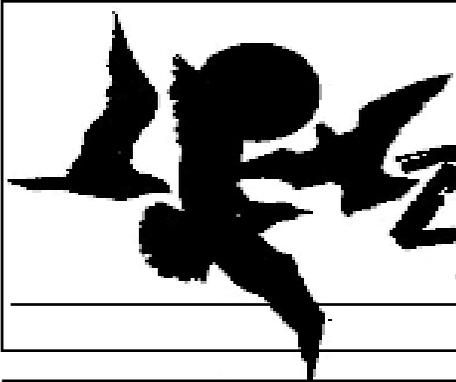


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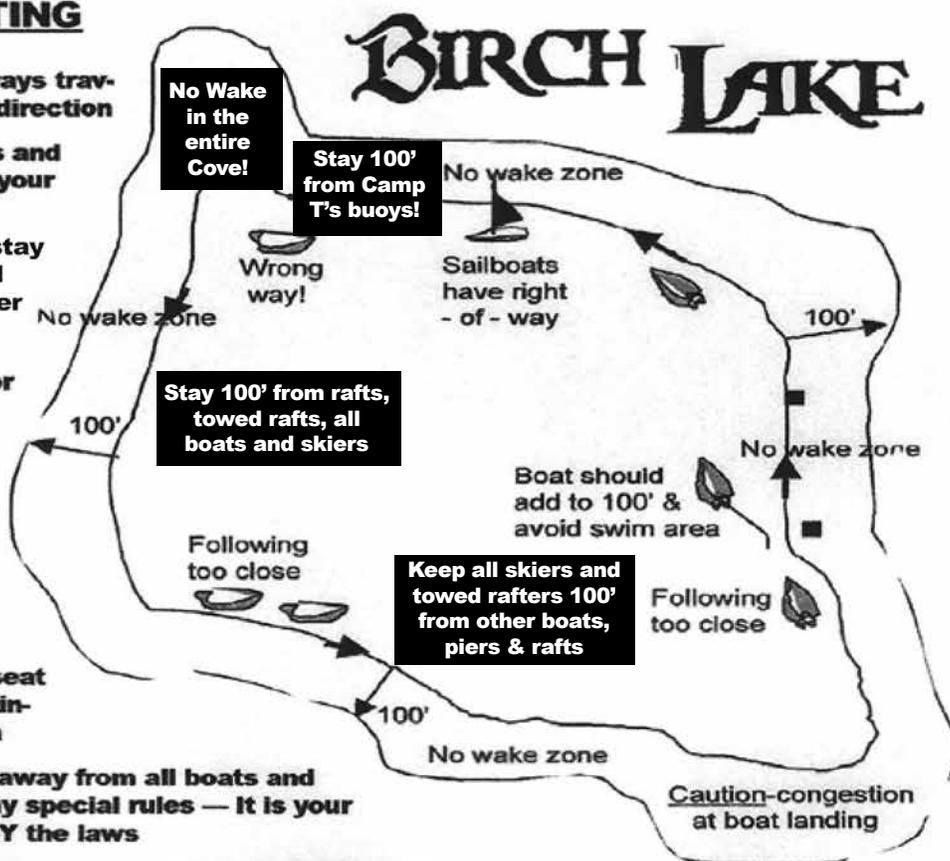


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The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club

COMMON SENSE BOATING

- * No matter what your speed, always travel in a **COUNTER CLOCK-WISE** direction
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- * **Be responsible for everyone on your boat — safety is NO ACCIDENT!**



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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

So be happier! The homes around the lake are coming alive with the sights and sounds of families making their way back to our little slice of heaven. Make sure you check the weekly Barker for activities that will be taking place all throughout the summer because there are quite a few things happening.

The Spring dinner at The Rock was a success. The beverages were cold, the food delish and it was good to see fellow lakera catching up from the long winter months. Thank you to Jennifer Ball for the use of the table lanterns, Sue Davis and Barb Cassady for checking in the guests, Amber Grundy for providing the easels, Deb Spratt for the cake, Buzz Rasmussen for taking the photos, and to Tom Cassady for providing the blessing. A separate THANK YOU to Paul Fallon for giving an impassioned talk regarding

the water quality of our lake now and into the future.

Coming up is Trivia Night and the Commodore/Vice Commodore/Stock the Bar party, both which will be held at the Yacht Club. See the calendar at the right for all of the details.

