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BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

Birch Barker

Weekend of August 27, 2011

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Pretty nice boating pic from last weekend ... Thanks to Mr. Bob for the pic!

Make no mistake about it ...

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

This is it! Make no mistake about it ! I'm going no further. Tonight I toss the life jacket and the helm of the yacht club to a new administration.

Are you going to attend our fall diner? Pam Mullin will be the new Commodore and will also announce the new Vice Commodore .Since the dinner also acts as a yacht club meeting we will be voting on board members. Directors who have agreed to serve an additional term and nominations for those who have decided it is time to step down and let someone new help with the Yacht clubs direction.

Speaking of people who have decided to step down this year, two of whom are Lind Harman and Jim Bolinger. Both have provided the Yacht club with years of service and we owe them both a huge THANK YOU(Insert crowd frenzy applause).

Bob Waddle also will be coming off as his term as Past Commodore is over. I will be slipping into that post quietly.

Looking back over the past year, I'm not sure we did anything extraordinary. I'm sure we took steps to have the Yacht Club continue moving in a positive direction .. not by anything that I have done, but thru the hard work of our board members. The people who have headed up the various committees and those who have tirelessly worked behind the scenes to make our functions such a success this year.

Thank each of you!!

Looking forward, the future of the club looks bright with an outstanding group of family members to guide us. I hope everyone will rally around the new commodore and make her transition go as smoothly as you have made mine.

Lastly a very special THANK YOU to Karen. Without her help and support I would not have been able to do it! She has been the wind in my sail this past year. Things at the club aren't finished

2011 BLYC Calendar

Sat, Aug. 27.....	Fall Dinner
Mon. Sept. 5.....	Sailing Awards
Sat, Sept. 10.....	Board Meeting 9 am
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!

yet. We still have the Chili cook off and possibly a card/game night.

One last word with the accident that happened at Corey Lake last week — let's all redouble our boating safety efforts. Our deepest sympathy to the family of that little person.

I'd like to see everyone back safe and sound next year!!! Till then fair winds and calm waters.

Your hung out to dry

-Past Commodore Stan

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— Birch Lake Notes —

Photo return

Note from the editor: many people over the year who have sent in photos for use in the Birch Barker have not made arrangements to have them returned. I will take my stash of photos to the fall dinner ... if you want yours back, hopefully it will be among them.

-pv

Farewell Appreciation

We would like to invite everyone up to Tom's for a Farewell Appreciation on Sept. 5, 2011 from 10 am to 3 pm. Hot dogs and Cake on the menu.

-Becky Beers

Totes & Lunchbags begone ...

There are no more totes or lunch bags. Watch next year for the for the "Birch Lake Commemorative Product of 2012!" (suggestions welcome — contact Bad Patty at: pgalloway4@yahoo.com

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Donation for Camp T Auction

Jill Brenay has donated a "Jim Booth" (sold out) artist proof (number 199/200, signed by the artist) — Image Size: 17 1/8" x 29 1/2", titled Reflections (Charleston waterfront homes) — ironic, the artist is apparently still alive, but ... Hurricane Irene is headed for Charleston — and all we know the homes in the painting may be gone by



In case you missed it ... that Chas' Grundy's brother, David, riding the Water Trike during the sailboat races on 8/14

Saturday. <http://adamsswims.wordpress.com/2011/06/04/the-week-of-060611/>
<http://www.jimbooth.com/>

WHEW!! (1958)

I was out in the middle of a five acre field. My uniform was a pair of coveralls, buttoned up closely to my neck, and a surgical mask. On my head was a thin skull cap. I had slipped on a pair of surgical gloves before I left my veterinary hospital, not more than a half block

away. In my arms I held a box full of baby skunks, six to be exact. They are as attractive as any baby animals. Surgery was to be as far away from any one as it could be. I had arranged to have a table placed in the field along with a surgical tray of instruments.

I opened the box and gave each a small injection of anesthetic and each went to sleep promptly. One by one I proceeded to relieve them of their self defense; their scent glands. Even

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though they were less than a month old they had a terrific odor to them. At first the odor was overwhelming, but I gradually got used to it. The two glands are located under the tail. They exist as pearly white oval muscular glands with a yellow colored fluid in them. I buried the extracted glands and the kits were returned to their owner back at the hospital.

