

# Birch Barker

Weekend of August 11, 2012

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Mimi, Papa and their precious cargo

## Commodore's Comments

Twenty years ago I was knocking on doors handing off the Barker to my neighbors on the north shore. After many summers of being the delivery girl, I think it is safe to say I have earned my badge in order to be a guest writer.

Hi! I am Sarah, the daughter of your Commodore Pam. I am working on 23 years of lake memories and I am blessed to be able to bring my boys to Camp MimiPapa on Birch Lake.

Last weekend, we had a great dinner at the annual corn and sausage roast! The sausage was wonderful — we left full and happy.

I know mid-August is upon us so I encourage you to spend as much time with your family and friends on the lake before the school year starts and the

cooler weather sneaks in.

The fall dinner is on August 25th. If you haven't been to a social event yet, please come and support Chas! Look for more information in the upcoming Barkers.

The best thing about Birch Lake is the water; but coming in a near second are the people that surround the shore. Whether it's having a drink with old friends or meeting new neighbors, finish this summer by getting out and being a part of this wonderful Birch Lake community! Have a great couple of weekends out on the water.

Thank you to all who attended the board meeting and the Homeowner's meeting that followed. Thanks for letting me write this week (as you can see Mimi and Papa had their hands full)!

From the family that doesn't sail — Here's to smooth sailing!

~Sarah

Birch Lake Yacht Club Annual Meeting, Saturday, August 25

Notice is hereby given that the BLYC Annual Meeting shall occur at the Fall Dinner on Saturday, August 25. Directors shall be elected, the new Vice

## 2012 BLYC Calendar

Aug. 25 .....Fall Dinner  
Sept. 8 .....Sailing Awards  
Sept. 15 or 25.....Game Night/Card Party  
Oct. 6.....Annual Chili Cook-Off

Board Meetings - 9 am (Saturdays)

Sept. 8

Sailing Regattas  
Labor Day weekend

Note: ALL dates and times are subject to change.

Watch the Barker for updates!

# — Birch Lake Notes —

Commodore shall be announced and the BLYC Board's Annual Report shall be provided.

Thanks from Stanley

I want to take a few minutes and thank everyone who has been praying for my recovery. I've somehow have put this off for the last few weeks. I'll blame it on the pain and not wanting to think about what could have been waiting for me in the near future.

Well the future caught up with me as I knew it ultimately would. With the prayers of my family, both immediate and my extended Birch lake Family, and a dedicated and talented team of medical professionals who worked to save my life for over 12 hours. Things were as bad as expected but nothing they were not prepared for. I just cannot find any way to thank them. We are so lucky to have these types of dedicate individuals working in our communities. Since I'm still here in Ann Arbor and in hospital I didn't want to wait another minute ... again there are real Angels among us .... I for one am glad my heavenly Father has allowed me to be blessed Enough to have met a few.

*~Stan Pitakos*

Cass County Conservation Club  
The Cass County Conservation Club

*Thanks to Mr. Bob for the cool negative image of last weekend's storm*

## Apologies to the Commodore's GrandDog, Taffy

Ok, so there was a bit of miscommunication last week (dogs aren't very good with email, and the wrong GrandDog was identified ...



at right is a photo of the Commodore's GrandDog Taffy ... at left is a photo of a friendly neighbor dog ... Sorry Taffy!



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# — Birch Lake Notes —

will host a garage sale on Aug 12 to 14 in the club parking lot on the weekend of the large US-12 garage sale. For details contact Connie Sue Hulse at 641-2590.

The following events are scheduled at the Cass County Conservation Club on US 12 at Birch Rd.:

- Aug. 25 — Corn and Sausage Roast
- Sept. 15 & 16 — U-Pick'em Bingo

Nov. 3 & 4 — Bingo Proceeds to

Weekly events include Line Dance class w/ Fran every Monday @ 6pm; Zumba every Wednesday @ 5:30 pm; Yoga every Tuesday @ 6 pm; Euchre every Thursday @ 6:30 pm.

Annual Report Online  
The BLYC has published its 2011 annual report on the Birch Barker website. If you

have any questions, please contact one of our friendly neighborhood BLYC directors.

Advertising in the Barker  
We are still (and always) accepting both display and classified advertising for the Birch Barker.

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## 2012 Birch Lake Fall Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend the Birch Lake Fall Dinner on August 25 at Camp Tannadoonah.