I want to thank Sandy Vitale, Vickie Rogers, Sue Davis and Patty Russwurm for volunteering their time to assist me in spring cleaning the yacht club and making it Shipshape and Bristol fashion.

If you have not signed up to volunteer your time for the spaghetti dinner on Saturday June 24 please do so. It takes a village to make this event a success, so be sure to contact the Niezgodski family to see where you can help. This is a great event for families to come together and partake in a delicious meal of salad, spaghetti and awesome desserts for a very reasonable price. Let's make this a record setting year for attendance!

It is that time of year to pay your

BLYC and Facebook and other Social Media

The Birch Lake Yacht Club DOES NOT have a Facebook page, nor is it participating in any form of social media. If you see Birch Lake Yacht Club information on any social media, the information has not been provided, checked or approved by the BLYC, and may be incorrect or misleading. If you have questions or concerns, please check <http://www.philvitale.com/Barker/BirchBarker.htm>, or contact any BLYC director or officer (see "officer and director" information in any edition of the Barker).

2023 Birch Lake Calendar

- June 3** Trivia Night, 6:30 pm, BLYC
- June 10** Com/Vice & Stock the Bar Party, details/page 2
- June 24** Spaghetti Dinner, details/page 9
- July 1** Boat Parade, details tba
- July 2** Fireworks (tentative)
- July 21** Ladies Golf, details tba
- July 22** BLYC Family Picnic, details tba
- July 28** Men's Golf Outin, details/page 9
- Aug. 5** Home Owner's Assoc. annual meeting, details tba
- Aug. 5** Corn & Sausage Roast, 5:30-7 pm, BLYC
- Aug. 12** - Kidz Regatta, Kings, details tba
- Aug. 26** Fall Dinner & annual meeting, details tba
- Sept 2, 3** Labor Day Regatta, (Sept 4 regatta rain date), details tba
- Sept. ?** Sailing awards luncheon, date & details tba
- Oct. ?** Crockpot challenge, date & details tba

2023 BLYC Board Meetings

June 3, July 8, Aug. 5, Sept. 9
BLYC board meetings are held at the Birch Lake Yacht Club beginning at 9 am, and meetings are open to all lake residents

The Birch Barker will consider ads and editorial items for publication. E-mail items to onlinebarker@gmail.com, mail them (or put them in the stone mailbox to) 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). **Contact Editor Phil** at onlinebarker@gmail.com, or at 476-1680 (no text). **Contact Commodore Deb Hall**, via email at debbershall@gmail.com or 219-765-8691. **DEADLINE** is always Noon on the Tuesday of the week before the publication.

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annual BLYC dues. The quickest and easiest way to pay is to go to our website birchlakeyachtclub.com. In addition to paying your dues, please be generous and donate to fund important programs. Two very important areas are the Water Quality and the Milfoil/Loose-strife Eradication programs which are vital to making sure that the waters of Birch Lake stay as beautiful tomorrow as they are today.

This weekend the lake will be busy with different watercraft, skiers, tubers and the like. Please use a common sense approach when on the water and make sure that your guests are equally responsible. Obey the rules so that we may have a safe and accident free holiday. In addition, the speed limit on the road around the lake is 15 mph. BE AWARE of children, pets and pedestrians on the roadway.

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day to honor all of the men and women who served and are serving in the military to defend our freedom. My husband, father, father-in-law and other family members served in different branches of the military and all came home. Take time this holiday weekend to give a salute, a pat on the back, or just a heartfelt thank you to a Veteran. It means more to them than you know.

Remember, the sun always shines on Birch Lake, even on a cloudy day.

~Commodore Deb

Com/Vice/Stock the Bar Party

It's Fiesta Time at Birch Lake! Come and meet Commodore Deb Hall and Vice Commodore Sue Davis for the annual Commodore/Vice Commodore party on Saturday June 10 at 6:30 pm at the Yacht Club. There will be music, frozen margaritas (regular and strawberry), tamales and a prize given out for the best costume.

Last name beginning with A-M, bring an appetizer, last name beginning with N-Z bring a dessert.

This is also our "Stock the Bar" event. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverage contributions are welcome, to be used at upcoming BLYC sponsored events during the summer. Hope to see you there!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Grab your friends/neighbors/family and come to the second annual Trivia Night at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Last year's event was a huge success - don't miss out on the fun! You can either form your own team or just come individually, and we'll get you on a team. Teams can be anywhere from one to

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eight people. Saturday, June 3, at the yacht club; doors open @ 6:30 - Trivia begins PROMPTLY @ 7 pm.

