



A face only a mother (dragonfly) could love ... thanks to Tom Lacy (south side) for the great bug mug!

Happy, happy summer

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

This is my favorite day of the year, yes, the first day of Summer. June 21st ranks right up there with the roll out of the first-of-the season printed Barker. I look forward to both events starting Labor day of the year before. To me, Summer brings only good things, HEAT, Humidity, sitting on the deck at night counting the fireflies, listening to the cicadas, frogs, and taps, watching the boat parade, having friends and neighbors over to share this magical time on Birch Lake. Yes, LIFE IS GOOD!!!

I hope everyone was able to share this slice of paradise with their fathers this past Father's Day weekend. With the surrounding areas getting pelted

with rain, we were lucky to just have some overcast skies and a nice breeze for our fathers. We had a cookout for Karen's dad. She timed it so that he got to help take Claire and Amanda Butler to camp (7 very heavy suitcases, 4 extra bags, 2 sleeping bags, 4 pillows and a trip home to pick up a box fan, step ladder and tennis racket. He has informed us, that next year he is busy camp day.).

Congratulations to Mike Lutz's (North shore) dad, Roger and Ilene, who chose the backdrop of Birch Lake on Sunday afternoon to begin a new era of their life together and get married. They celebrated the joyous event with a small gathering of family in Mike and Amy's front yard.

Speaking of joyous events, everyone is invited to join Karen and I Saturday, June 25th, at 7 pm at the Yacht Club for

2011 BLYC Calendar

Sat, June 25.....	Commodore's Party
Sat, July 2.....	Boat Parade
Sat, July 2.....	Fireworks
Sun, July 3.....	Pancake Breakfast
Sun, July 3.....	Fireworks Rain Date
Sat, July 9.....	Board Meeting 9 am
Sat, July 9.....	Homeowners Meeting 10 am
Sat, July 9.....	House-walk
Sat, July 16.....	Spaghetti Dinner
Fri, July 22.....	Women's Golf & Luncheon
Fri, July 29.....	Men's Golf Outing
Sat, Aug. 6.....	Board Meeting 9 am
Sat, Aug. 6.....	Corn and Sausage Roast
Sat, Aug. 27.....	Fall Dinner
Sat, Sept. 10.....	Board Meeting 9 am
Sat, Sept. 10.....	Sailing Awards
Sat, Sept. 17-24.....	Game / Card Party
Sat, October 8.....	Annual Chili Cook Off

Note: ALL dates and times are subject to change.

Watch the Barker for updates!

Birch Lake House Walk Saturday July 9th - see page 4

The Birch Barker is always soliciting and accepting materials for publication. Please E-mail your materials to sailorphil@philvitale.com, put the items in the red newspaper box at my home, 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore), or mail to: Phil Vitale, 102 So. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031, or fax to (269) 445-9200. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want the materials returned. To contact us by phone, call Phil at (269) 476-1680 or (269) 445-9200, or BLYC Commodore Stan Pitakos at (269) 476-8862. -Phil Vitale, editor

— Birch Lake Notes —

my Commodore's Cocktail party. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor and a treat to share. There will be pleasant and sometimes enlightening conversation to go around. I hope to see you there.

You still have time to plan your design for the Boat Parade Saturday July 2 at 2 pm, with fireworks beginning at dusk, and following up on Sunday morning with the Pancake Breakfast at Camp.

Tickets for the House Walk,

Saturday July 9th and the Spaghetti Dinner July 16th will be on sale during the Pancake Breakfast. Make sure to join us for these great events. If you would like to volunteer your help, please contact the committee chair or give me a call a 476-8862.

Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness week was introduced in Michigan last week to raise awareness about the need for citizens to take action to stop new introductions and control the the spread

of aquatic invasive species in our inland waters. Our Water Quality committee of Paul Fallon, Terry Dugan, Bruce Wagner, Gordon Seyfarth and Rick Russwurm, had already identified and treated invasive species in Birch Lake long before this week was introduced by the Governor. We are extremely lucky to have this dedicated group looking over our precious lake.

See you Saturday, drinks are on me.

-Commodore Stan



Thanks to Bad Patty Luecht, who crewed on the Committee Boat with Denise Smitley and Wrigley, for the great photo ...

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ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday July 3 from 8:30 to 11 am in the dining hall at Camp Tannadoonah.

ADULTS \$5; CHILDREN 6-10 \$2; CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE. This is an all you can eat breakfast, so come enjoy, meet friends and neighbors.

All proceeds go to Camp Tannadoonah.

Kudos to Linda

The base of the stately oak tree at the landing, the portal to Birch Lake, has again been beautified this year by Ex-Commodore Linda Curtis of the Northeast side. We should all take a moment to thank her for the lovely sign,

beautiful flowers and quaint new fence that welcome all visitors to the lake.

Thanks Gaiks

Birch Lake thanks the Ray Gaik family for the clean up on the south side beach area.

They cut down trees and pulled stumps to help beautify the park. It looks much better thanks to their efforts!