Cocktail hour is from 5:30 - 6:30pm dinner will be served at 6:30pm

Come enjoy an evening with fine friends and delicious food.

After dinner, we'll unmask the identity of the next Vice Commodore!

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —

At left: The Petty boys (north side) playing croquet with Uncle Tom



Above: Tom and Vicky Rogers (Cove) take their maiden cruise on the boat Tom recently repainted ... formerly the Wet Willie, purchased from former Birch Lake eastsider Larry Dennert. Thanks to Linda Bergan for the photo



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# — Barker Critters of the Week —



Thanks to Sarah Petty (north side) for the cool snake and eagle pix ... and to Mr. Bob for the great Heron pic.



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# ~ CORN & SAUSAGE ~

THANKS TO ALL FOR A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

The accolades kept pouring in for the wonderful grilled corn (from Diamond Acres in Cassopolis) and the delicious brats (from Mills Market in Zimmyville) at the Corn & Sausage Roast last weekend.

Unfortunately, the lines dwindled and then disappeared in the last hour of the fest with the anticipation of terrible storms approaching our area. The coming storms caused the grill team to work even more feverishly — especially as the storms turned into a tornado warning — to finish its work and clean up before the rain and wind hit. To add to the drama

at this hectic time, the charcoal fires were slowing down just when more heat was needed to wind up the grilling!

Everything worked out fine despite the challenges and all were safe. More than 130 Birch Lakers who feasted at the Corn & Sausage Roast left with smiles after filling themselves with brats, hot dogs, chicken, buttered corn, coleslaw, watermelon, green beans, baked beans, cookies, lemonade and iced tea.

Thank you to our leaders, Bernie and Blair Garceau, for organizing and putting on this great event.

And we can't forget to express our gratitude to the entire team of helpers for their hard work in making the Roast a success: Cornmaster Tom Rogers,

Tamara Beauchamp, Greg Bolin, Karen Brovold, Ben Garceau, Bill & Patty Luecht, Steve & Julie Plaia, Charlene Sheetz, Mike & Julie Sheffieck, Tim & Irene Steffen, Steve & Renata Tealey, Peter & Denise Trybula, Bob Waddle and Jim & Linda Yoshizawa.

A special "thank you" to all those anonymous helpers who set up tables and chairs after the Homeowners' Association meeting and anyone else we may have forgotten unintentionally.

We all certainly missed Stan Pitakos, one of the team's lead grillmasters, who is recuperating from major surgery in Ann Arbor. We missed you Stan! Get well soon!

And to everyone else: We hope to see you next year!

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# Fleet Captain's Corner



## Thanks to Roger Whittaker

There are countless sea-related songs, not all of them falling into the shanty or work song related category. An example, one performed by Roger Whittaker and doubtless others, is offered this week:

*There's a ship lies rigged and ready in the harbor  
Tomorrow for old England she sails  
Far away from your land of endless sunshine  
To my land full of rainy skies and gales  
And I shall be aboard that ship tomorrow  
Though my heart is full of tears at this farewell*

*(Chorus)*

*For you are beautiful, and I have loved you dearly  
More dearly than the spoken word can tell*

*I've heard there's a wicked war a-blazing  
And the taste of war I know so very well  
Even now I see the foreign flag a-raising  
Their guns on fire as we sail into Hell  
I have no fear of death, it brings no sorrow  
But how bitter will be this last farewell*

*(Chorus)*

*Though death and darkness gather all about me  
And my ship be torn apart upon the seas  
I shall smell again the fragrance of these islands  
And the heaving waves that brought me once to thee  
And should I return home safe again to England  
I shall watch the English mist roll through the dale*

*(Chorus)*

Don't know what happened to last week's submission but as far as the standings goes it doesn't matter as no racing was held. Thanks to Karen Brovold and Dave Olson for being available to be our race officials.

Thanks this week to Bad Patty, Amy Lutz, Blair Garceau and Denise Smitley for being our race officials. You gals rock. Without you we'd be at home painting or watching the Olympics instead of having fun.

Next week one out of the top 40, but not anytime recently. Bet you can guess! See you out there. That is all.

