

Birch Barker

Weekend of June 14, 2008

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Nice fish, huh? ... but too big a mouthful for the heron that scooped it out of the lake and dropped it on the pier, according to photographer Bob.

Commodore's Comments

What a great weekend!! I know it was a little hot and muggy, but I will take a weekend like this anytime!

This brings me to my BIG question, "When does summer really begin???"

Well I will tell you...for me there are three things that remind me that summer is upon us.

The very first thing is the installation of the dock at Camp Tannadoonah. It's great to see the lifeguard station and diving board getting the use that they so greatly deserve. The sounds of joy and splendor that all the campers seem to have as they enjoy our sparkling and friendly waters.

Secondly, the sights and sounds of the many sail boats and their captains that converge on Sunday mornings to compete for the wind and space on this beautiful piece of real estate. With the blasts of the air horn or the commands from the starter, you know that fierce and friendly competition is about to commence.

Thirdly, my favorite, is Sunday

evenings when the lake quiets down and the water becomes tranquil. Amy and I love to go out for a nice peaceful Sunday cruise. Nine out of 10 times we hook-up with one or several others and reminisce about the weekend or the many other things that confront us in our everyday lives.

These are just three of the reminders that remind me, that "my" summer has begun. Everyone has different reminders of summer, but just stop, look and listen and you will find your own reminders that let you know summer is upon us.

I hope everyone has kept their schedule open for the Vice-Commodore's Vice party. Please bring an appetizer to pass and help us honor the past vice commodores — and celebrate our nation's "flag day." Sounds like a great time, to catch up with old friends and possibly meet some new ones. Hope to see you there. The festivities start at 7:30 pm.

Also keep June 28th on your agenda, as we will be having the commodore's party. Time and social attire to be announced in next week's Barker.

In closing I would like everyone to have a safe and relaxing weekend. This is

the time of year to put the racks, shovels and trimmers down in the afternoon and enjoy the beautiful water that we call "Birch Lake."

Everyone have a great weekend.
SEE YA ON THE POND,

-Mike Lutz, Commodore 2008

2008 BLYC Calendar*

- Sat. June 14 — Vice Commodore's Party 7:30
- Sat. June 28 — Commodore's Party TBD
- Sat. July 5 — Boat Parade 4 pm
- Sat. July 5 — Fireworks dusk
- Sun. July 6 — Pancake Breakfast Camp 9 am
- Sat. July 12 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Sat. July 12 — Homeowners Meeting 10 am
- Sat. July 19 — Spaghetti Dinner TBD
- Fri. July 25 — Men's Golf Outing TBD
- Fri. Aug 1 — Women's Golf Outing/ Luncheon
- Sat. Aug 2 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Sat. Aug 2 — Corn & Sausage Roast
- Sat. Aug 23 — Fall Dinner
- Sat. Sept 6 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Oct 4 — Annual Chili Cook Off
- TBA — Sailing Awards, Fish & Wing Dinner, Card Party

*all dates and times are tentative.
Watch the Barker for updates

We are always soliciting and accepting materials for publication. E-mail the info to sailorphil@philvitale.com, or, if you must, put the materials in the red Barker box at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). You can also mail your items to: Phil Vitale, 102 So. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031, or fax to (269) 445-9200. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680 or (269) 445-9200.

— Birch Lake Notes —

Missing items ... thefts?

Quite a few neighbors have recently reported items missing from their homes at Birch Lake ... while some of the items may have been misplaced, there is reason to believe that many of them have been stolen.

Included in the items are two aluminum paddleboats, a yellow canoe (call Steve & Jackie Frew 476-1537), a leaf blower (Wozniaks), and a new jet ski lift (Como).

If you have any information on any of these items, please let us know.

"Let the Wild Rumpus Begin"

Maurice Sendak, author of the classic children's story "Where the Wild Things Are" turned 80 this week. Think that's impressive? Our flag is over 200 years old and still counting. Isn't that something? We ought to have a party to celebrate.