Bring your own drinks, a dish to share (either appetizer or dessert), paper and pen and your wallet (with money for 50-50 raffle and to buy mulligans - good for free answers).

All proceeds go to our Fireworks Fund. Questions - contact Blair Garceau 269-476-9862 or Sue Williams 574-298-2839. Hope to see you there!

Michiana Recycling isn't anymore

According to a spokesperson at Michiana Recycling, they are no longer providing yellow "recycling" bags to customers, and they are no longer recycling products from the trash they pick up. The spokesperson said the company is "looking into" offering recycling service at some point in the future, but they do not have a date for that service.

If you are interested in a local service that recycles, Waste Management offers residential trash pickup (and they recycle). 1-800-796-9696, <https://www.wm.com/>

Water Quality Donation Pledge

Starting with Memorial Day Monday, there are another 99 days until Labor Day. I ask that each Birch Lake Homeowner donate a dollar for each of these days to support the Water Quality Program.

Just \$1 a day for the next 100 days will keep Birch Lake one of the best spring-fed lakes in all of Michigan! Go online, make your \$100 donation to Water Quality and let's have a wonderful summer.

~Past Commodore Dr. Dan Waxman

New email for the Commodore

Note from the Commodore: the email bdeh@sbcglobal.net is not used anymore. Note that debbershall@gmail.com is the correct address for myself and Bud.

~Deb Hall

The Printed Birch Barker

The Birch Barker is delivered to all of the homes on Birch Lake each week and is online at <http://www.philvital.com/Barker/BirchBarker.htm>.

To submit items for publication, email sailorphil@philvital.com or onlinebarker@gmail.com, or mail (or deposit items) at 63174 Birch Rd. (East side), Vandalia, MI 49095. To contact the editor, email onlinebarker@gmail.com or sailorphil@philvital.com, or phone 269-476-1680 (no texts).

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BLYC Directory

Please update your directories with the following information: In the Cove, replace the information for Deb McCay with Kari Sears, 62757 Woodland Dr., phone (717) 203-3138, email karisears@gmail.com; off lake address 1502 Cedar St., South Bend, IN 46617.

Got more corrections and updates? Send any updates to onlinebarker@gmail.com and we'll publish them here for folks to update their directories.

Yacht Club building use

For information on the rules and requirements, and to make arrangements to use the BLYC building, contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-858-8184 (call or text), or send her an email at sv6102@gmail.com.



The Sailors picked a cold and windy day to raise the masts on three MC's in preparation for the Memorial Day Regatta. Here, Bob King wades in deep to share his in-depth knowledge of sailing with Bob Niezgodski and Pat McGann.

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~Love, mom and dad



Not to brag but ... Congratulations to our fifth grade nephew Ashton Davis for taking 2nd place in the Ohio state Amazing Shack (nterview competition, the 1st place winner was a high school senior. We are so proud.

~Rick and Patti Russwurm



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~Grandparents John & Jennifer Ball, south side.



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Let us pause to remember

As we enjoy our Memorial Day weekend festivities here at Birch Lake, which at this writing hopefully will include some sailboat racing, it is good to also pause and remember those whose sacrifices made our freedoms possible.

Memorial Day was created spontaneously in various towns and cities across America at the end of the Civil War, which remains our most devastating conflict. One of the first such memorial ceremonies was held in Charleston, South Carolina. On February 18, 1865, the Mayor of Charleston surrendered to the Union Army, the Confederate forces having fled the city during the night. The 21st U.S. Colored Troops, made up mostly of former slaves from the Charleston area, were given the honor of being the first to enter the city. The fleeing Confederate Army left behind the former Washington Race Course and Jockey Club, which they had converted into a camp for captured Union soldiers during the latter part of the war. On the race track grounds was a mass grave containing the bodies of 260 Union prisoners of war, who had perished by exposure and starvation in the harsh conditions of the camp.

