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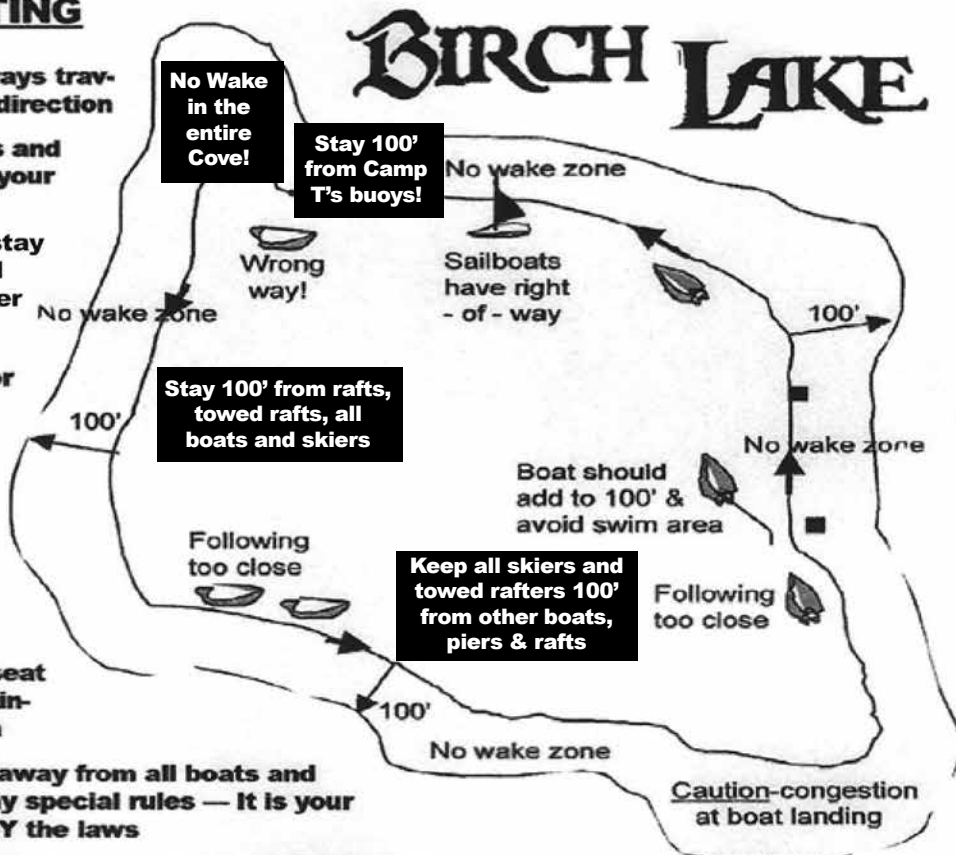
**May 23  
2020**

# Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the  
**Birch Lake Yacht Club**

## COMMON SENSE BOATING

- \* No matter what your speed, always travel in a **COUNTER CLOCK-WISE** direction
- \* Go **SLOW** near other boats, rafts and shore. You are responsible for your wake.
- \* Take your time and give room - stay **100'** from shore, other boats and rafts when you are travelling over wake speed
- \* When pulling someone on skis or a tube, you **MUST** have an observer. Watch out for other boats and be sure to add the length of your tow line to the **100'** clearance rule
- \* There must be one **USCG-approved LIFE JACKET** for every person on board, as well as one throwable device (seat cushion, etc.), a horn, a fire extinguisher, and a valid registration
- \* **PWCs (Jet Skis) must stay 100'** away from all boats and other PWCs. Jet skis have many special rules — It is your responsibility to know and **OBEY** the laws
- \* **Be responsible for everyone on your boat — safety is NO ACCIDENT!**



This message is brought to you by the Homeowners Association of Birch Lake

Welcome to the 2020 printed Birch Barker! We hope everyone had a great winter, and that everyone is ready for an even greater spring/summer! We urge you to use common sense and caution whenever you go out onto the lake, observe all the rules and laws, and respect the rights of other boaters on our beautiful lake.

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By **J. Patrick McGann**

I am in my 10th week staying at home during this Covid-19 health crisis.

Like many of you these are difficult and unusual times. My year as Commodore may make me be remembered as the Commodore that wasn't.

As Memorial Day is normally the start of the summer at Birch Lake, I'm not sure we are even going to have much of a summer around here. As Michigan and Indiana are still in partial restrictions, we are wearing our masks, Zooming, and social distancing ... we are all just trying to keep ourselves and each other safe.