Troyer family reunion

A Troyer family reunion was enjoyed on the north shore this past week. Ken Troyer's (east shore) sisters, Debbie, Judy, Cathy, brother Tracy and mother Dorothy spent the week reacquainting themselves with Birch Lake.

The Troyer family at one time had a home on the west shore.



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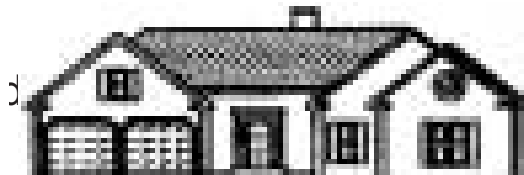
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BLYC House Walk/Art Fair 2011

It's only three weeks until our Birch Lake House Walk/ Art Fair on Saturday, July 9th!! The day's festivities will begin with several local artists and vendors displaying their work at the Wozniak barn starting at 11 am. We will have free refreshments and several drawings going on throughout the day. The house walk will begin at 12 noon and, due to favorable response from the previous house walk, all participants will once again be ferried from house to house by pontoon boat. All participants must check in at the barn to pick up their brochures and begin their tour.

The participants will end the tour at the barn where the artists will be displaying their work until 4 pm. The last home tour will begin by 2 pm at the latest in order to finish by 3 pm so please plan accordingly. A limited amount of parking will be available at the barn so please walk or carpool if possible.

Tickets are on sale for \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the tour. All proceeds are going to Camp Tannadoonah for camperships (underprivileged children). We will be selling tickets at the Pancake Breakfast and door to door. Tickets can also be purchased from Linda Curtis and Sue Waddle on the East shore, Bev Kruggel on the West shore, Denny Weesner and Diana Fredlake on the South shore, and Vickie Rogers in the cove.

The focus for the house walk this week is the Fallon home at 63600 Birch Rd. (East Shore).

Paul and Celia Fallon

Paul and Celia found Birch Lake initially by sending their eldest to Camp Tannadoonah in 1986. Their favorite piano teacher, Linda Witchie, hosted a summer picnic at her home, which allowed them a closer view of Birch Lake. For many years they moored their boat at Corey Lake and continuously looked for affordable lake property. After a long day of boating, they would take detours in search of lake property, with tired, hungry kids in the backseat.

Then, in 2004 they bought this home from the Koontz family. The first phase of their renovation was in 2006-07 with the garage/accesso-