With the Confederate Army gone and the Union Army now in charge, a group of half-starved but newly freed

slaves, both men and women, undertook to exhume all of the bodies of the Union soldiers from the mass grave and give them a proper burial in a new cemetery, with a tall whitewashed fence bearing the painted inscription "Martyrs of the Race Course". Why did they do so? We don't know for sure, but one can easily imagine that many slaves in Charleston were forced to work in the camp during the war, where they would have witnessed its horrors; shared furtive glances, gestures and whispered words with the Union prisoners who had fought to free them. One can also easily imagine that the slaves were forced to carry the bodies of the Union prisoners when they died, and to bury them in the mass grave. So on May 1, 1865, very soon after the war had ended, a crowd of 10,000 people, mostly freed slaves along with some white missionaries, staged a parade around the race track. Three thousand Black school children carried bouquets of flowers and sang "John Brown's Body." Members of the famed 54th Massachusetts and other Black Union regiments were in attendance and performed double-time marches, and Black ministers recited verses from the Bible.

Four days later, on May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War



Historic photo of Washington Race Course and Jockey Club in Charleston, S.C., site of the mass grave and of the memorial parade held on May 1, 1865.

veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month, which he called Decoration Day. General Logan proclaimed that "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." And on that first Decoration Day, former Union General and future

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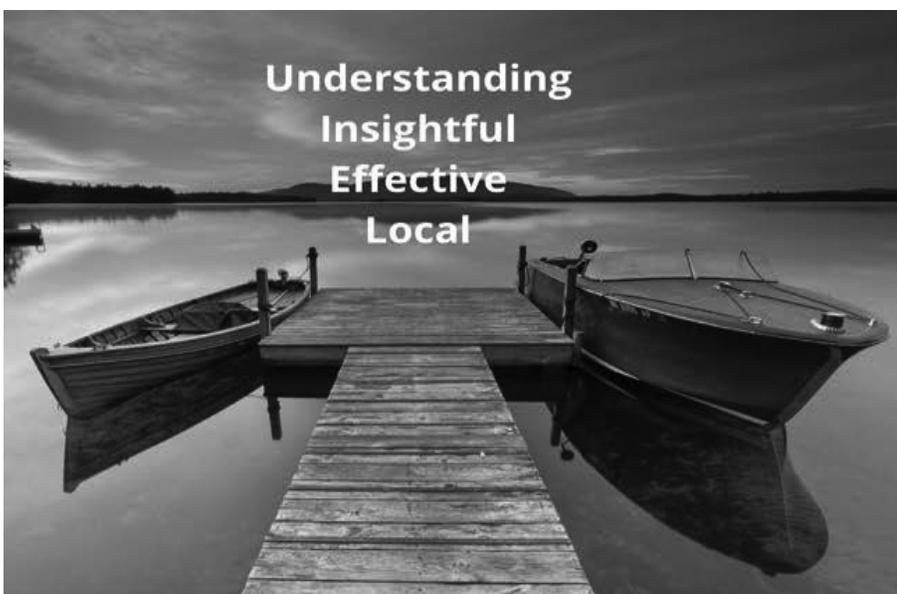
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President of the United States, Ohio Rep. James A. Garfield, made a speech that is still remembered today, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there.



President James A. Garfield

Over the years, the name "Decoration Day", was slowly supplanted by "Memorial Day", and by the end of World War II, Memorial Day was the term most commonly used.

Memorial Day is akin to Veterans Day, which originated at the end of



World War I when the fighting officially stopped at the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" in 1918. In 1919, that date was commemorated in the United States as Armistice Day. In 1921 on that date, the Unknown Soldier was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Armistice Day became an official national holiday in 1938, as World War II loomed in the near future. In 1954, shortly after the Korean War ended in 1953, the name of Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day, to honor the veterans of all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday

Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Veterans Day a federal holiday as well as a three-day weekend, thus separating the date of Veterans Day from its historical connection to the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month". But many States objected to that change, so in Sept. 1975 President Gerald Ford signed a law returning Veterans Day to November 11, starting in 1978.

Memorial Day, however, remains as the last Monday in May, which this year is May 29. And perhaps it will be a good day for sailing, too.