Well it's your lucky day (or week-end). This Saturday night at 7:30pm, your Birch Lake Yacht Club will be hosting its inaugural home party of the season. It will be held on, and its theme will be, "Flag Day." If you're coming please bring a snack to pass and any exotic beverages you may want to partake of. Prizes will be given to those wearing the best flag, Uncle Sam, and Betsy Ross cos-

Birch Barker Kids of the Week



Congrats to Barker Kids of the Week "Birthday Girl" Ronda Eshleman, and friends Becky Wiseman, Blair Garceau and Deb Tagon.

tumes and for the snack or hors d'oeuvres best incorporating our flag theme. All are invited to dress up in flag or other patriotic attire. Also, we hope to have a game or two relating to flags.

It should be fun, the more the merrier. So get your flag costume together, your flag snack prepared,

and up to the Yacht Club at 7:30pm this Saturday night (6/14/08). Even if you lack the wherewithal to get a flag costume or snack, you are welcome anyway. Should the rumpus be successful, maybe we'll all find out just where, (or who) the wild things are.

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2008 Birch Lake Boat Parade

The Birch Lake Boat Parade is just three weeks away. It's time to get your creative juices flowing. The possibilities are endless: patriotic, favorite holiday, sports team, movie theme, musical, surf's up, jungle cruise, cartoon characters, pirates, birthday, etc. If you can't decide — balloons always work! So get your family and friends together and let your imaginations go wild! This highly anticipated event takes place on Saturday, July 5th. The fun begins at Dick Bender's pier at 4 p.m.

Past Vice Commodores to be honored

After years of neglect, a groundswell of public opinion has demanded that this injustice be allowed to carry on no longer. This travesty must be corrected, and the sooner the better. It's hard to believe any of us have been able to sleep at night while so many have been so unfairly ignored for so long.

Fortunately the solution is at hand. At this Saturday (6/14/08) night's Vice Commodores Party, the festivities will be interrupted long enough to give homage, likely for the first time, to a truly deserving group,

Birch Barker Kids of the Week



Musta been quite a birthday bash ... got three kids of the week photos out of it and decided to run all of them ... even knowing that Sandy's gonna kill me for putting her picture in the Barker again.



all of those past Vice Commodores that are able to attend.

If you are one of the soon to be revered Vice Commodores, please come, take your bow, and let us

salute you. May you bask in your glory. If you're not so fortunate to have been a Vice Commodore, please come, mingle with (maybe a little of their greatness will rub off on you)

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and pay your respects to our former VC's.

If coming, please try to bring a snack to pass and anything specific you like to drink that might not be the standard fare at the Yacht Club. To humor those that think the theme/purpose of the party has to do with flags you might consider a flag, Betsy Ross, or Uncle Sam themed costume or decorations for your snack.

Thanks for the birds

A couple of wayward flamingos wandered to the flamingo refuge center on the eastside. (AKA: The Flamingo Room). Thank you to the anonymous donors for thinking of me! The pair are resting comfortably in a garden of myrtle, and seem to have adapted well to their new home! Thank you again!!! Bad Patty

Anniversary party

Katie Luecht threw a surprise 17th anniversary party for her parents, Patty and Bill Luecht, on Sunday, June 8th. A good time was had by all. A big thank-you to Katie — who was yelled at and threatened will all kinds of horrible things (like mowing the grass and washing the dishes) when she announced that she



“just didn't feel like sailing today.” Now we know why. Thanks to co-conspirator Blair Garceau and all the others involved. (In a small, private ceremony after the party, John Luecht handed out sailing awards for the day. Somehow, Jim Bolinger got a first place award even though his sailboat's not in the water.)

Line dancing

Line Dance continues at the Yacht Club at 9 am on Tuesday mornings.

Library fun for summer

This summer at the Cass District Libraries you will be able to catch the reading bug by visiting during some of the children's events scheduled for June and July.

Listed below are the dates for events at the Main Library (CAS)

and the Mason Union Branch (CMU). Events will also be held at the Edwardsburg and Howard Branches. Complete schedules can be picked up at all branches.