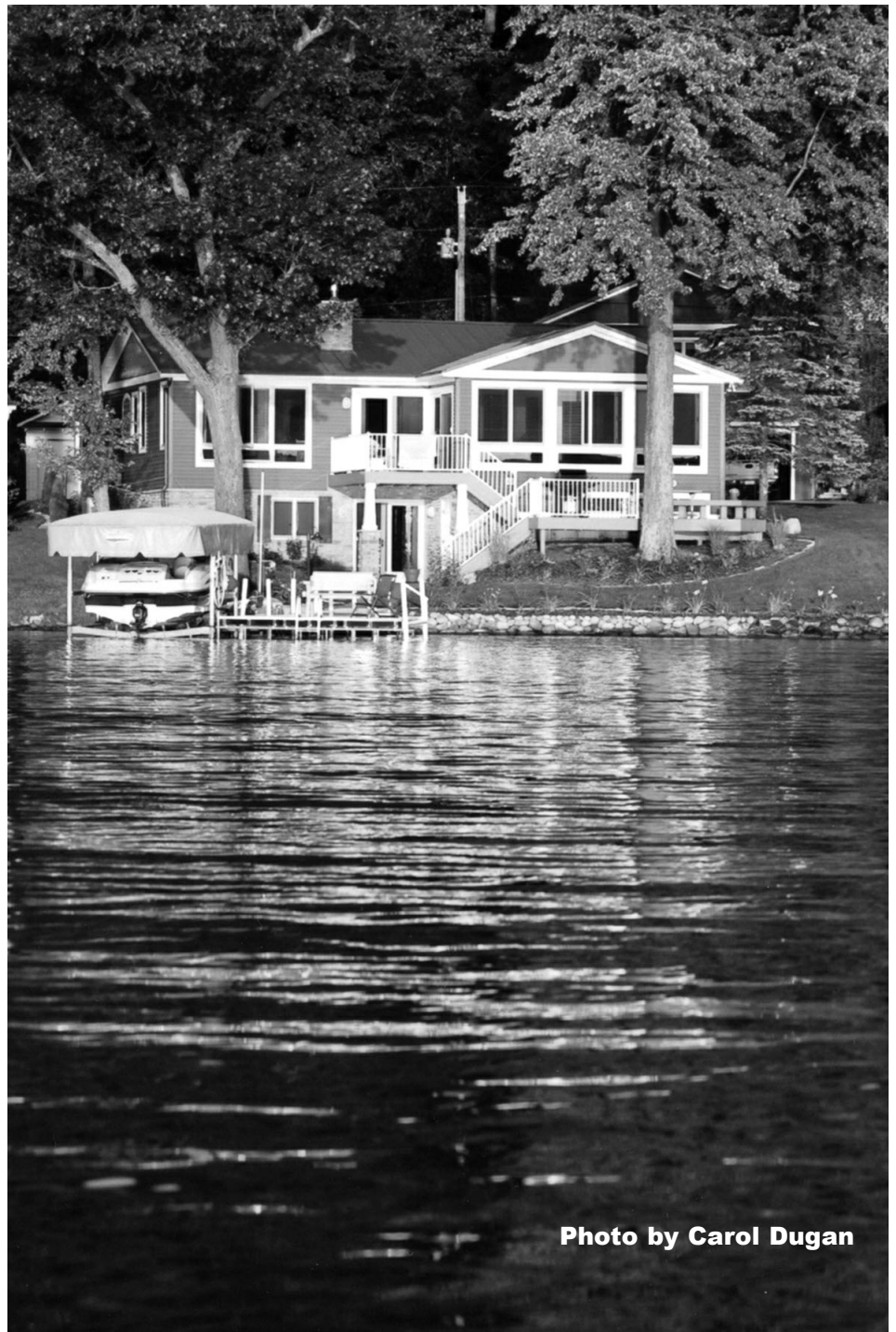


Photo by Carol Dugan

ry building on the lot across from the original cottage. It was built by Gundy Custom Builders and is a great little "guesthouse", with two bedrooms, a fireplace and full kitchen. In fact, Paul and Celia lived there during the second phase of their remodel, which was the main cottage. In the fall of 2008, they contracted Fireside Homes of Goshen to build the lakefront home and, moved into it in March 2009. One of their criteria was that they did not want to exceed their neighbor's roof height. They kept many of the layout features of the original cottage in the new home, but added a lower level. One of their favorite features of the house is the sound of rain on the steel roof and watching the mir-

acle of the sunset every day.

The Fallon's have four adult children, all Clay High School (South Bend) and University of Notre Dame graduates. Two of their daughters live in Austin Texas. Their son lives in upper-Manhattan with his wife, Lauren, and their local daughter, Liz and husband Steve, will be providing them with their first grandchild in June – very soon! They love having all of them visit, and Birch Lake is the perfect place for them to gather.

To Paul and Celia the "icing on the cake" has been getting to know, and living among all of their neighbors at the lake — it truly was an unplanned bonus.

Only 3 weeks left!

— Barker kids of the Week —



Cindy Bernaciak (east side) and Julie Lacy (south side) promoting the sale of the Birch Lake tote bags at the vice commodore's party. According to Bad Patty Luecht, "LAST CHANCE!!! ONLY A FEW LEFT!!! DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!! SHOW YOUR BIRCH LAKE PRIDE!!! MAKES A GREAT GIFT FOR GRADS, NEWLYWEDS, PARENTS, ANYONE!!! STILL ONLY \$5 BUCKS! A FIN! A LINCOLN!!!" To buy a Birch Lake Tote, Call 476-2615 or see BAD PATTY (Luecht) East side



Patrick Russell and his proud family (Michael and Paula Russell, south side) posed for a photo recently. Patrick graduated from Marian High School and will be attending Indiana University Bloomington in the fall. Congratulation, Patrick!!

E-mail your kid-of-the-month photos to sailorphil@philvital.com ... or put them in a plastic bag and drop them at my home, 63174 Birch Rd.

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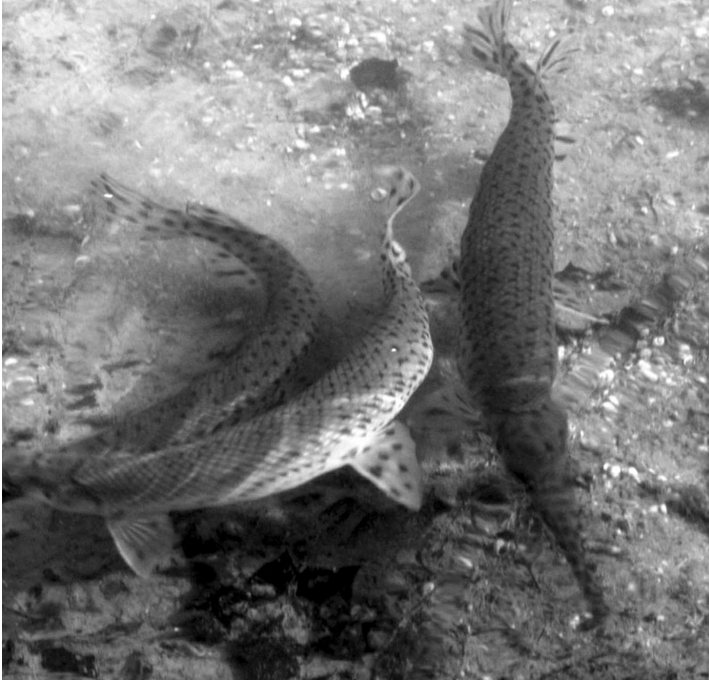