~F.C. Steve



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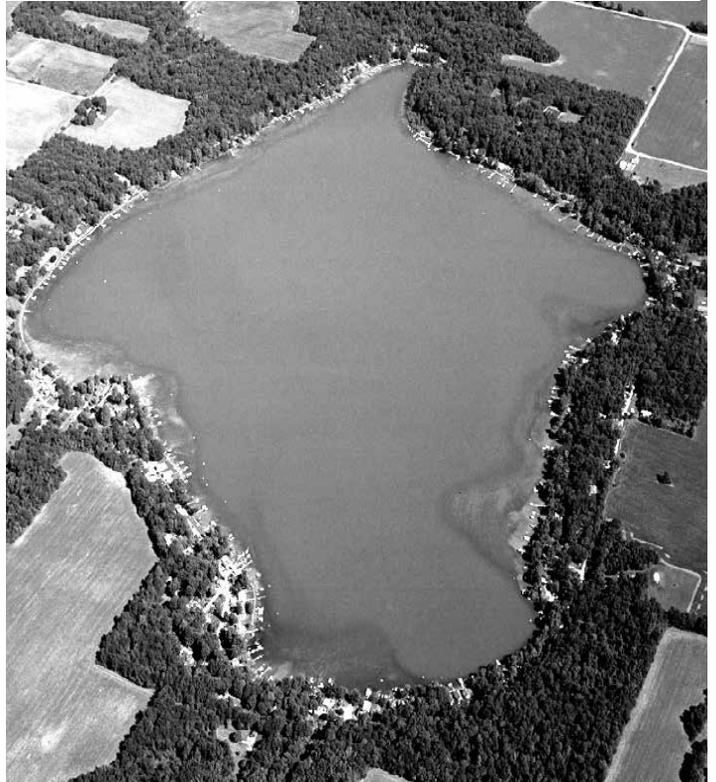
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Throughout each season we send them samples and measurements for their analysis and compilation. Each spring they send us the results and a composite score, based on three of the tests. This singular number is called the "TSP" index and is commonly accepted as the quick indicator of the relative health of the lake.

In each season's first printed Barker we give a brief summary of the results of our lake "performance" during the prior season. As part of that Barker article, we invite all to download the report in its entirety, hoping you do so and take the time to increase your knowledge of what's going on with our lake. (We suspect the report hasn't actually been downloaded very often, quite understandably.)

This year's results (summarized on the lower right-hand corner of the report's first data sheet) are somewhat alarming. Our composite score is up some 15 percent (39/34) over the average of the five prior years. (Lower numbers are good; higher numbers are bad.) Given the circumstances, we wanted to make sure you all have an actual physical copy of the report for your review and at least partial understanding. Thanks to the Barker's volunteer staff for delivering this separate document to you today, along with your 5/27/23 Barker.

We do not yet know the cause(s) of this "bump." Maybe it has to do with changes in the Earth itself, or in its water levels, ice volumes, temperatures, winds, invasive species, lake



activities, etc. or a combination of any of the above. Results statewide are up 10 percent over the same period. But our 15 percent is 50 percent more than the average 10 percent.

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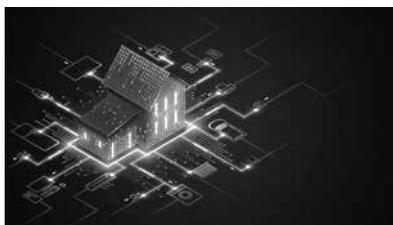
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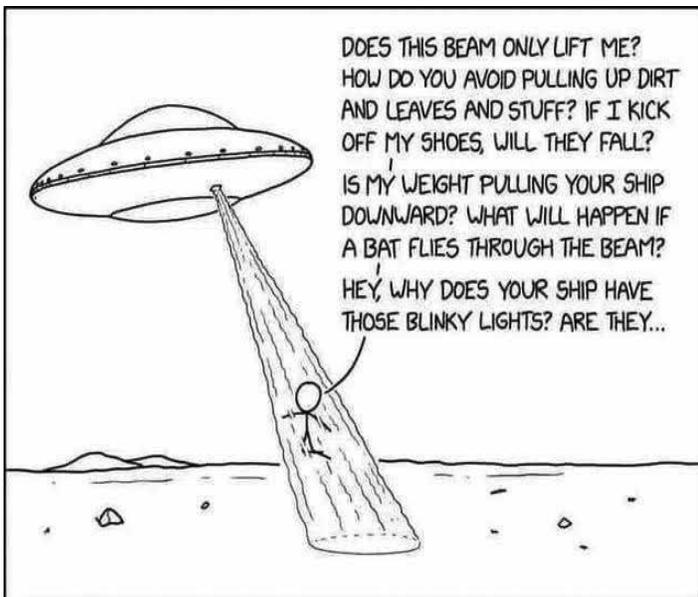
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Birch Barker Funnies



Popeye on the dating scene

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~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Grilled Teriyaki shrimp pineapple skewers

These savory-sweet shrimp skewers are easy to make and cook in just a few minutes. They are perfect for summer weeknights or weekend dinner parties. Prep the sauce ahead of time for an even faster dinner. I prefer to use jumbo shrimp (21 to 25 per pound), however use what you have on hand.