Sailboat races will hopefully return soon to feed our need to watch live sporting events. So, I hope that many of you will come out on your boats to enjoy our local live sporting completions, or at least watch the races with your binoculars to get your fix for sports. You may learn to enjoy it. Remember however, to keep your boats off of the race course and do not impede the sailboats in any way. Pick out your favorite skipper or

boat and follow them as they weave their way through the other boats to the finish line. Could some of you who enjoy a little wager now and then find enjoyment here? **JUST A THOUGHT** if you miss the Turtle Race betting.

However, many of our normal events like the Spring Dinner, and now the Commodore/Vice-Commodore party have been canceled or delayed. Others like the BLYC Board meeting(s) have been or will be held on Zoom. All other events will be scheduled and announced on an individual basis. If you are a Chair of any of these events this summer we ask that you contact me a couple weeks in advance so I go over your plans to safely handle the event with the executive committee. Whereas, many of our Birch Lake residents are in a high risk category and now with the new children's deadly disease making inroads in our society we want to do everything possible to maintain the health and safety of our friends and neighbors.

Fireworks will still take place over the Fourth of July weekend, and are now scheduled for Friday, July 3. With all the cancellations, we are checking to see if we can change it back to the Fourth

## 2020 Birch Lake Calendar

### 2020 - TENTATIVE!

May 16, 2020 - BLYC Spring Dinner,

**POSTPONED**

June 12 - Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show, **CANCELED**

June 13 - Commodore/Vice Commodore Party, BLYC, **CANCELED**

June 20, 2020 - Spaghetti Dinner, BLYC, **CANCELED**

June 27 - Kids Party, BLYC, TBA

July 3 - Golden Glow Chicken Sale/Fund Raiser for BLYC, 10 am - noon, Camp T

July TBA - Boat Parade, Fireworks, TBA

July 17 - Ladies Golf, Diamond Lake, more info TBA

July 24 - Men's Golf Outing, Pineview, 1:30 shotgun start, dinner to follow, more TBA

August 1 - Corn & Sausage Roast, TBA

AUGUST 1 - HOMEOWNERS Annual meeting, following BLYC board meeting

**BLYC Board of Directors' Meetings, 9 am  
June 6, July 1, August 1, September 5**

To rent the BLYC building contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-858-8184.

The Birch Barker is always accepting materials for publication. E-mail materials to [sailorphil@philvitale.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvitale.com), mail them to me or put the items in the stone mailbox at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). **DEADLINE** for any issue is 3 pm on the Tuesday of the week before the publication.

To contact Editor Phil by phone, call (269) 476-1680. To contact Commodore Pat McGann, call 574-532-5377 or email [pat@mcgannhay.com](mailto:pat@mcgannhay.com).

# — Birch Lake Notes —

since that is the Saturday. We will announce that when/if it happens.

Our one and only BLYC Fundraiser this year is the first-ever Nelson's Golden Glow chicken sale. Tickets may be reserved on the BLYC Website. Those are BBQed (which is really healthy rotisserie) chicken halves that people love. We will also be taking orders for Ribs and Potatoes. They can be warmed up all weekend of frozen for later in the summer so please be generous in your orders. Your orders must be made by Friday June 19 at: [chicken/birlakeyachtclub.com](http://chicken/birlakeyachtclub.com). With preorders being able to be picked up from 11 am to 1 pm at

the circle at Camp T. Any orders that are not picked up, and any extra orders may be purchased the day of the event from 1-3 pm or until we sell out. We encourage people to bring their own containers to help save the earth. If anyone would be able to help either all or part of these times please email me to volunteer at [Pat@McGannHay.com](mailto:Pat@McGannHay.com) or call/text 574-532-5377 to sign up? Thank you!

Love the Lake.

~ JPM, Commodore

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

*Tip No 1: Keep the noise down ...*



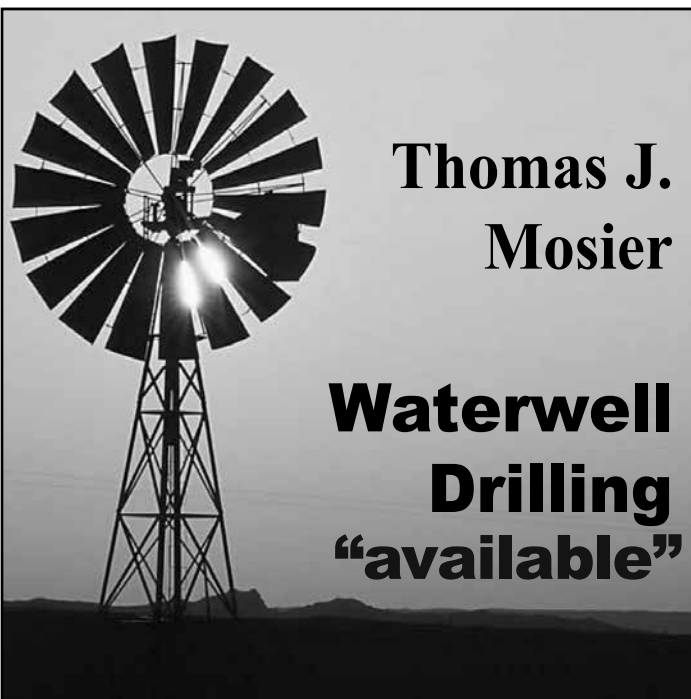
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*We all get noisy once in a while, but please try to be considerate of your neighbors, whether you are on a boat or on land ... and please be mindful of the noise from pets, kids, mowers, power washers and especially gunfire!*