STORY TIMES - Weekly 10 am

CMU Weds, June 11 - July 2

CAS Thurs, June 12 - July 3

Adaptation of Nocturnal Animals

CMU, Thurs. June 12 2pm

Bug Film Festival Free admission, popcorn and drinks

CMU Charlotte's Web, Monday

June 16 6 pm

Bugs In The Night Evening Story

Time CMU, Tues July 8, 6 pm

Creature Catchers The difference

between insects, spiders, etc. with craft time

CAS Fri June 20 2 pm

CMU Mon June 30 11 am

Bug Collecting Lecture

CMU Thurs 2 pm

Zoo Comes To You - Potawatomi

Zoo presents CAS Tues July 1, 10 am

Bug Sweep at TK Lawless Park -

A “sweep” through the woods and discuss the findings! Thurs, July 10, 2 pm

Summer Reading Program

Finale: Craft Day - Activities and snacks

CAS Mon, July 14, 12 pm to 3 pm

CMU Thurs, July 17, 12 pm to 3 pm

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Tannadoonah Tidbits

Feels like summer is finally here! Campers have been at camp this week for the annual People of Praise camp. They have a total of 165 people here for the week, and I'm sure people down on the lake have heard them singing and cheering up here. They're a lot of fun, and a great group to have up here at camp. We figured out that this is their 19th consecutive year of renting Camp Tannadoonah for a week! In fact, the first year they came here was the same year that our shower house was built.

As of today, we are up to 326 campers registered for the summer. That's almost 100 ahead of last year's numbers on this date! Our goal for the summer is still 450 total campers. Last year we didn't get to 326 until July 1st, and we ended the summer with around 350.

Approximately 20 of these 326 campers are receiving full or partial camperships. In total, I have received 40 applications for financial assistance, totaling just over \$12,000 of requests. Thus far, I have received



about \$6,000 in funds for these scholarships, so we're a long way from being able to meet all of the requests for assistance.

So, with Commodore Mike's approval, we have decided to put all of the money donated by the Yacht Club for the pancake breakfast into the campership fund. Let's try to make this the biggest and best pancake breakfast ever! I am also trying to find a business or an individual who might be willing to make a matching contribution for the pancake breakfast. If you know of anyone who might be willing to do this, please let me know!

Our staff training will begin this Sunday, June 15th, and our first group of campers will arrive on the following Sunday (June 22nd). I'm so

excited for another great year of camp! We have 74 kids registered for the first week, which is a really great way to kick off the summer.

One of the things on our current wish list for camp is some kayaks. We currently have 5 kayaks at camp, and since we run 4 activity periods per day, we can have a total of 16 campers signed up for kayaking (plus 1 instructor for each period). Kayaking has become one of our most popular activities, and I would love to expand our fleet of kayaks to 8 or 10, so that more campers can learn how to kayak. If anyone has a used kayak & paddle that doesn't get much use, please think about donating it to camp.

I am still looking for 1-2 male counselors (age 18 and up) and nurses for three of our sessions, so if you know anyone who might be interested, please contact me!

See you at the lake!

-Miss Amber Grundy
Director, Camp Tannadoonah
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Adopt a cabin

In order to make needed repairs and provide ongoing maintenance, Birch Lakers can help by **ADOPTING A CABIN**. Amber has provided the following list of Camp T's buildings along with the cost to adopt each one. All money will go into the maintenance fund to cover projects on and in the camp cabins, such as roofing, shutters, bunk beds, etc. Sandy Dobosiewicz, a resident of the east-side hill and member of the Camp Development Committee has proposed that each side of the lake **ADOPT A CABIN**.

Captains for each side are--southside: Katha Machalleck and Denny Weesner, westside: Bev Kruggel and Peg Cowen, northside: Patti and Rick Russwurm, eastside: Linda Curtis and Judy Olson.