Slipping my clothes off at the back door of my hospital, I opened the door and hurriedly jumped into a fresh hospital coat and pants. As careful as I was, I was still left an odor that lingered in the hospital for about a week.

I hoped the owner would find good homes for these beautiful babies.

Note: Even though it was legal at that time, it is unlawful to de-scent skunks today without permission of the state.

-Duffy Dufour

Happy Anniversary

Please be sure to wish Saint Sandy a happy anniversary this Saturday ... she has apparently been putting up with Phil for 41 years (assuming they make it to August 27).

Edwardsburg Food drive started!

The Edwardsburg Food Pantry had an unprecedented number of families seeking food, and the pantry needs food.



The Company holiday program

Before the first Jingle Bell, turkey carving, or Ho Ho Ho, "The Company" gets you into the Holiday spirit with their annual "Singin' and Dancin' into the holidays," this year aptly named, "A Merry Como Christmas." Shows will be on Nov. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19. Curtain time is 8 pm, with a 7:30 warm-up. Ticket Prices are \$10 for seniors, and \$11 for adults and children.

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Tickets will be available at the Battell Center from 9-5, or at the door.

This weekend we would like to hold a food drive to help them. Please bring non-perishable items to The Fall Dinner. If you are unable to attend the Fall

Dinner, please drop off items at Denise Smitley's, (West Side), or call her at 476-9000 for a pick up. Thank you and God Bless You!

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— Barker kids of the Week —

At Right: Avery Grundy, son of Amber and Chas (Hill), up close and personal with a Giraffe at the Binder Park Zoo.



(at left) Happy Birthday Call!

Saturday, 08.27.11, Calvin turns into a major, age 18 — he's avoiding the lake, and Fall Dinner, to escape the potential mass spanking - feel free to stop by and give him a hug on Sunday



Laden with a gift of New Jersey creamy white corn, Anthony and Carol Carbonaro and Ruth Mecca visit the Eichorsts. After seeing all of our IN/MI corn fields, they felt they were taking rice to China. You must try NJ corn — It's awesome.

Picture by Judie Eichorst

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— Barker kids of the Week —



One-year-old Evan, grandson of Jim and Linda Yoshizawa, experimenting with a new water toy.

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Kaelee and Kelly Eichorst make their first pie while visiting Birch Lake — Made with rhubarb that Grandpa Sherman planted 40 years ago. Yum!

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A BIG thank you to Bad Patty Luecht from the Boecher girls (Russwurm's granddaughters) for the Fairy Wings, Tiaras and Batons. The little princesses loved them all.

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Camp Tannadoonah

Fall is coming!

It's hard to believe that September is just around the corner, and we're having the Birch Lake Fall Dinner this Saturday! As you all know, the Camp Fire Silent Auction will be held in conjunction with the Fall Dinner at camp. We are hoping that this year's silent auction is just as successful as last year's! There are some great items up for bid again this year.

On Saturday, September 17 from 10am to 3pm we will have Camp Fire Outdoor Training at camp. This is open to all youth ages 5-16. They will learn about fire-building, hiking, outdoor cooking, knot-tying, campsite setup, knife safety, and much more! The cost is just \$5 for the day.

This fall we're planning to combine our annual Fall Camp with a Family Camp event! The dates for this event are September 23 -25. Families will each be given their own cabin, or room in a cabin, and all meals are provided. The cost is \$100 for a family of 2, and \$25 for each additional family member (kids 4 and under are free). Our counselors will be there to run a variety of camp activities, and we hope to have lots of families in attendance! Kids ages 5-16 can also attend Fall Camp without a parent. The cost for fall camp is \$75 per camper.

In addition to Fall and Family Camp, there are a lot of fall plans being made up here at camp. We will, of course, have our usual work days throughout the fall, and hopefully many lake residents will be around to help us rake leaves and close up camp in October. Keep an eye out for work day announcements!