### Slow Down signs

"Slow Down" signs were discussed at a recent Homeowner's Association meeting. Signs that would be similar to a political campaign sign would cost under \$10, including the wire stake to place it in your yard. Final image for the sign has not been decided on but would remind drivers to slow down when they travel around the lake. If you have any interest in placing one (or more) of these signs in your yard please contact Blair Garceau. Thank you. (269)476-9862 leave a message or [bgarceau@comcast.net](mailto:bgarceau@comcast.net)

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

## 2020 Dues

In the midst of everything that has been happening in our world, the spring dinner was canceled, therefore the dues forms were not mailed this year. Please use the dues form in the Barker to submit your donations or use the online store ([store.birchlakeyachtclub.com](http://store.birchlakeyachtclub.com)) to pay your yacht club dues. Checks should be mailed to Deb Spratt, 18100 Farmington Hills Dr. South Bend, IN 46637.

## Five-Lake Regatta planned

Attention all MC Sailors! We have been invited to participate in a five-lake MC regatta this summer. Diamond Lake

Yacht Club will host a one-day event, Saturday, July 25. This will be an all-day event with sailors representing Diamond, Eagle, Birch, Corey and Indian Lakes. We are being asked to try to get at least 5 boats from Birch to race. Bruce Cassady from Eagle Lake is helping coordinate the event and has offered to help transport boats to and from the regatta if you are concerned you don't have an adequate trailer. Basically, he and Barb Cassady (east side) will work to ensure every Birch MC sailor who wants to race in this event will have the opportunity. Please email [bcassady@holycrossvillage.com](mailto:bcassady@holycrossvillage.com) if you want to represent Birch at the regatta. Even if you are undecided but are considering, please let me know. This should be

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a great time and a wonderful way to help sharpen our racing skills.

~**Barb Cassidy**

## The Printed Birch Barker

Welcome to the first printed Birch Barker of 2020. The Birch Barker will

be delivered every weekend through Labor Day at Birch Lake.

To submit items to the Birch Barker or to buy a display or classified ad, email your items to [sailorphil@philvitale.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvitale.com) or [onlinebarker@gmail.com](mailto:onlinebarker@gmail.com), or mail (or deposit items) Phil Vitale, 63174 Birch

Rd. (east side), Vandalia, MI 49095.

Deadline for any given week is noon on Tuesday prior to the weekend. Display ad prices can be seen at <http://www.philvitale.com/Barker/BirchBarker.htm>; classified ads are free for members and \$5 for non-members.

## BLYC FUNDRAISER FEATURING NELSON'S CHICKEN

Being the start of The Fourth of July Weekend it is a great way to stay out of the kitchen and enjoy the lake and activities by letting Nelson's feed your family and guests. Fireworks are the evening of July 3. There will be an assortment of meats and potatoes. It can be reheated and served Saturday or Sunday or frozen and saved for later in the summer.

If you are not familiar with Nelson's, ask a neighbor who lives in Northern Indiana. It is a Healthy BBQ rotisserie-style meat.

We ask that you preorder before noon on Friday, June 26. All preorders will need to be picked up between 11 am & 1 pm the day of the sale, July 3. If not picked up by 1 pm we will open the sale to drive by customers from 1-3 pm or until all the food is gone. No refunds if you do not pick up your order by 1 pm. The pickup location will be The Camp T circle on Harvey Street at the east curve. We will have signs out.

We will also be accepting donations to help Camp T through this Covid/Economic crisis so please be as generous as you possibly can be to help out our beloved Camp T that is such a great part of the Birch Lake history. They need your support this year more than ever before.

Place and pay for your order NOW online at the website: [ChickenBirchLakeYachtClub.com](http://ChickenBirchLakeYachtClub.com) before noon June 26. There are no other sources to purchase tickets. There will some limited drive up orders available the day of the sale.