If 10 people each give \$50, one cabin is adopted and a

plaque will be mounted honoring them. As dollars are given, each side may be able to adopt 2 cabins or maybe even Morris Lodge! Individuals can also **ADOPT A CABIN** and work directly with Amber. The plans are to make this an annual commitment as the need for repair and maintenance never ends.

Greet your captain with open arms and an open checkbook! The goal is to have all of the buildings adopted and \$8500 added to Camp T's maintenance budget.

Morris Lodge--\$2500
Wallace --\$1000
Robins--\$750
Woodpeckers--\$750
Cardinals--\$750

Wrens--\$750
Rotary--\$500
Exchange--\$500
Exchangettes--\$500
Luta Koda--\$500

General Health tip for your furry friend

No Table Scraps — *Yikes!* Resist the urge to clear the dinner plate into your pet's food dish. The meal you cooked may be nutritionally sound for you and your family, but not for your family pet. They don't need a variety of foods to maintain good health. In fact, feeding pets different foods usually leads to a stomachache. In fact, some foods like chocolate can actually be fatal. Or foods that we think pets need - like cats needing milk- can cause upset stomachs.

Bones too are very dangerous as they can lodge in passageways or cut the intestines.

Another reason my furry friend doesn't get table scraps and something my dinner guest greatly appreciate — **BEGGING**.

Have you ever been to someone's house, sit down for dinner and there's Fido prancing around you. Their wining and barking going from guest to guest. Can't stand it. Easy fix folks. Never give them table scrapes and they will

never beg for table scraps.

Yap at cha next week.

-Fido' Friend

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Fleet Captains' Corner



Usually we sailors complain that Mother Nature doesn't provide enough wind for us to sail. But so far this year, that hasn't been the case. Enough wind already, Mother Nature!

Eleven brave (or would that be foolish?) sailors turned out Sunday for another high-wind, high-speed, high-stakes day at the races. Well, the stakes weren't as high as at Belmont, but the racers were all moving faster than Big Brown. And what interesting races they were. The first race was tough — we all got battered by the wind, the committee boat had trouble staying anchored, and the leeward mark moved so close to the north shore that we almost had to portage around it. When we started the second race, all the boats sped off towards the windward mark, only to find out that it wasn't there anymore. It was on its way to join the leeward mark. (I took advantage of this and was actually in first place for awhile. Boy, was I out of my comfort zone! Fortunately the others caught up and I was able to resume my normal position at the rear.)

Thanks to Debbie Bolinger, John Luecht, and Patty (my loving wife of 17 years, in case any of you possibly didn't

hear about it) for starting the races. They should be commended for making the sailors put on their PFDs before the races. My apologies to Don Harman. We

were in such a hurry to start the second race that we left without him.

**-Bill Luecht
Fleet Captain 2008**

2008 BLYC SAILING SEASON RESULTS

Race	4	5	Season	Season
Date	6/8	6/8	Points	Average
MC Scow				
Harold Cranmer	2	1	7686	1537
Scott Troeger	1	DNS	6096	1524
Don Harman	3	DNS	5930	1483
Bob King	5	2	2817	1409
Phil Vitale	4	3	6776	1355
Bill Luecht	6	4	6559	1312
Jeff Smitley	7	5	6342	1268
Dave Olson	8	6	4559	1140
Sunfish				
Tom Howard	1	1	7921	1584
Erica Vitale	DNS	DNS	4642	1547
Rick Russwurm	2	2	3042	1521
Sandy Vitale	3	3	2888	1444
Katie Luecht	DNS	DNS	2813	1407
Mike Gotstein	DNS	DNS	2813	1407

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) scores as one place worse than last place (if 5 other boats finished and you would have finished 6th, you will be scored as 7th place). DNF not counted toward minimum number of races needed to qualify. DQ (Disqualified) 0 points. CB - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives a 1st place finish for that day - counted toward season total. Season Points are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.) Season Average = total season points/number of races completed.