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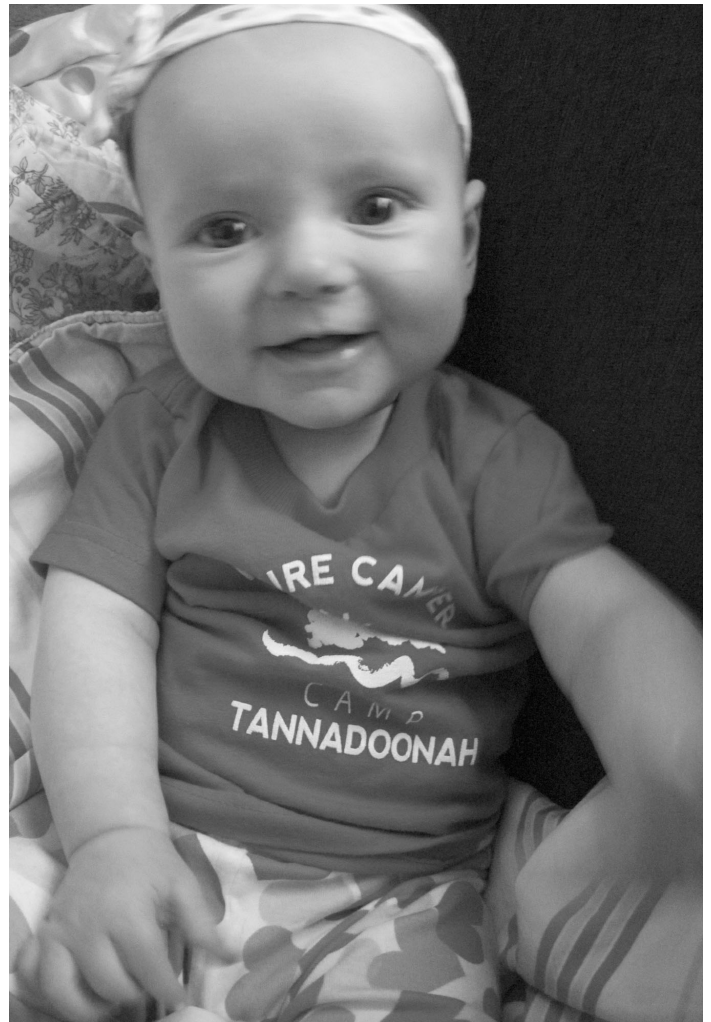
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ABOVE: Tom Lacy was standing on the end of my pier a couple weeks ago and these 3 gar swam right up in front of him. They paused and did a little dance for about 20 seconds then swam off. The largest was about 3 ft. long.

AT RIGHT: On January 15th, Birch Lake "kids" Caleb (formerly of the west side) and Kyla Walker (granddaughter of LaVeta Scofield) welcomed their first daughter, Caroline May. Caroline is a fourth generation Birch Laker!!! Caroline will be making her first trip to the lake in August. While still too young to sail or ski, Mom and Dad are VERY excited to see her splash and play.



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— BLYC Boat Parade 2011 —

Is your boat ready?

David and Judy Olson

This year's Birch Lake Boat Parade will be led by favorite east-siders David and Judy Olson, and who could be better? Dave and Judy have been members of the Birch Lake community for much of their lives. Both of their families bought vacation homes on the lake in the 1950's. They spent their teenage summers enjoying time with neighbors their age including our own Mike Machalleck and the Weesner "boys" and others with names from the lake that many would recognize. Parting ways after high school, Judy went on to further education and to teaching and Dave to the military.

A few years later, another summer at Birch Lake brought them back together to date, get engaged by Halloween and married the next February.

They spent many years

living in the South Bend/Mishawaka area while they reared two boys, Jeff and Todd, and maintained a printing shop in Mishawaka — while still frequently visiting family members at Birch Lake.

In 1970 they "took over" the little blue cottage on the east side and in 1998 they moved their summer residence next door to the brown "Brown" cottage, making it their permanent home in 2006.

In their years at the lake they have participated in many, many activities, committees and clubs including, but not limited to, being Commodore (Judy in the 70's), sailing since the 70's, (David), involvement in the Junior Yacht Club, delivering Barkers, chairing the Boat Parade Committee, working at the Pancake Breakfast and selling tickets to various din-

ners and events.

Now retired, they continue to help us out and in addition, work for the benefit of the community by volunteering at the Council on Aging and Judy sits on the County Parks Board. They are also the proud grandparents of Jeff's (and lake girl Beth Davis Olson) two sons, ages 8 & 5 who keep them busy when they visit.

So, Congratulations, Dave and Judy! No one could be more worthy!