### MENU ITEMS

- Port-a-Pit Chicken Half \$8
- Port-a-Pit Bone-in Pork Chop \$8
- BBQ Baby-Back Ribs \$9
- Pit-tatoes \$5

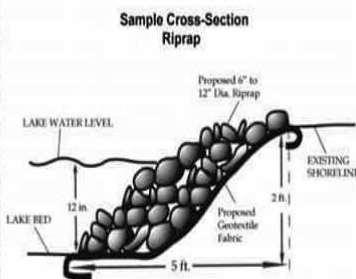


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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



## Memorial Day Regatta canceled

By **BILL LUECHT**

**W**elcome back sailors! It's been a strange and unique spring. Due to Covid-19 issues and Social Distancing orders, many of us do not and will not have our boats ready to sail Memorial Day weekend. The decision has been made not to have a regatta. That does not mean you can't get out and sail, it simply means there will be no marks set, committee boat or scoring. Don't worry, there is a lot of sailing season ahead, and we will get as many races in as we possibly can. Have a safe weekend and enjoy our beautiful lake.

Sail on.

~Fleet Captain Bill

(and his official ghostwriter, BP)

### OTHER IMPORTANT SAILING RULES, ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Competitive sailors are their own umpires. If we want our sport to stay healthy and enjoyable, every one of us has an interest in taking a penalty when we ourselves break a rule and protesting when someone else does and fails to take a penalty. Otherwise, anarchy ensues.



## SUNDAY IS SAILING DAY AT BIRCH LAKE,

and ON SAILING DAYS races start at 11 am!

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# — Water Quality Report —

## CLMP report available

As they often are at this time of year, currently lake water levels are high. Please bear in mind the extra damages that can be done by wakes under these circumstances. Thank you.

As you are probably aware, Birch Lake is a member of the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association. Through that organization we participate, along with hundreds of Michigan lakes, in a testing program through the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program. This is a State funded group and testing program using volunteers from each participating lake. The data collected provides a major statewide database on what is happening in Michigan's lakes as well as the yearly snapshot regarding our lake in particular. Thus, we test for phosphorous in the spring and late summer (a primary nutrient in the lake), chlorophyll on a monthly basis (an indicator of algal growth), rate of loss of dissolved oxygen in the water column (also a measure of lake productivity and ability to sustain life), and water clarity on a weekly basis. The phosphorous, chlorophyll, and water clarity measurements make up what is called our trophic index (TSI), which is really a measure of the aging of the lake. Aging will occur, but we want it to occur as slowly as possible so as to maintain a body of water that is great for living on as well as playing in, however we choose to do so. (Swim, boat, fish, kayak, etc.)

The monitoring program has two other formats for areas worth of study on an occasional basis: an exotic plant watch component and a shoreline development component. We participated in the exotic plant watch a few years ago, but more importantly have the lake evaluated each year for invasive species as part of our Eurasian milfoil program by outside professionals. Currently we only have Eurasian milfoil, curly leaf pondweed, and purple loosestrife. (The milfoil is treated annually. The curly leaf pondweed has not been a problem needing to be dealt with. Late each summer, Bruce Wagner and crew locate, and then manually pull, all the purple loosestrife along our shoreline. We are however on the watch for especially starry stonewort, an invasive in nearby lakes and very difficult to deal with, in addition to other exotics which are making their way into Michigan's waters.) We did receive a rather poor rating on our Score the Shore analysis performed in 2017. This is somewhat understandable due to the amount of development on our lake.

We would like for you to actually look up and read the CLMP report. It is in an educational format and provides not only the data for 2019 but a retrospective of the last number of years for comparison. A good way to find the report is to go to [mymlsa.org](http://mymlsa.org) and click on

the MiCorps Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program box. From here scroll down to Featured Content and then go to Individual Lake Reports where you can find the information for Birch Lake in the Cass County section. (You can similarly look up any other lake that has participated in the State of Michigan.) Our lake's testing program for 2019 demonstrated an improvement in each of the TSI criteria from the results of 2018's testing and even a slight improvement overall from the positive results of 2017's testing.

(It should be noted that the results for 2016 were also, like 2018's, not so favorable. So maybe we are just witnessing a pattern.)

As a result of the 2019's improved scores our overall TSI score for now has moved off the bubble – between the highest quality (oligotrophic) and the combination of the highest and second highest quality (mesotrophic) lakes and more clearly into the highest quality lake category (oligotrophic) alone.

Although everything is subject to change, we presently are in a very good status. Let's hope the positive trend continues and our status improves even more in the future. All of our actions, or lack thereof, contribute to our success.

One note at this time is that the reduction in clarity of the lake as the summer ensues is not much of a function of algal growth. Algal growth does occur, but a good deal of clarity loss is probably due to the precipitation of calcium carbonates (marl) with the warming water. We get a grayish rather than really greenish water.

The quality of our water is a function of what washes into it. Particularly during periods of rains and storms, if anything is around the lake it will get into the lake. Please do not make runoff easier to get to the lake. Plant native deep-rooted barriers by the shoreline. Also, pick up animal waste and ashes from any burning you do on the road or near the lake.