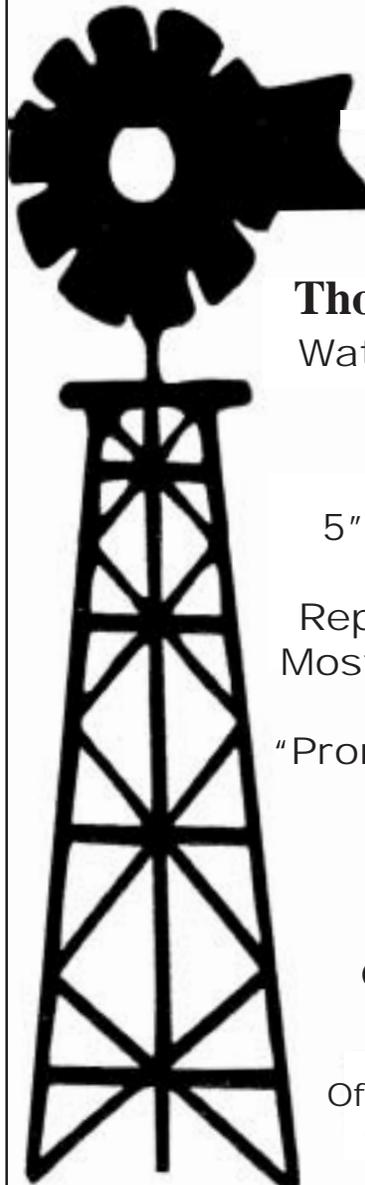
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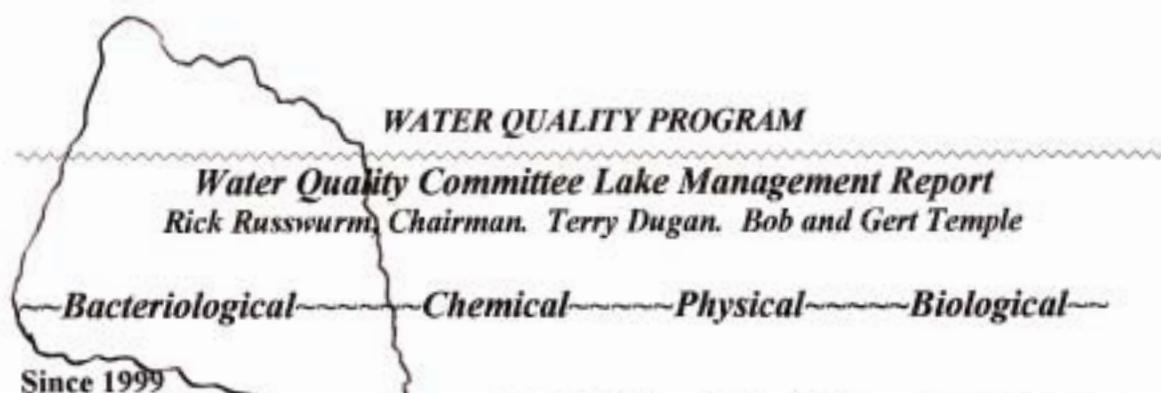


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Water Quality Committee Report



Since 1999

- We have been involved with (ML&SA) Michigan Lake & Stream Association and their (CLMP) Cooperative Lakes Management Program. The Eurasian Milfoil Watch Program was introduced to Birch Lake in 2000.

Last summer is different than this summer.

- This summer we are involved in the CLMP Eurasian Milfoil Control Program.
- Continued involvement will be good for Birch Lake.

This summer we were prepared to survey the lake in early June.

- Vigilance paid off in the terms of keeping the Eurasian Milfoil contained. Instead of the small 1.5 acre that remains, 5 acres or more could infest the lake.

The threat of an uncontrolled Exotic in a pristine lake like Birch is a sight that none of us want to even imagine.

- In this big beautiful garden of *aquatic plants*, ugly *weeds* are not welcome
- *Soft Shell Turtles* do not live in a lake with ugly *weeds*. They welcome a clean lake.

Tony Groves, Progressive AE, was satisfied with his findings and will direct Professional Lake Management to begin treatment with a herbicide that is systemic and effective.