One thing we're trying to accomplish this fall is a Waterfront Beautification Plan. The grassy areas at the waterfront are in pretty bad

shape, with big, deep holes and some very wet, marshy areas. We'd like to till up all of that area, re-level the soil so that it slopes a bit to keep water from pooling under the clothes racks, and put down some grass seed to start taking root before winter. We've also brainstormed some ideas for how to re-direct the water flow from the springs behind our waterfront, so that it doesn't get so swampy in front of the clothes racks. I am working on obtaining information from the DEQ about this project, so that we make sure we're doing everything by the books. But if you have some time to help out, we're thinking that this project will be scheduled for sometime in mid- to late-October.

We are working with some Boy Scouts from the area to do some other projects around camp, as well. Right now, Thom Behrens is working on his Eagle Scout project, which involves cleaning, sanding, and refinishing all the steps on the waterfront staircase! He's using a chemical treatment to remove the dirt and grime from the stairs, sanding them smooth, leveling any stairs that are crooked, and then applying a new stain with an additive to make them less slippery when it rains! If you see the stairs roped off, it's probably because he is working on his project, and would like people to avoid walking up and down them for a few days.

Another former camper, Austin Raffelock, is working on proposing his upcoming Eagle Scout project, and his plan is to get donations of materials to build new wooden bunk beds for several of our cabins. This is something we've been working on for a number of years, and currently we have replaced all of the old metal bunks in Cardinals & Wrens, Robins & Woodpeckers, Rotary, and Morris Lodge. That leaves Wallace, Exchange, Exchangettes, and Luta Koda. If he does all of the bunk beds in camp, that's a total of 26 bunks. In addition to the bunk beds, we have about 30 single beds that are still the old metal style. It's probably too big a project for just one Eagle Scout to attempt, but he plans to do as many as he can!

Hope to see you all at the Fall Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday night! Have a great weekend at the lake.

-Miss Amber-
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When to expect wind shifts ...

Although they took their time in arriving, the winds last Sunday were the strongest in quite a while. A cold front passed through overnight with light rain. In the morning, a Canadian high pressure system settled in producing 10 to 12 MPH from the West to North West and beautiful puffy clouds. When we were setting the marks, it seemed as though the winds were coming from different directions at each mark.

Here's a tip for you sailors: if you see us traveling back and forth between the marks to adjust them, we aren't sure where the wind is settling and you should expect large shifts during the race.

The winds were strong enough to cause Gib to go over on the second race. While trying to right his MC, the wind took it away from him. Luckily, Rick Doolittle was able to

ferry Gib and chase it down. Also during the second race, as Bernie was approaching the finish line, his rudder broke off. Quite creatively, he tried to finish holding it over the side, but he eventually gave up and had to retire from the race. Again, Rick Doolittle helped by towing Bernie back to shore. Thanks to Rick for assisting the sailors in need. Unfortunately for the sailors, if you do accept outside assistance, you cannot finish the race.

So far this year, we have had 19 races. Finishing two-thirds of the races is necessary to qualify for the season final standings. As a reminder, just like the 4th of July Regatta, the Labor Day Regatta will be scored two ways and will be included in the season standings. The standings below have each sailors' completed race counts and percentages.

Committee Boat Schedule

August 28	Karen Brovold/Plaia
Sept. 3 (Regatta)	Steve and Julie Plaia
Sept. 4 (Regatta)	Karen Brovold/Plaia
Sept. 5 (Rain Date)	Karen Brovold

The end of the season Sailors' meeting and awards ceremony will be held on Labor Day at 10:00 AM unless we race that day. If so, it will be at 2:30 in the afternoon as I'll need a few minutes to crunch the scores and prepare the award certificates.

I want to thank Mike and Julie Sheffieck, Karen Brovold and My Lovely Bride for running the committee boat. Again, without volunteers, we can't have a race.

See you at the starting line...

