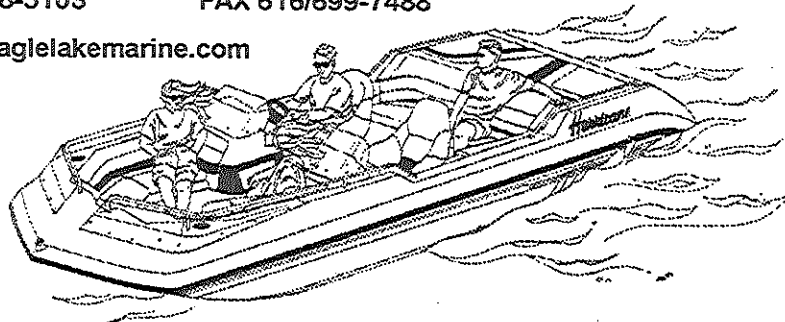
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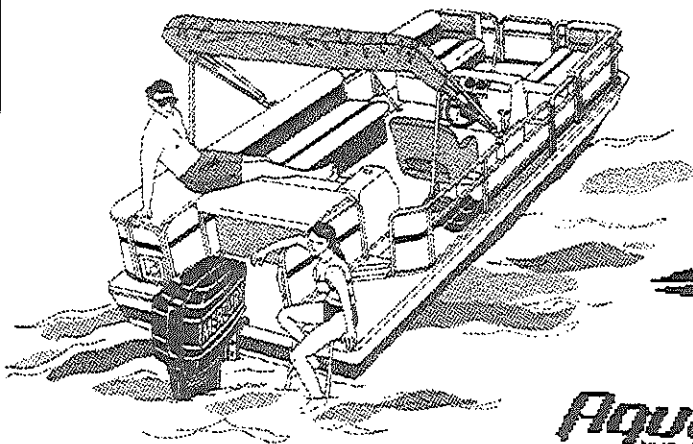
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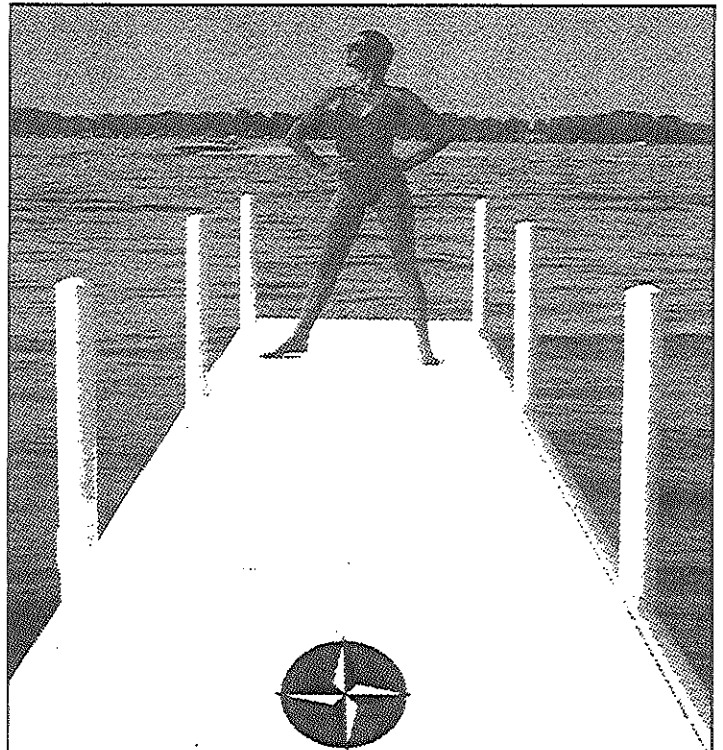


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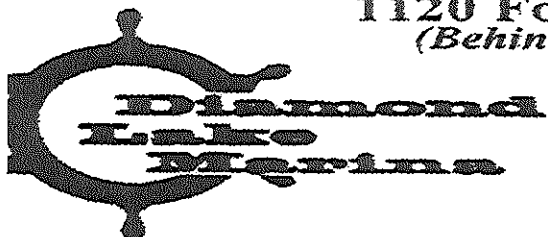


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