- Four weeks after treatment, Tony will revisit Birch Lake and report his findings to our Water Quality Committee at which time we will report to the Commodore and the Residents.

Tony Groves visited Birch Lake for the 1st time in 1986. His Lake Management Report is a part of the Water Quality Program today.

- In 2000, Tony assisted our committee with an Assessment of Birch Lake in regard to the proposed sewer project. His recommendations protected Birch Lake from the negative effects of sewer installation.

Throughout the years at the ML&SA Annual Conference it was possible to attend sessions and talk to Tony about how to conserve and protect our water resource.

- As Director of Progressive's Water Resources Group, Tony is directly involved with a number of lake improvement and watershed management projects.
- He works closely with the state to implement projects which protect water and wetland resources.
- He holds a BS in Biology from Western Michigan University and an MS in Biology – Limnology from University of Michigan.
- Tony is credited with 18 Major Professional Publications and has managed 8 key projects.
- Tony's area of expertise include limnological evaluations, lake improvement, and lake level feasibility evaluations, water resource and watershed management, wetland delineations, project management and financing and *aquatic plant management*.
- Tony is affiliated with the American Society of Limnology & Oceanography, and with the North American Lake Management Society and has served on Technical Committees of *Michigan Lake & Stream Associations*.

Gert Temple
June 9, 2008



Stu's Star Stuff



Planets in the night sky

Mars is a cold, forbidding world. Yet even by Martian standards, the landing site for the Phoenix mission is nippy — the kind of place that makes the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field seem like a Jamaican beach by comparison.

Phoenix was scheduled to touch down last Sunday, north of Mars's Arctic Circle. Over the next three months, it'll dig a series of trenches in the ground and scoop up small amounts of soil. It'll dump the samples into a chemistry set that will search for water and organic chemicals -- the building blocks of life.

Scientists chose the northern plains for several reasons.

For one thing, spacecraft in orbit around Mars have found evidence of vast deposits of ice mixed with the soil there. Phoenix is designed to search for water and the chemistry of life, and the northern landing site offers the best chance to find them.

For another, the landing site is near

the edge of the winter ice cap. It's summertime now, so the ice has pulled back, exposing soil that's been covered for months. This will help Phoenix learn more about the interplay among the ice caps, the soil, and the Martian atmosphere.

And finally, the lander will have abundant sunlight to keep it warm in the icy northern plains.

By the end of its 90-day mission, though, the Sun will set and bitter cold will return to the Martian plains — freezing the lander and eventually encasing it in ice.

The planet Mars is in good view this week. It looks like a fairly bright orange star. Look for it quite near the Moon. They are in the west at nightfall, with Mars just a little to the Moon's right or upper right.

The planet Saturn is not far to the upper left of the crescent Moon at nightfall. It looks like a bright golden star. The true star Regulus, in Leo, the lion, is close-

er to the Moon, almost directly above it.

More on Saturn another time. So let's get out there. You know the drill.

-Stu Spratt



The Moon tonight:

The moon for June 14 (at Midnight)

Illuminated Fraction: 0.893

3.4 days until full moon

Horoscope for Birch Lake

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

You are best to avoid such unsavory circumstances, especially if you're in a group situation. Romantic opportunities are evident. You might be overly emotional when dealing with your partner. You have made an accurate assessment of the situation and have come up with ideas that will save money.

Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

You're in the mood to do things such as competitive sports, or perhaps a night on the town. You will reach the most people if you speak out at an organizational function. You will find your vitality is lowered. Go after your goals and don't be afraid to ask for assistance.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You need to be careful not to make promises that you can't fulfill. Educational pursuits can bring interesting, helpful people. Ask others to help, or you may feel that a burden is weighing you down. Social events will be favorable.

Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You can expect to have a problem with your lover. Don't put off the things that they have asked you to do. You will get out of shape easily if you don't keep on top of things. You will learn a great deal from people with different cultural backgrounds. Problems with your boss could lead to unemployment.

Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

Extend an invitation to clients you enjoy spending time with. Promote your ideas now. You may find your self in a romantic situation. Children could cost you more than you can afford.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

Protect your interests legally if necessary. Take some time to change your house around. Your partner may be erratic this week if you haven't paid enough attention to him or her. Be precise in your communications to avoid any misunderstandings and arguments.

Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Don't evade important issues; you may find yourself backed into a corner. The danger of minor accidents will increase with the turmoil. A change in position could be better than you thought. Minor accidents are likely if you take risks.

Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Don't overreact to someone's advances. They won't pay you back and you'll be upset. Business or pleasure trips will be knowledgeable as well as highly successful. Cultural activities will prove to be quite enlightening for everyone.

Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Verbal abuse could lead to carelessness. Control your emotions and everything will fall into place. You can't lose this week unless you get involved in gossip or overwork to the point of exhaustion. Consider making residential changes; either moves or renovations could payoff.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

Opportunities for love will develop while traveling or while attending religious functions. Overindulgence may be a problem. Your diplomacy will be of utmost importance this week. Try to keep your opinions to yourself.

Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

Avoid getting trapped in internal disputes. There might be a problem with a will or with an insurance policy. Resistance leading to conflict will only make it twice as hard to turn the situation around. this week will be hectic.

Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Don't lend or borrow. Don't be too quick to judge those you live with. Some time spent with that special someone should be your intent. Those you care about may oppose your ideas.

Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

BLYC CLASSIFIED ADS

Ads are free for paid members; Non-members pay \$5. Drop or mail ads to 63174 Birch Road, or e-mail: sailorphil@philvital.com

FOUND:

Found-Round silver earring at the spring dinner. Call Mike Lutz 269/476-2843 or 269/207-1153.

Pier Section Found — If you are missing one section of your pier, call The Rogers in the Cove 476-2383.

If you are missing a **Ski-Doo air intake stack** please call 476-9862.

Straw Hat — Roma Went (hill) reported finding a straw hat on the lake. If it's yours, call her at 476-2454.

Found — a life vest from last weekend; call 476-9740.

LOST

Lost - MC Scow uphaul line (rope), 25 ft. x 1/4 in. dia, black with purple trim. Floated away in the middle of the lake when I put the boat on it's side. Dave Olson 476-2125.

Lost: Kayak paddle from the northshore. If found, please call 476-9823.

FOR SALE

Love candles? Like free stuff? Have a PARTYLITE CANDLE party. New summer catalog available offering candles, diffusers, gift ideas and great decorating ideas. Call your Birch Lake Partylite consultant, Patty Luecht at 476-2615 to book a party or place an order.

1990 Open Bow 19-foot Celebrity speedboat. 175 HP 4.3 Liter V6 Mercruiser IO w/low hrs. Includes trailer and water toys. Winters inside. \$4,200. See on Birch Lake from June 14-20. 574-210-4030 or 3460 or 574-274-8809 for Bill.

Hard top for Mercedes Benz SL (convertible). Dark blue, light tan interior — with hard-plastic clam-shell storage case. \$600. Call 476-1680

Used sails (2) for MC Sailboat. Some wear but good for general sailing and practice. Call 476-1680

WANTED

Wanted: Birch Lake Rental for July 20 - 26. Please call Gary at 309-360-8666.

SERVICES

Lawn Service and Odd Jobs — Call Spencer Bouwkamp at Birch Lake, 476-1001

Propane for grills — Bill Butler will pick up, fill and drop off propane canisters

for grills for \$17/tank. Call Bill at 476-9905

MISC.

Needed: Committee Boat Volunteers! Great dates still available. June 15, 29, July 5 & 6 (regatta), 20, August 17, 24, August 31 and Sept 1 (regatta). Sign up now, before these dates are gone!!!! Spend time on the lake working on your tan and help the sailors at the same time. Call Bad Patty, 476-2615, or sign up at the Vice Commodore's party this Saturday June 14th at the yacht club.



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Make checks payable to *Birch Lake Yacht Club*