

Lake Forest Yacht Club
The
Porthole
News
Lake Hopatcong, NJ



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May 2025



Commodore's Message

Hello Lake Forest,

This month's letter is a little shorter because I want to say Thank You to all the volunteers that came out to help with the Spring Clean up at the beach. A lot of items had to be cleaned up, set up and organized which could not have been done without the hard work from all those who showed up, so again

THANK YOU!



May 2nd was our community Semi-Annual Meeting, it was great to see everyone who turned out. I want to congratulate Scarlett Melick for being awarded the 2025 LFYC Scholarship, best of luck next year at Ramapo College!

E-bikes - please tell your families that no electric or gas vehicles are allowed on the club grounds. This includes the field, around the Galley or Clubhouse sidewalks, and on the grass or beach areas. *Also, please be careful on the roads, and watch for people walking and walking their dogs.*

Tickets are now on sale for the opening day BBQ. We have Roasted Breadfruit coming back to cater the food again this year so get ready to kick off the summer fight!

We still have 1 boat slip open for rent, reach out to the office or Frank Gutowski ASAP if you are interested.

METS vs YANKEES

Tickets still available, call the office for more info.

Thank you,
Peter

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 9-2

Wednesday 12-7

Saturday 9:30-12:30



Meet The Board of Trustees

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Desirae Nigro

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Office Reminders / Notices



- **2025 Member Badge Stickers are in!**

Only members whose 2025 dues are paid in full may pick up the 2025 season badge sticker.

- ***Paperless Invoices & Payments***

If you're interested in receiving your invoices via e-mail with options to pay online, please contact the office.

- ***Membership Fees Reminder***

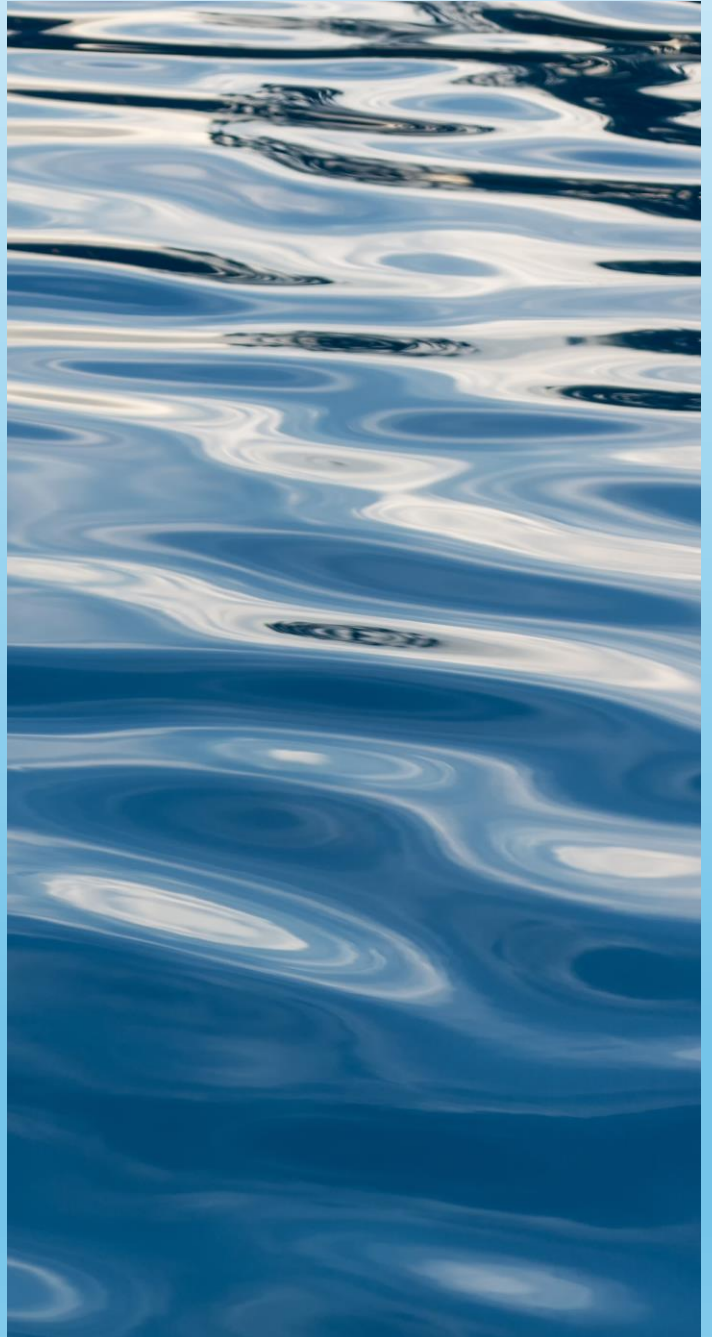
Master lease is due in full 15 days from invoice date. Beach Membership dues 2nd installments are due by 3/30/2025