Cook Time: 20 mins; Total Time: 45 mins; Servings: 4

Ingredients

Sauce:

- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh garlic
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 pound jumbo shrimp
- ½ fresh pineapple, cored and cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- skewers
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro (Optional)
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds (Optional)

Directions

1. Combine water, soy sauce, brown sugar, honey, garlic, and ginger in a small saucepan and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until sauce has reduced and thickened slightly, 8 to 10 minutes.
2. Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat and lightly oil grate. Thread shrimp and pineapple alternately onto skewers and place on a platter.



3. Arrange skewers on the hot grate. Grill 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until shrimp is opaque and cooked through. Turn grill to low heat and brush sauce on both sides of skewers. Transfer to a serving platter and sprinkle with cilantro and sesame seeds.

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New year, new things happening

First Barker of the year for 2023! Welcome back to the lake to those who are returning after spending the winter away. It's been a busy winter here at Camp. We've been working on several big projects that will hopefully be finished just in time for camp to begin.

We built a new pole barn / maintenance building up on the hill by the entrance to camp. This will replace the two tiny sheds we've been using for many years to store all of our tools and equipment. We'll be adding a workshop inside for Brenda, our facilities manager, to be able to work on projects during the winter months as well. It will be great to be able to park the camp boats inside in the winter, and the pickup truck, and tractor, and to be able to store all of our tools and materials.

We've also spent the past few months working on a major renovation project down at the waterfront. When you go by on your boats this year you'll see that the concrete seawall that has been there for some 70 years has been removed and replaced with a sloped boulder seawall, which is far better for the environment. The old seawall was cracking and heaving badly, and getting worse with each winter. There were several areas that were uneven and dangerous, plus it got extremely slippery

when waves would crest over the top of the wall.

We're also in the process of re-building the boat shed, and the new boat shed will be much better suited to the storage needs at the waterfront. Once that's done, we'll be able to finish the landscaping down at the lake and will be ready for campers soon!

Our staff have started arriving for training – this week our leadership staff are here, and the rest of the staff will be arriving between now and Sunday (the 28th). We have two school groups at camp this week for field trips, and the staff who are here will be helping facilitate activities for the students, and providing lunch for them as well. Starting Sunday, we will have two full weeks of staff training in preparation for the first group of campers to arrive on June 11. We currently have around 1050 campers registered for the summer, with a goal of 1200 this year.

On Sunday, June 4, we will be hosting "Project Graduation" for Edwardsburg HS. This is a graduation party for all of the graduating seniors, planned by a committee of parents. It's an alcohol-free event, intended to provide a safe and fun way to spend the night after graduation with friends. They have several stops along the way as part of the



celebration, and they will be at camp for two hours before moving on to another activity. This year's event is western-themed, and they plan to have line dancing in the dining hall, yard games, and they've hired a mobile ax-throwing vendor! I wanted to make sure to alert everyone about this event because they will be at camp from 8 pm to 10 pm on Sunday evening, and there will be a DJ playing music. It will likely be quite loud, but it IS a time-limited event and they will be done and gone by 10 pm.

We're excited for another busy summer at Camp T, and can't wait to see everyone back at the lake!

~Mrs. Amber

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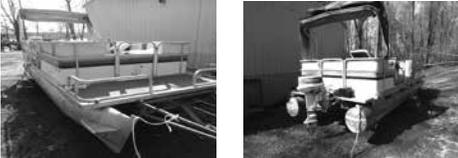
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This message is brought to you by the Homeowners Association of Birch Lake