Thank you.



### THE "SIX COMMANDMENTS OF BIRCH LAKE WATER QUALITY"

- I. Thou shalt prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).
- II. Thou shalt minimize surface runoff.
- III. Thou shalt minimize the effects of waves.
- IV. Thou shalt protect and expand Natural Shorelines.
- V. Thou shalt not allow phosphorus, nutrients, and other undesirable chemical elements to enter our lake.
- VI. Thou shalt remain informed and active about other Water Quality issues



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# — Barker Kids of the Week —

I'm still giving masks to neighbors and friends! Contact me on messenger if you have a need for one! **574-596-6614**



*Scout Waxman (east side) and Benji Slabaugh Curtis (east side) along with their human friend, Good Patti Russwurm (north side).*

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



*Congratulations to Austin Witchie (east side)!! He graduated from IUPU Indy with a Major in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Purdue University and a Minor in Design from Indiana University.*

*Want your kid to be a Birch Barker Kid of the Week? Want your dog to be a Dog of the Week? Want your lawnmower to be the Lawnmower of the Week? Just mail your photo (with a SASE if you want the photo(s) back) to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095; put them in a ziplock and stick them in the stone mailbox at my home (east side), or email them to me at [SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM](mailto:SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM)*

# — At-home workstation —



*In the time of pandemic, most people who are still working are working from home ... which means we've had to make changes in our living situation and set up a place where we can work. We're encouraging people to send in photos of their at-home workstations so we can share them with our neighbors. This is the at-home work station of our Vice Commodore Dr. Dan Waxman. To submit a photo of your workstation send it to me at [sailorphil@philvital.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvital.com) or [onlinebarker@gmail.com](mailto:onlinebarker@gmail.com) ... be sure to let me know where you live and what kind of work you do.*



# YOUR HOROSCOPE

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - This week you continue your focus on money, earnings, possessions and your assets in general. This is because despite the fact that you're an adventurous warrior, you are always concerned about your security, which is a good thing. When you get down to basics, the most important thing to know is where your bed is at night. Enjoy a chance to reconnect with siblings, relatives and neighbors because this will give you a warm feeling in your tummy.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - This continues to be a powerful time for you. This is nothing to be dismissed. Meanwhile, two planets are in your Money House. It looks like you might decide to purchase something beautiful that you have been thinking about for a while. Some of you will also have a chance in the near future to explore travel that was delayed or postponed. Looking good!

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** - Until later this month, you will continue to be low profile and stay in the wings. You're happy working alone or behind the scenes; but you're no shrinking violet because your ruler Mercury (plus Venus) are both in your sign now, making you talkative and sociable - even charming. Meanwhile, Mars is moving to the top of your chart, arousing your ambition! Therefore, act on your aroused ambition. Get something done that matters.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** - You are warm, emotional, nurturing person. And lately, you have a stronger than usual desire to reach out and contact with friends or members of groups. Act on your instinct to talk to others whether in person, by phone, online, Facebook or zooming. Maybe you need to nurture? Maybe you need to comfort someone? You like to be needed. Some of you might be in contact with a secret love from your past. Enrich your involvement with others because as much as you need to be in contact with them - they will feel happy and gratified to be in contact with you.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Enjoy the Sun at the top of your chart. (This happens only once a year for four weeks.) It's a blessing because it creates an illusion whereby others see you in flattering terms! They do not see your failings or flaws. Quite the opposite. They admire your talents! This means you don't have to work to live up to anyone's expectations because from their point of view, you have already succeeded. After what you want because doors will open for you because you look like success waiting to happen.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - You are a fact junkie. In some ways, you have enjoyed the last few weeks because there's been so much buzz about so many things - so many opinions - so many insane ideas - jaw-dropping events and the adventures of coping with a new way of being. The only downside is that you will be easily annoyed with partners and close friends. If you express your criticism - things will get worse. Consider this a personal challenge for cultivating patience, which is a virtue.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Good news! While some of you are busy with essential jobs, and others have their hands full with kids and homeschooling; nevertheless, many of you are schlepping around home in your robe while in isolation. And even though you are such a social sign, you find it easy to lay around for three days doing nothing. Not only will you be busy, efficient and productive, you will strive to get better organized in every aspect of your life.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - You must deal with your low-energy factor for about 10 more days, and then it will disappear and you will rise like a phoenix from the ashes. Oh yes. In fact, your creative urges are starting to percolate, which means that until about mid-June, you'll want to express your creative talents! You will also want to explore sports in any way possible. You will also find it rewarding to be in contact with relatives, siblings and neighbors.