4th of July Boat Parade Update

Congratulations go to our esteemed 2011 Grand Marshals, Judy and Dave Olson! Judy and Dave have given so much to our little lake community for many years. As a result of their many gifts, we privileged to honor them as the leaders of the 2011 4th of July Boat Parade, which will take place at 2:00 pm on July 2nd, 2011.

We are expecting a number of fantastic and creative entries for this year's 4th of July Boat Parade. Rumors are abounding that at least one entry may involve oh, we can't give it away! That might spoil everything. So please, put your collective genius to work for the fun and entertainment of our entire lake community. As you know only one boat can win the coveted 1st Place Trophy, but each and every family participating receives a separate trophy standing forever as a testament to a

very fun project. One of the best things about our boat parade is the ability of all lake frequenters to devise a family wagering pool on which boat will be the big winner. Step right up! Place your bets! Have fun at Birch Lake!

The judges for this years 2011 Boat Parade will be Linda Rasmussen, Sandy Baucus, Bob Baucus, Patti Russwurm and Rick Russwurm. They will be stationed at Dick Bender's pier on the south side of the lake. If you are unsure which is Dick's pier, just follow the other decorated boats and you can't miss it. Registration will begin promptly at 2:00 pm. All participants should approach the dock slowly, one at a time, and register your boat. The judges will need a description of your boat and the names of the families that are participating. You will then receive some instructions and your boats number. After you register, each boat must line up behind the Grand Marshal's boat (in single file). The Grand Marshal's boat will lead the parade. After the parade lap, you will return to Dick Bender's dock and return your number to receive your hard-earned but well-deserved trophies. Once again, approach the dock slowly. We don't want Dick to get bent out of shape (ha ha get it?). Thanks to all for a great 2011 Boat Parade!!

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Father's Day racing

South winds at 8 MPH were blowing from the landing at daybreak. I was worried that the day might turn into a drifter when the wind lighted up just before the first race. However, it quickly filled in and a very enjoyable day resulted. We only did two races since it was Father's Day to allow everyone time with their families. Results are included below.

Thanks to Patty Luecht, my Lovely Bride, and our pup Wrigley for running the committee boat. Wrigley was very helpful by calling the sailors "Roover" as they crossed the finish line.

Please note there is a small

adjustment to the committee boat schedule. Patty Luecht is switching from July 31 to the prior week. She has Paul McCartney tickets that weekend and refuses to give them away. (They were a gift from her husband, Bill.) It's a good thing she didn't switch to later in the season as she may not be coming back to the lake. She's hoping she'll get a chance to dump Bill and marry Paul. Bill is fine with that assuming he gets a large postnuptial payment. You'll know that's happened if he shows up on a Sunday with a brand new MC. See you at the starting line...

-Fleet Captain Jeff

Committee Boat Schedule

June 26	.....	Bob & Sue Waddle
July 2 (Regatta)	.....	Karen Brovold
July 3 (Rain Date)	.....	Karen Brovold
July 4 (Regatta)	.....	Karen Brovold
July 10	.....	Patty Luecht
July 17	.....	Bob & Sue Waddle
July 24	.....	Patty Luecht
July 31	.....	Open
August 7	.....	Karen Brovold
August 14	.....	Amber & Chas Grundy
August 21	.....	Open
August 28	.....	Karen Brovold
Sept. 3 (Regatta)	.....	Karen Brovold
Sept. 4 (Regatta)	.....	Karen Brovold
Sept. 5 (Rain Date)	.....	Karen Brovold

Season sailing results

Date	19-Jun	19-Jun	Total	Season
Race	3	4	Points	Average
MC Scow				
Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	6321	1580
Jeff Smitley #2002	2	2	6086	1522
Gib Eberhart #916	5	6	5486	1372
Bill Luecht #1579	3	5	5261	1315
Phil Vitale #500	6	4	5259	1315
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412	7	3	5194	1299
Dave Olson #1979	4	7	2525	1263
Tom Howard #1713	8	8	2178	1089
Sunfish				
Bob King (Black)	DNS	1	1600	1600
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	2	6242	1561
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	3044	1522

Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	3	3	5853	1463
Sandy Vitale (White)	2	5	2817	1409
Bernie Garceau (Red/White/Blue)	DNS	DNS	2738	1369
Erica Vitale (White)	5	4	2665	1333
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue)	4	6	5186	1297
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	6	7	3606	1202

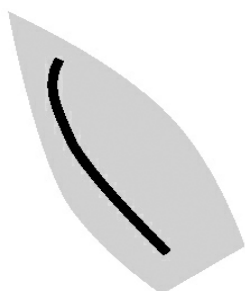
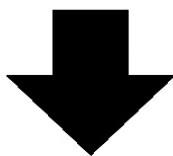
DNS (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season.
 DNF (Did Not Finish), DSQ (Disqualified) scores as one place worse than last place (if 5 boats finished, you would have finished 6th, will be scored as 7th place).
 DNF, DSQ not counted toward minimum number of races needed.
 CB - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives their season average place as of that date - counted toward season total.
 Season Points are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.)
 Season Place = total season points/number of races attempted
 Crew - Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat.