*~Fleet Commander Stu*

### 2012 Sailing results to date

| Sailing Results             | 5-Aug | 5-Aug | Points | Average |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| <b>MCs</b>                  |       |       |        |         |
| Scott Troeger #1489         | 2     | 3     | 26414  | 1554    |
| Bob King #1199              | 5     | 5     | 28155  | 1482    |
| Jeff Smitley #2002          | 1     | 4     | 32201  | 1464    |
| Harold Cranmer #1991/2412   | 4     | 1     | 33506  | 1396    |
| Phil Vitale #500            | 6     | 7     | 30034  | 1365    |
| Dave Olson #1979            |       |       | 22072  | 1298    |
| Bill Luecht #1579           | 7     | 6     | 27834  | 1265    |
| Gib Eberhart #916           | 3     | 2     | 25588  | 1279    |
| <b>Sunfish</b>              |       |       |        |         |
| Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)  | 2     | 1     | 31449  | 1572    |
| Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)   |       |       | 4486   | 1495    |
| Stewart Spratt              | 4     |       | 29536  | 1477    |
| Sandy Vitale (White)        |       |       | 23043  | 1440    |
| Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow) |       |       | 28371  | 1419    |
| Brad Davis                  | 3     | 2     | 2813   | 1407    |
| Peter Soldoto               |       |       | 16610  | 1384    |
| Erica Richards              | 1     | 3     | 2813   | 1407    |
| Bill Butler                 |       |       | 8938   | 1277    |

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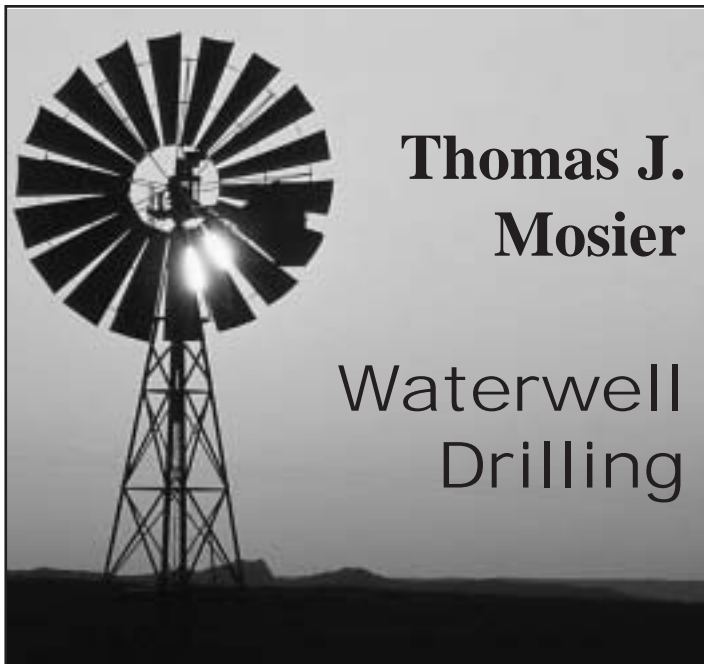
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# Stu's Star Stuff

## Venus, earth's twin sister?

Going to work each day I'm treated to a stunning pair of planets in the pre-dawn sky. Venus and Jupiter have been very prominent low in the eastern sky the past several weeks. It has been fun to watch as they closed in on each other and are now beginning to noticeably separate.

Venus is known as Earth's twin sister because of its similar size and proximity to each other.

Its atmosphere is made up mostly of carbon dioxide, thus trapping greenhouse gases that make the surface incredibly hot and dense.

Venus rotates so slowly that it orbits the sun faster than it can make one whole rotation on its axis. In other words, Venus has a longer day than year.

It takes 243 days for Venus to make a rotation.

And it takes 224 days for Venus to orbit around the sun.

Venus is the most widely explored planet aside from our own Earth. Numerous space probes have been sent

to Venus to gather data and some have landed on the surface.

However, Venus is a hell-hole. Because its atmosphere is mostly made up of carbon dioxide and is hundreds of times more dense than Earth's, an Earthly pedestrian on the streets of Venus would be quickly suffocated by the lack of oxygen. His body would summarily be crushed by the extreme pressure that the atmosphere exerts. In addition, due to the greenhouse effect of the carbon dioxide, the surface temperature of more than 800 degrees would incinerate our "luckless pedestrian"

*\*\*\* (Prize for first person to identify the rock group that used that in a song) \*\*\**

and his minimal remains would be dissolved by acid rain. Hmmm ... I think I'll take the Mars shuttle.

Anyway, it's cool to look at. Check out Venus in the eastern sky any morning this month. Jupiter is to the upper right and separating from Venus as we read. Get out there and enjoy the show.

Yeah, it's still free.

Sorry about last week.