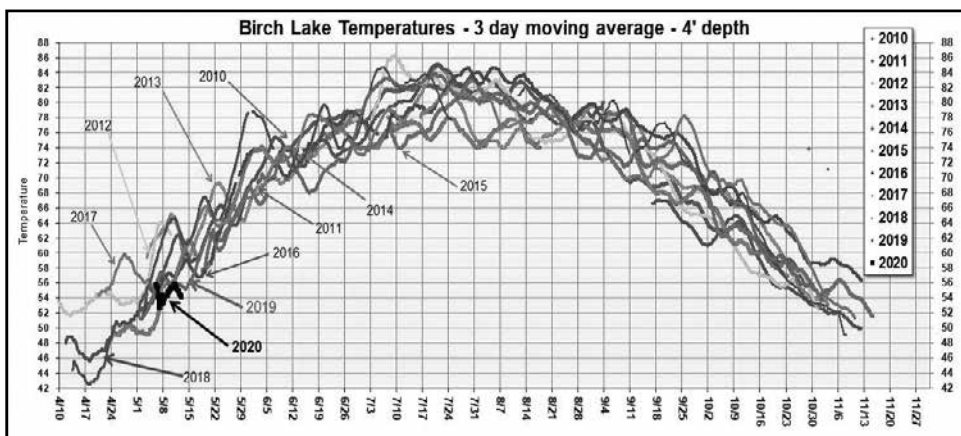
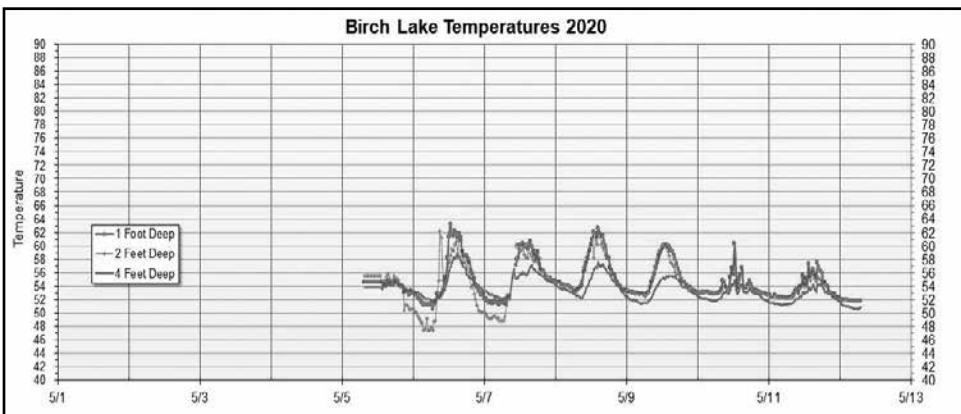
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - For the next 10 days, your energy to work hard and get better organized will continue. Do be aware that this week, a new kind of increased activity and chaos appear on the home front. Visiting relatives or residential moves or repairs or renovations will suddenly make demands on your time and your patience. This unexpected activity might also create tension with family members. Fortunately, you will handle this with aplomb.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - This lighter, fun-loving, more playful time continues, which is great for you. This same influence makes it easier for you to relate to kids and romantic partners. Meanwhile, you are blessed as well. Nevertheless, a subtle shift begins this week. Mars will encourage conflicts because you will be opinionated! It makes you want to "sell" your ideas to everyone. Lighten up. But you will be productive doing mental work.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Home, family and your private life continue to be your focus. This influence, which has been at play for almost a month, has helped many of you who are working at home. It's been easier for you to accept the "confinement." Starting this week, a new influence will creep into your life that makes you want to work harder than ever to earn money. And for many, this same influence will make you want to spend money, because you feel that what you own represents your personal worth. Don't go crazy with this impulse.

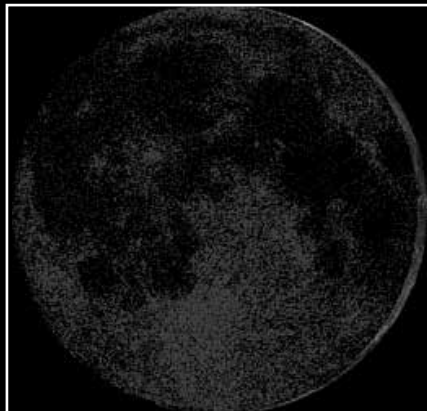
**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - It's been frustrating in some ways for you if you have been confined at home because in the last month, you've been more restless than usual. You want to get out and about. You want to interact with others and ideally, you want to travel or take short trips - all of which might be impossible. Beginning this week, your energy boosts. It will make you work hard to further your own interests and assert yourself with others.