Basic rules of sailboat racing

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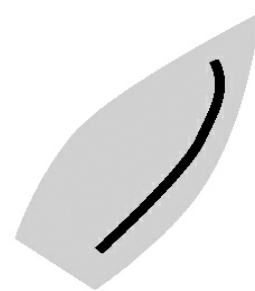
Starboard Tack vs Port Tack

Wind Direction



Starboard Tack

Wind coming over the starboard (right) side of boat. Sails on port (left) side.



Port Tack

Wind coming over the port (left) side of boat. Sails on starboard (right) side.

Water Quality Committee Report

**Water Quality Program
Water Quality Committee Lake
Management Report
Paul Fallon, Chairman; Terry
Dugan, Rick Russwurm, Gordon
Seyfarth, Bruce Wagner**

EURASIAN MILFOIL

Some four years ago, a few pockets of Eurasian milfoil were witnessed blooming in our lake. Eurasian Milfoil is a particularly troublesome invasive species that has wreaked havoc on scores of lakes in Michigan alone. Fortunately, your Yacht Club and its' Water Quality Committee responded immediately, had the lake surveyed and treated, and have monitored and managed the situation since. Many lake residents made, and continue to make, special donations to offset these costs, for which the rest of us are most grateful.

For good reason then, our regular survey program continues. Progressive AE surveyed the entire lake for invasive aquatic plants on May 31st. They inspected last year's Milfoil sites and determined we will have to treat them again this year. The areas are slightly smaller than last year and there are signs of native plants growing in areas where the Milfoil once was. Good news! No new areas were found. Progressive did also find a small amount of Curly Leaf Pond Weed which is invasive species, but it is not presently a concern.

The opinion was that it is unlikely that it can thrive in our lake. On June 6th Professional Lake Management treated the two Eurasian Milfoil sites.

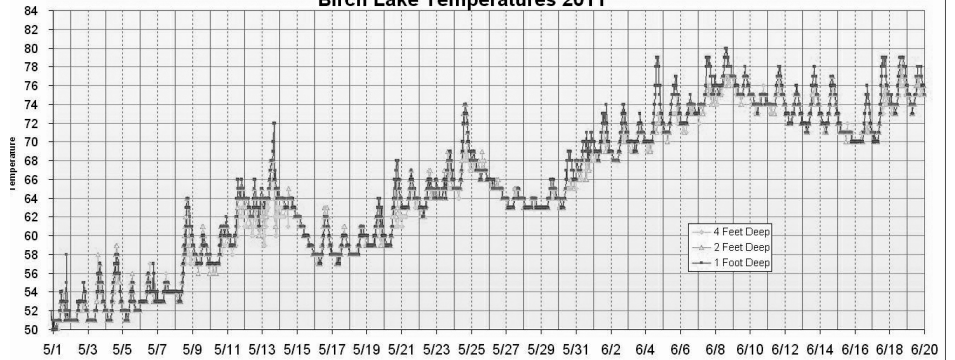
Progressive AE will come back to re-inspect and determine if a second treatment will be needed. By having an annual program we are able to keep the Milfoil under control. We may never get rid of it but our program seems to be preventing its' spread.

Eurasian Milfoil is an aggressive, tall growing exotic aquatic plant from Europe and Asia. It is capable of growing to the surface in 10 to 15 feet of water. At the surface it forms a dense canopy of vegetation over other plants. Many native plants may be reduced in abundance by the Milfoil canopy. It also conflicts with many recreational activities. In dense conditions it is a serious localized and lake wide problem. It is not



a significant food crop for waterfowl, other birds or aquatic mammals. It readily regenerates from detached fragments and spreads rapidly. Consequently this plant can form dense colonies covering much of a lake's littoral (or near shore) zone. Being an exotic it has few natural biological control agents.

Birch Lake Temperatures 2011



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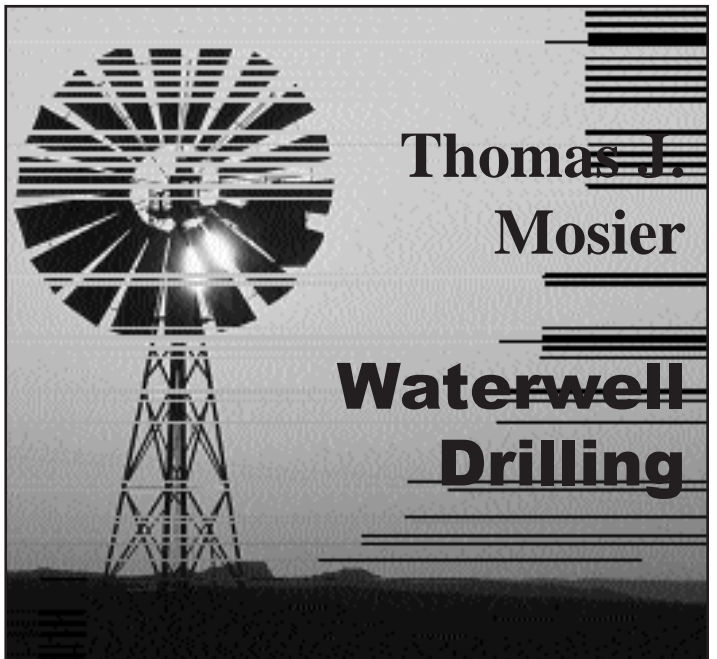
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Stu's Star Stuff

Sailing the summer sky

A couple of my favorites sail across the southern sky during the summer - Sagittarius and Scorpius. I understand that those of you on the south shore probably can't see them at all but we can all still enjoy some interesting stories.