### The Moon for Aug 11

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)

Illuminated Fraction: 0.267

2.5 days after last quarter



### Statistics for Aug 10

Sunrise: 6:48 am

Sunset: 8:50 pm

Moonrise: 1:15 am

Moonset: 4:25 pm

Day length: 14h 3m




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**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Don't be too hard on your mate. You can make a huge difference to children if you are able to put yourself in their shoes. You should spend your day trying to get things completed at work. You will be emotional about money matters. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21) You are best to look into investments that will grow in value over an extended period of time. You must take care not to over exert yourself if involved in sports. Make decisions about your professional objectives. Make plans to do the things you enjoy. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) You will be extremely sentimental, and if pushed by others you may hold a lasting grudge. Make plans to attend group discussions or get together with friends who like to talk as much as you do. Don't draw too much attention to yourself at work. Rely on the one you love for support and affection. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Attend to things that you should have done yesterday. Be careful of disclosing personal information. Get back into the swing of things. Your ability to converse with charm will entice someone you may have had an interest in for some time now. Your

lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Unreliable people will be negative about your ideas. Acceptance is the key. Opportunities to get together with friends will be enlightening and entertaining. Socializing will be more than just entertaining. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) Your temper may erupt if you have allowed others to cost you too much money. Don't rely on others to do your work. Drastic changes regarding your personal attitude are evident. Hard work will not go unnoticed. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) However, you may not attract the kind of interest you had in mind. Take precautions while traveling; you don't have to get anywhere that fast. You have to believe in yourself and your talents. Use your quick wit to win points with friends. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Driving too fast or double parking will result in difficulties with officials. Travel will also be very informative. Learn some new skills that will increase your income. You haven't been watching your spending habits and you may have been neglecting your duties. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's a good time for long awaited relationships to begin. You may get upset with peers or relatives. Your mind may not be on the job. Your passionate mood will be well received by your mate. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.-Jan. 20) Take things slowly, especially for the sake of those you love. Don't forget family obligations. Romance and social activity will be a promising combination. You can expect changes in your financial situation as well as in your status. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Get involved in a competitive sport that will bring the challenges you thrive on. Financial limitations may add to your depression. Your home environment may be volatile if precautions aren't taken. Your ability to get the job done will result in added responsibility and possible promotion. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Romance could develop through social activities or short trips. Make changes to your living quarters that will please the whole family. It will do you some good. Your partner may push buttons that infuriate you. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



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# ~Birch Lake Recipes~

## Beer Burgers!!!

This recipe really calls for 4 beers. ½ cup for the burgers and 3 ½ to drink while preparing. Enjoy!

### Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup beer

### Directions

1. Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat

and lightly oil the grate.

2. Mix the ground beef, onion, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, salt, and pepper in a bowl.

Mix in the beer until absorbed by the meat mixture. Form into patties.

3. Cook on the preheated grill until the burgers are cooked to your desired degree of doneness, about 5 minutes per side for well done. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read 160 degrees F (70 degrees C).



## — BIRCH LAKE WORDSEARCH —

Complete the maze and then find the words. The words can only be found along your maze path.

START

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END

Find and circle these words:

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| SPINACH  | PEPPERS  | CANTALOUPE |
| ONIONS   | PEAS     | ZUCCHINI   |
| PUMPKINS | LETTUCE  | ROSEMARY   |
| CORN     | CABBAGE  | PARSLEY    |
| BASIL    | TOMATOES | RADISHES   |
| ROMAINE  | THYME    | CARROTS    |
| SQUASH   |          |            |



# — Water Quality —

## Birch Lake E. coli Testing - 2012

Before any details are provided, let us start out with the bottom line: There is no E. coli problem in Birch Lake as revealed by the latest testing. No, nada, nyet.

On Sunday (7/22/12) AM we collected triplicate samples from the same five sampling stations we have used the past few years. These stations are:

- 1. The public park, on the south side, just west of the boat launch that is used for swimming by a number of families without direct lake access.
- 2. In front of the Weesner cottage on the east side which is also near the sewer pumping station.
- 3. Adjacent to the Klappauf pier, on the east side, which is also about 40 feet from the stream entrance draining the wetlands.
- 4. The stream itself, also on the east side, that runs alongside of Klappauf's home and drains the wetlands. It should be noted at the time of sampling that the stream was not flowing into the lake and thus was a stagnant pool of water.
- 5. Adjacent to the swim crib at the camp (north side) since lots of bodies are swimming there daily. While all these bodies provide some opportunity for contamination, we also wanted to demonstrate safety and determine if there was a potential problem there for any reason.