## Birch Lake Environmental Data



Temps provided by Steve Quinlan

**The Moon for this Saturday**  
(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)  
Illuminated Fraction: 0.063  
2.6 days since new moon



**Sunrise: 12:36 AM**  
**Sunset: 21:06:19 PM**  
**Moonrise: 07:36:37 AM**  
**Moonset: 23:13:03 PM**  
**Daylight: 14 Hr 53 Min 42 Sec**

## BIRCH BARKER FUNNIES

**A wife, being the romantic sort, sent her husband a text: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you!" The husband, typically non-romantic, replied: "I am on the toilet. Please advise."**

**"Vaping"  
back in  
my day.**



**It's been a bit of a strange day!  
First I found a hat full of money.  
Then I was chased by an angry man with a guitar...**

**Me: (sobbing my heart out, eyes swollen, nose red)...I can't see you anymore... I am not going to let you hurt me like this again!**

**Trainer: It was a sit up. You did one sit up.**

**HUGE FIGHT  
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**BATTERED  
FISH  
EVERYWHERE**

**My doctor said now that I'm older I need to install a bar in the shower**





# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



*Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge*

## Throw it in the crockpot and go boating

Family and friends love this dish

### Crock Pot Mississippi Crack Chicken Sandwiches

Crock Pot Mississippi Crack Chicken Sandwiches are a creamy twist on the classic Mississippi Roast that couldn't be simpler to prepare.

Prep Time 3 mins  
Cook Time 4 hrs  
Total Time 4 hrs 3 mins  
Servings: 12  
Calories: 375 cal

#### Ingredients

- 3 lbs chicken breast  
(can substitute other chicken meat)
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1/2 stick unsalted butter
- 1 oz ranch seasoning packet
- 1 1/4 oz au jus dry mix packet
- 1/3 cup sliced pepperoncinis (plus more for serving)

#### For Serving

- 12 hamburger buns



#### Instructions

1. Place chicken into the slow cooker and top with cream cheese, butter, ranch and au jus seasoning and pepperoncinis.
2. Cook on high for 4 hours, or until chicken is tender and easily shredded. (Alternatively, cook on low 6-8 hours)
3. Shred chicken and fully incorporate with other ingredients.
4. Serve on hamburger buns with additional pepperoncinis.

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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

## June camp sessions canceled

**D**ear Camp Families,  
Following two months of consideration, we have decided to cancel all June sessions of overnight camp at Camp Tannadoonah. This includes Session 1, Session 2, CIT 1A, Super Week, and Mini Week. We remain hopeful that we will be able to have a July 5 start to overnight programs at camp, but a final decision has not yet been made.

We are planning to offer a licensed childcare / day camp program at camp during the month of June, and possibly

beginning in May if there is a need. If you are interested in this program, please fill out a brief day camp survey so we can contact you.

Please know that this decision was not made lightly. The health and safety of staff and the youth and families we serve is always our first priority. We have been consulting guidelines from the American Camp Association (ACA), the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), State of Michigan licensing (LARA), and the local health

department. Given current social distancing guidelines, it's clear we are unable to realistically start in June. In the coming days, we anticipate information from the CDC, American Camp Association, and the State of Michigan to guide us on decisions for July and August camp sessions – we will announce these plans by June 5 or earlier.

The decision

to cancel all of our June sessions, as well as the cancellation of all of our spring programs does unfortunately have a financial impact. If you wish to make a donation to help us during this time, we would gratefully accept contributions to support camp so that we can remain sustainable through this crisis and for many more years to come.

### **Contribute to Support Camp Tannadoonah**

We've prepared a Q&A page that will answer the questions we anticipate parents, campers, alumni and friends of camp may have, and others as they come up. Thank you for your support and patience as we try to navigate this difficult situation.