The constellation Sagittarius represents the centaur Chiron. Most of the centaurs were regarded in myth as bestial--they were, after all, half horse. However, the ancient Greeks had a great deal of respect for the horse, and so were reluctant to make the centaurs entirely bad. In fact, Chiron was renowned for his gentleness. He was an excellent archer, musician, and physician, and tutored the likes of Achilles, Jason, and Hercules.

Chiron, however, was accidentally shot and wounded by Hercules. The arrow, which had been dipped in the poison of the Hydra, inflicted great suffering on Chiron--so great, in fact, that even the talented physician could not cure himself. In agony, but as an immortal unable to find release in death, Chiron instead offered himself as a substitute for Prometheus. The gods had punished Prometheus for giving fire to man by chaining him to a rock. Each day an eagle would devour his liver, and each night it would grow back. Jupiter, however, had at the request of

Hercules agreed to release Prometheus if a suitable substitute could be found. Chiron gave up his immortality and went to Tartarus in place of Prometheus; in recognition of his goodness, Jupiter placed him in the stars.

Scorpius, the scorpion leads the way ahead of Sagittarius across the night sky. The scorpion is generally believed to be responsible for the death of the great hunter Orion. According to some myths, the scorpion stung Orion in response to his boast that he could defeat any beast. According to others, it was sent by Apollo, who was concerned for his sister Debra's continued chastity.

In either case, Scorpius was placed in the opposite side of the sky from Orion so as to avoid any further conflict. It is to the southeast of Libra, and is marked by the bright red star Antares, which is Greek for "Rival of Ares," the Greek war-god. The star is so named because of its brightness and color, which are approximately the same as of the planet Mars. Mars, of course, is the Roman name for Ares.

Look for Sagittarius in the southeast most any night this summer after 10:30pm or so. It's most recognizable part is the stars that form the shape of a teapot, the archer part actually, and on really clear nights the Milky

Way seems to steam from the teapot's spout. Scorpius, just to the west, is also quite recognizable with its wide claws, swooping, curling tail and bright red heart. Also look for the cat's eyes at the end of the tail.

We'll share some additional interesting tales in weeks to come, including "The End". Think Jim Morrison. Get out there and enjoy the show. The price is right you know.

-Stu Spratt



The Moon for June 25, 2011

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ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Your personal life will still be experiencing difficulties and you are best to avoid the issues for the time being. Try looking into new ways to make extra money. Don't hesitate to voice your opinions at a group meeting; however, keep your thoughts to yourself at home. Minor accidents may occur if you don't concentrate on what you're doing. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21) You need to be sure that you aren't in your present relationship because it is convenient. Use your obvious talent to work with detail and you can come up with something great. Lovers will be demanding. You are best to sign your partner up for activities that will be tiring. Take time to talk things over. Travel for business or pleasure. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You can accomplish a lot if you deal with other people's money or possessions this week. You are apt to meet someone special on your journey. Your reputation will be affected. Catch up on your correspondence and reading. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Be honest in your communication and don't lose your cool. Do not borrow or lend money or belongings to friends or relatives if you wish to avoid any hassles. Renovations or purchases made for your home will payoff. this week is not the day

to try to come people by giving them ultimatums. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Take some time out. Get out and have some fun. You hard work and dedication will payoff, so stick to your guns and do your job well. You will be emotional about family matters. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Changes in your domestic scene are evident. You may interest some of them in a service you have to offer. Let your lover know what your personal intentions are. Take a look at investment opportunities. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Don't hesitate to voice your opinions when it comes to matters pertaining to work. Although up setting, changes in your domestic situation will be favorable. Be honest in your communication and don't lose your cool. Be careful how you deal with colleagues. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You may be emotional and quick to judge others. Don't believe everything you hear. Find out if they have other commitments. Spend some time on yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Don't avoid situations that may deteriorate; try to mend them. Travel will also entice you. Your outgoing nature will surprise others this week. You need to get out if you want to meet potential partners. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SCAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You're intuitive this week; however, this attribute could get you in trouble if you tactlessly say what you think. Look into ways that you can make extra cash. It will be all around you. Don't be too eager to buy things for those who really don't deserve it. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Try to stay calm and understand both sides of the situation. Your obviously unique way of doing things has caught the eye of someone in a higher position. Obstacles may stand in your way where career and success are concerned. Let them know what your intentions are. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You must refrain from overspending on entertainment. You can make money if you concentrate on producing services that will make domestic chores easier. Toning, fitness, pampering should all be scheduled. Feeling under the weather may be a result of overindulgence. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