-Fleet Captain Jeff

Season sailing standings

Date	21-Aug	21-Aug	Total	Season	Races	%
Race	18	19	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
MC Scow						19
Scott Troeger #1489	3	2	26043	1532	17	89.5%
Jeff Smitley #2002	2	1	28167	1482	19	100.0%
Bob King #1199	DNS	DNS	18029	1387	13	68.4%
Bill Luecht #1579	4	5	23232	1367	17	89.5%
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412	5	4	25272	1330	19	100.0%
Phil Vitale #500	1	3	25187	1326	19	100.0%
Dave Olson #1979	DNS	DNS	13207	1321	10	52.6%
Gib Eberhart #916	6	DSQ	19885	1243	14	73.7%
Tom Howard #1713	DNS	DNS	16567	1183	16	84.2%
Rick Harman #379	DNS	DNS	1024	1024	1	5.3%
Sunfish						19
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	26963	1586	17	89.5%
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	15220	1522	10	52.6%
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	DNS	DNS	11712	1464	8	42.1%
Chris of the Scofields	DNS	DNS	5853	1463	4	21.1%
Erica Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	5707	1427	4	21.1%
Sandy Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	2817	1409	2	10.5%
Stan Pitakos	4	3	2813	1407	2	10.5%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	2	2	25276	1404	18	94.7%
Bernie Garceau (Red/White/Blue)	3	DNF	5478	1370	3	15.8%
Peter Soldoto	DNS	DNS	13217	1322	7	36.8%
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue)	DNS	DNS	6482	1296	5	26.3%

LEGEND:

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.

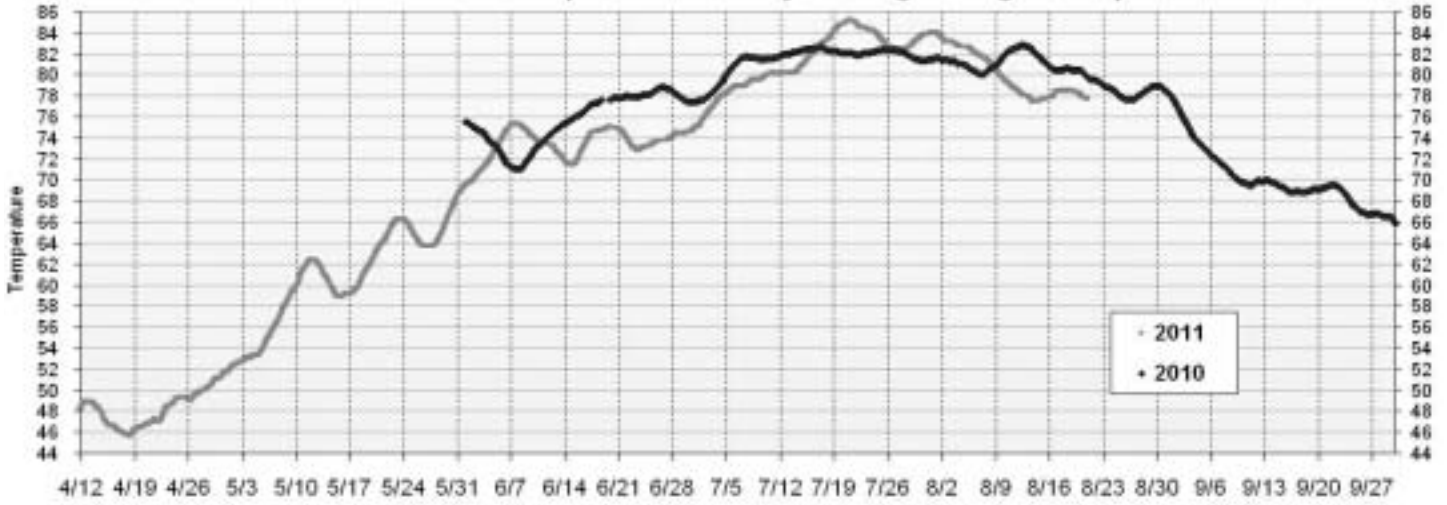
CB - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives their season average place as of that date - counted toward season total.

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.

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Stu's Star Stuff

The planet Venus ...

The planet Venus passed behind the Sun a few days ago, moving from morning sky to evening sky. It's still too close to the Sun to see, though. In fact, we won't get a good look at it until around Halloween.

In a way, Venus is always hidden, because its atmosphere is completely veiled by clouds. Orbiting spacecraft have used radar to peer through the veil, and a few Soviet landers gave us brief glimpses of the surface.

None of those missions has told us a lot about its interior, though. Venus is a little smaller than Earth, but about the same density. That suggests that its interior is similar to Earth's.

We do know that Venus produces no magnetic field. Earth and other planets generate magnetic fields because different layers rotate at slightly different speeds, creating a dynamo effect. But Venus takes eight months to turn on its axis. At such a slow speed, all the layers rotate at the same rate.