E. coli counts are expressed as colonies per 100 ml of sample that form on a defined nutrient on a glass plate or slide at 48 hours at a defined temperature. The average for a single time testing on one site that would be the cutoff for swimming safety is 300 colonies per 100 ml of sample.

If 5 tests were done over a month's time at the same site that safety standard drops to an average of 130 colonies per 100 ml of sample. The standards are set not so much that the E. coli itself might be harmful, but that E. coli is used as a marker of other potentially coincident similar bacteria that could be disease causing or pathogenic. Thus, low E. coli counts are indicative of a low potential for other harmful bacteria.

Sources of the E. coli and thus of other potentially harmful bacteria are human or animal intestines which could enter our lake via illicit waste connections to storm sewers or roadside ditches, poor septic systems, sanitary sewer overflows, wild and domestic animal waste, and agriculture runoff.

In all past testing performed by your Yacht Club and/or it's Water Quality Committee, it has been demonstrated that the only defined potential source of high E. coli levels is the stream by Klappauf's from the wetlands. Subsequent specific testing of that E.Coli established that it was from non human animal.

Now for the numbers regarding this single time testing.



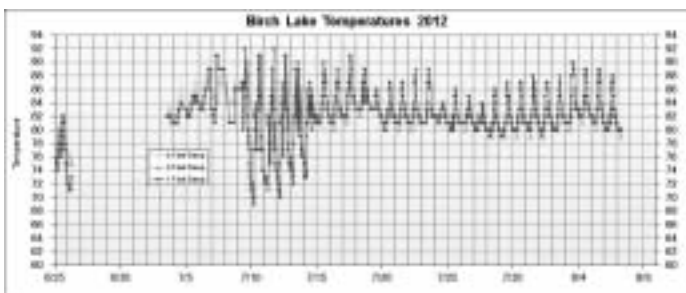
E.Coli Colony Counts

| Station | Sample #1 | Sample #2 | Sample #3 | Average /Station |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| #1      | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0                |
| #2      | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0                |
| #3      | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0                |
| #4      | 200       | 400       | 200       | 267              |
| #5      | 20        | 20        | 0         | 13               |

Average number of colonies for all lake sampling stations = 3.3

Thus, you might want to refrain from swimming in the couple of inches of stagnant water in the stream, but all other stations are either 0 or less than 5% (13/300) of the safe standard for swimming when the geometric mean is applied per the standard.

Have a good time in the lake!



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# Camp Tannadoonah

## Ahoy, Matey!

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We kicked off the week on Sunday by making Pirate Flags, and playing "Cannonball Wars" on the Sports & Games field. Tuesday night we had cardboard boat races and canoe races. Wednesday night was a Treasure Chest hunt. And Thursday night we plan to serenade along the north and west shores of the lake.

Mr. Chas took the week off of work to vacation at camp and teach guitar lessons. Plus he started every morning with our Pirate Joke of the Day.

We finished the summer with a grand total of 625 "official" campers, and 706 total beds filled. That means we gained 40 official campers (+6.8%) and 49 beds filled (+9.1%) compared to last year. Compared to 2006 (my first year as camp director), we had 355 more campers this year (+101%! That first summer we had 351 campers, and in 2007 we had 357.

All week we've been talking about the differences between that first summer and this one. For instance, this year we finish the summer with 19 cabin counselors, plus 11 other staff (director, assistant directors, nurse, maintenance, kitchen staff, etc.). In 2006 we finished the summer with 11 cabin counselors, and 7 other staff.

Our biggest camper week in 2006 had 68 kids; in 2012 we had 2 weeks over 100, and another 4 with over 90. In 2006, our smallest week had 31 campers; in 2012 our smallest week



had 64 campers (mini week).

We've added many activities over the past 7 years as well. These additions include: digital photo, bejeweled, low ropes, iron chefs, waterskiing, diving, science, volleyball, Japanese, lacrosse, basketball, Spanish, Latin Dance, archaeology, advanced sailing, soccer, guitar, art, fishing, and others!

Our 3rd annual silent auction is coming up (in conjunction with the Fall Dinner) on August 25th. If you would like to donate an item or service to the auction, please let us know! Or if you have an idea for an item, send us your suggestions! We love to get unique and interesting items to include in the auction.

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