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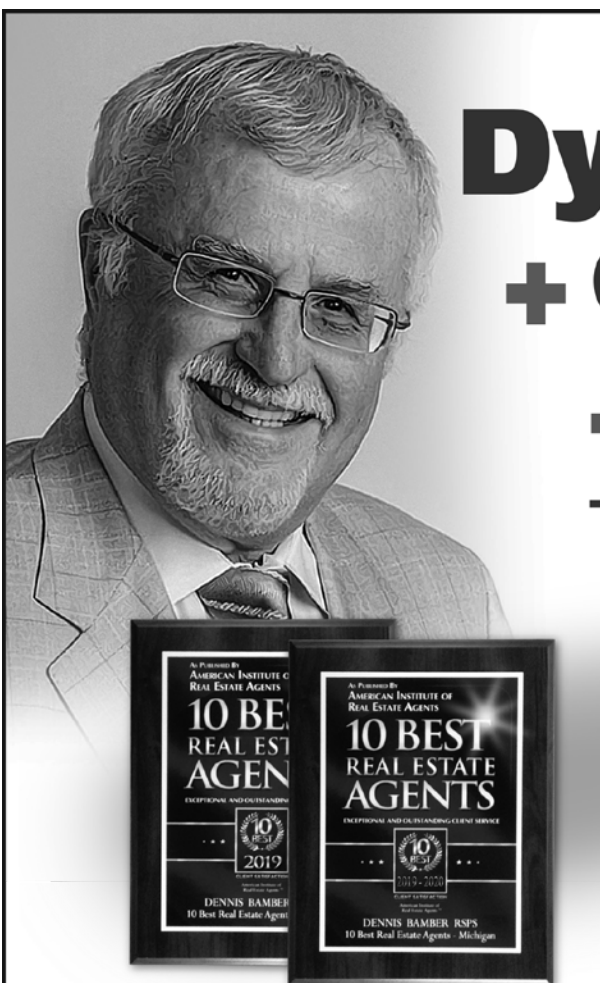
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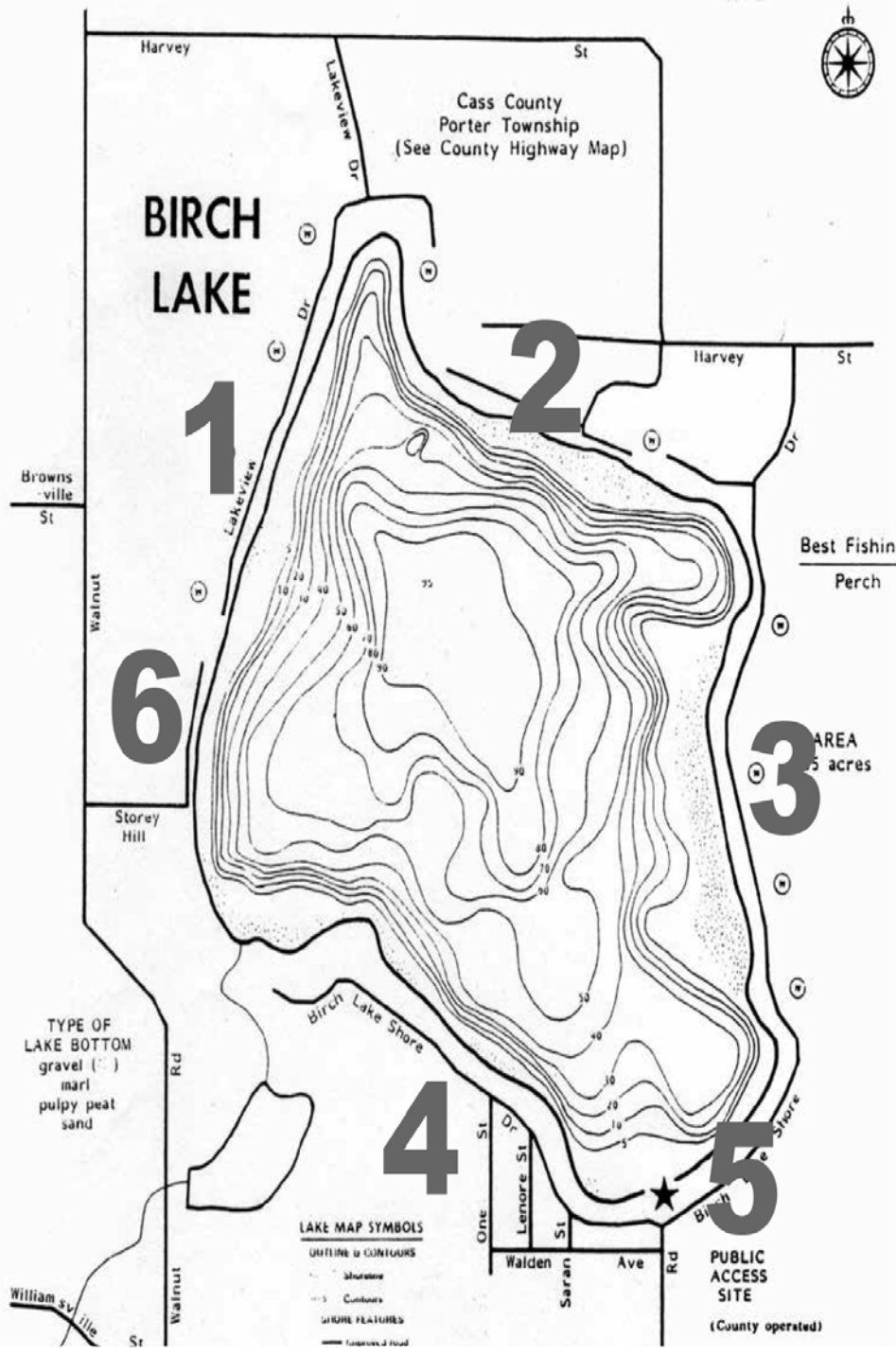


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