We also know that Venus is covered by volcanoes, some of which may still be active. But there's no pattern to them, and there are no geological fault lines, indicating that Venus's crust is a single sheet instead of the overlapping plates that make up Earth's crust.

So the evidence suggests that Venus has a large metallic core, a surrounding mantle of partially molten rock, and a thin crust. But we won't get a good view until we set up instruments on the surface to probe what's happening underground -- something that won't happen for a long time.

-Stu Spratt



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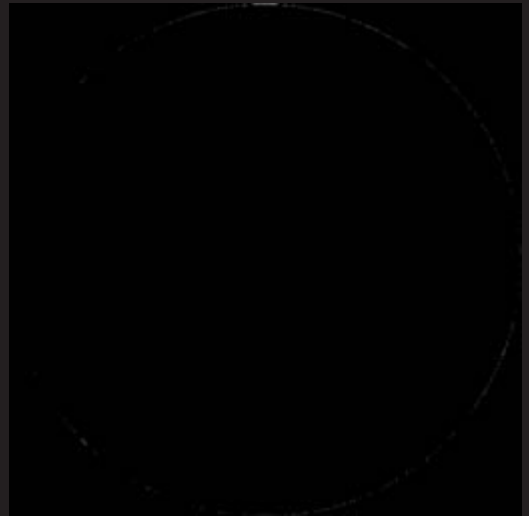
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ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Minor accidents could occur if you don't take precautions. Do not let in-laws upset you. You may need to make a few alterations to your living arrangements. You could find yourself having problems with coworkers and employers. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Your ability to deal with others will help you accomplish your goals. Try to satisfy both of your needs. Be discreet and don't present your ideas until you're certain that they're fool-proof. Do not sign contracts or get involved in any uncertain financial deals. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Try to keep your cool; you may be a tad frazzled by all the rushing around. Take care of chores that have been hanging over your head. Property investments, insurance, tax rebates, or inheritance should bring you financial gains. Your hypnotic eyes will capture the hearts of those who interest you. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Be careful while traveling. Consider making pleasure trips or participating in entertainment that will require energy. Only bite off what you can chew. You are best to do something energetic with friends instead. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) The battle continues. Moneymaking opportunities will surface. Your social activity should be conducive to finding love. This is not the best time to take a risk, to gamble or spend money you really can't afford to part with. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You can make extra cash by moonlighting. Don't rely on others to do your work. Professionalism will be of utmost importance. Kick your shoes off and relax. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Have some fun, but draw the line if someone tries to fast talk their way into your heart. Relationships will be erratic this week. You will be able to work with fine detail this week. Recognition will be yours if you meet your deadline. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Don't overextend yourself in the process. All your energy should be directed into moneymaking opportunities. Talk to someone you trust if you need advice about broaching the subject. Don't make promises that you can't possibly keep. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You will have a little more energy than usual. You can make professional decisions this week that will affect your position Do not over

expand if you have your own business. Sit tight. Opportunities for new romantic encounters will unfold through the social events you attend. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Take a close look at contracts and agreements that have been offered to you. Talk to someone you trust if you need advice about broaching the subject. Debates will stifle passion and result in estrangement. You can persuade even the toughest opponents to think your way. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You will accomplish the most in the work environment this week. Don't be disappointed if you don't get your way emotionally. You may be upset if someone has borrowed something that belongs to you. You could do extremely well in competitive sports events. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Relationships may be hard to handle. You need to spend time with friends and family. Your determination and stamina will make your work look flaw less and effortless. Don't spend more than is necessary on travel or friends. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

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- 4 (8 ounce) pork chops
- 1 lime, juiced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- salt and black pepper to taste

Directions

1. Toss the pork chops with the lime juice in a bowl until evenly covered. Toss with garlic and basil. Season the chops to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside to marinate for 30 minutes.
2. Preheat an outdoor grill for medium heat, and lightly oil the grate.
3. Cook the pork chops on the preheated grill until no longer

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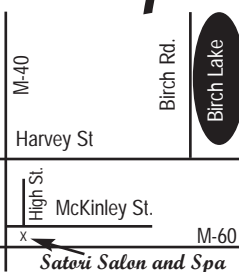
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FOUND

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