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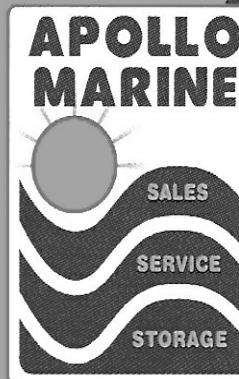


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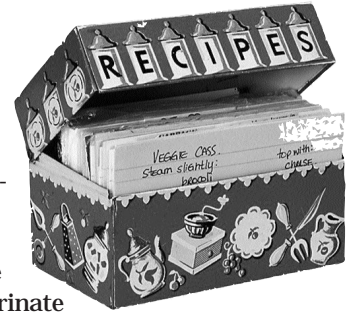
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Hawaiian chicken kabobs



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Original Recipe Yield 8 servings

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons sherry
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 8 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into 2 inch pieces
- 1 (20 ounce) can pineapple chunks, drained
- skewers

Directions

1. In a shallow glass dish, mix the soy sauce, brown sugar, sherry, sesame oil, ginger, and garlic powder. Stir the chicken pieces and pineapple into the marinade until well coated. Cover, and marinate in the refrigerator at least 2 hours.
2. Preheat grill to medium-high heat.
3. Lightly oil the grill grate. Thread chicken and pineapple alternately onto skewers. Grill 15 to 20 minutes, turning occasionally, or until chicken juices run clear.

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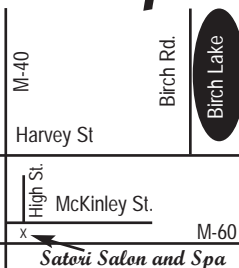
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Camp Tannadoonah

And we're off!

This past week was the first week at Camp. The theme was

Holidaze Week, and we celebrated a different holiday on every day. We ended the week with our annual First Council Fire ceremony. If you were out on the lake Friday evening, you may have seen Princess Tannadoonah canoeing in to camp from the cove, carrying a torch to light the first fire of the year.

It was a rather rainy week at camp this week, unfortunately. On Monday morning we had storms all morning, which forced us to cancel most of the morning activities, including the first ever day of waterskiing. Luckily it cleared up in time for afternoon activities, and Tuesday stayed clear all day, until just before dinner time. A brief power outage made for an exciting evening!

This year we've challenged our counselors to be especially creative with planning of activities each evening. In the past, we have assigned 5 or 6 counselors to be the "committee" for the week. That committee is in charge of planning all of the evening activities, as well as decorating the dining hall to fit the theme of the week.

This year, we changed things up, and assigned a committee of 4 or 5 to each different night of the week. Each counselor gets one Sunday, one Tuesday, etc (no Mondays because that's cookout night). Over the course of the summer, we'll have weekly contests to determine the most fun evening of that week. So far they've been very good! On Sunday we played "Capture Cupid" (like Capture the Flag) for Valentine's Day, and Tuesday we had an underwater Easter Egg Hunt for Easter (although it got cut short by another storm!). Wednesday night we had a 4th of July picnic and carnival, and Thursday we went trick-or-treating. Friday night is always Council Fire.

This week we also had our first Art Camp week. On Monday the campers used a product called Sculpey to create clay sculptures. The cool thing about the Sculpey is that you can bake it in the oven rather than having to fire it in a kiln. On Tuesday Deb Bolinger led a painting class. The students learned about different styles of art, and how to use acrylics, and they painted some beautiful pieces! Wednesday they painted their clay sculptures, and also experi-

mented with papier-mâché. Thursday they got a photography lesson with Carol Dugan, and Friday they painted a mural on the fence by the shower house. We had some wonderful volunteers and some amazingly creative students!

This week we also introduced two other brand new programs: Yoga (taught by my mom, Sherry), and Waterskiing (with my dad, Bill, as the boat driver). On the very first day, 2 of the 6 campers in waterskiing were able to get up and go nearly all the way around the lake. Both programs have generated a lot of interest, and are pretty much booked up for the summer.

This week we surpassed 500 registered campers! That's the first time in many years we've gone over 500, and now we're shooting for 600 by the end of the summer! Harry Potter Week is now completely full and has a waiting list, and Survivor Week and Gameshow Week are very close to being full as well. We're looking forward to a great rest of the summer, with "All Ball Week" starting on Sunday.

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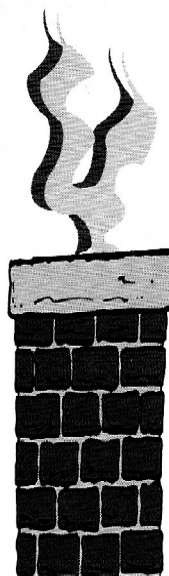
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