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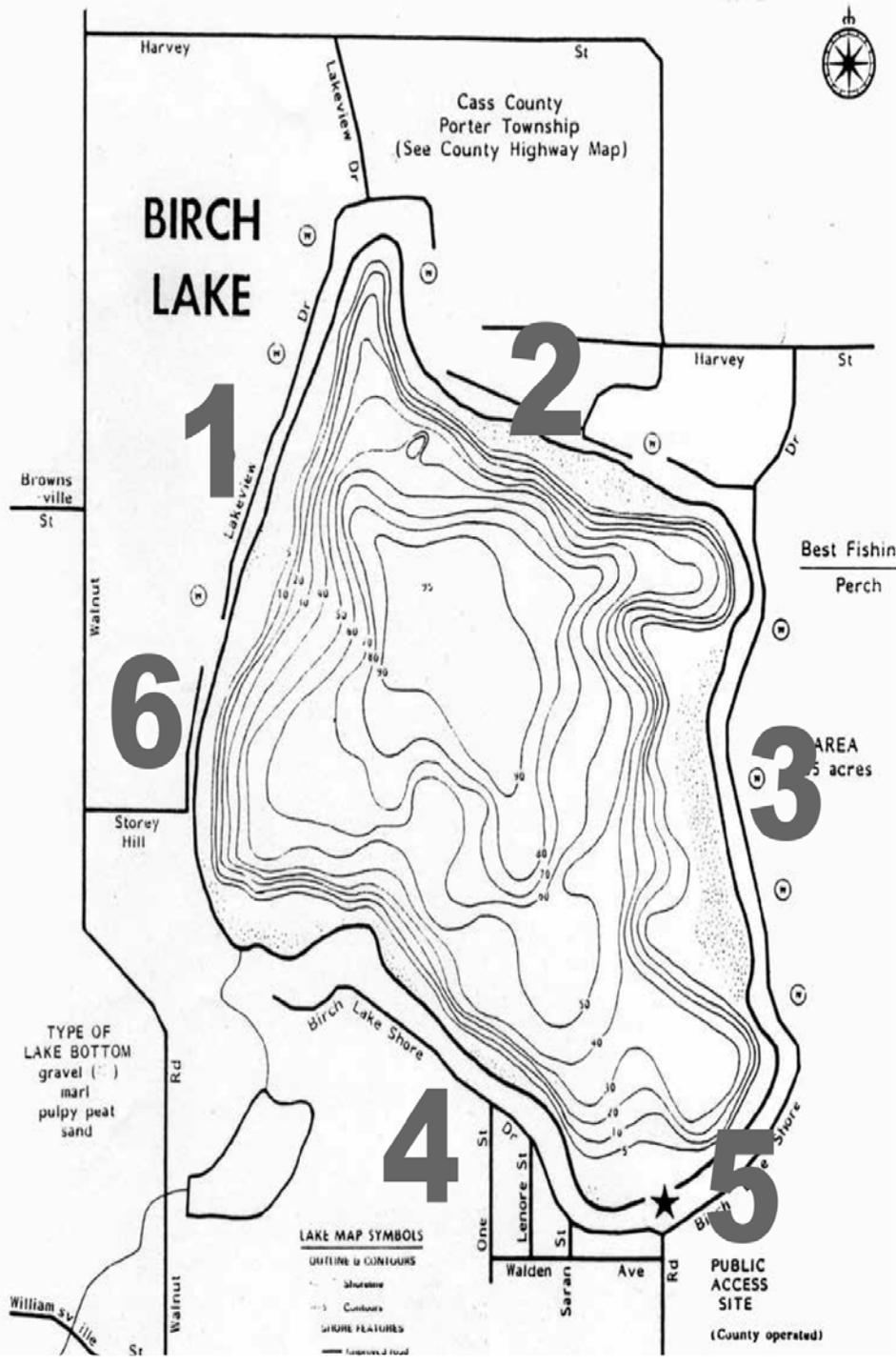
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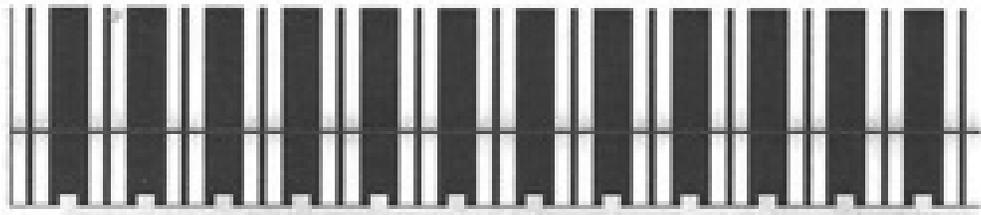
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