If you are age 65, please contact the office to change your beach membership status and fees to senior. Proof of age is required.

Help keep our club clean

Please remember our club operates with volunteers and everyone's help is needed to keep it maintained!

- **Be sure your trash and recycling makes its way to the appropriate bins at the beach, playground, galley, restrooms, patio, and field while enjoying the property.**
- **Do not overfill the trash and recycling bins or leave any items next to or on top of the bins. Place pizza boxes directly in the recycling dumpster, do not stuff into recycling bins.**
- **If you see trash on the ground, please be kind and pick it up.**
- **If trash or recycling is full and you are able to take it to the dumpster, the help is much appreciated.**
- **Smoking is not permitted on the beach or near the galley or picnic tables. Cigarette butts are not to be left on the ground anywhere on the property, including the parking lots.**
- **Please refrain from moving Adirondack chairs, picnic tables, benches. It causes unnecessary wear and tear on these items.**
- **Close umbrellas in high wind on the beach, if a storm is incoming, or when leaving.**
- **TVs in the galley are continuously being left on overnight. Remotes are provided on the counter for your use, they must be turned off before you leave.**



2025 Kayak Rack Slip Rentals



- The club office has mailed out the 2025 Kayak slip rental agreements to all members who rented Kayak slips in 2024. If you plan on renewing for the upcoming season, please return the completed and signed rental agreement along with payment.
- We have 36 Kayak slips available to rental each season, season starts on April 20th and concludes on October 31st. The Kayak Racks may only be used during the rental season and vessels need to be removed at conclusion of the season.
- Only Kayaks, Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP) and Canoes may be stored on the racks. None may be stored on the ground. Members that would like to rent a slip on the kayak rack need to complete the kayak rack rental agreement and provide the rental fee payment of \$25 for the season. Each renter will receive a Kayak Storage Permit sticker to attach to their vessel. Each sticker is individually numbered for member identification of property.
- Reach out to the club office to rent a slip as numbered in the image above as well as on the kayak racks. Kayak rack slips 31 to 36 is reserved exclusively for SUP's. All other kayak slips are open for kayaks, SUP or canoes. Just like how we manage our dock rentals, members who rent in 2024 will have first right to renew for the following year.
- The rental fees collected will be used for kayak rack repairs and new racks built. . This is the best way for us to provide structured assignment of these racks for members as well as using those fees collected to maintain, improve and replace, when needed.



Kayak Storage
Permit
100



Congratulations!!!

**Scarlett Melick for being
the 2025 recipient of the
\$2500 LFYC Scholarship.**



**A big thank you again to all that volunteered for the
Spring Beach Clean up!**



May Events



- **5/1 Red Cross Blood Drive**
- 2:00 – 7:00pm



- **5/2 May Semi Annual Club Meeting**
- 8:00pm



- **5/3 LFYC Fishing contest**
- 3:00 – 5:00pm



- **5/24 OPENING DAY BBQ EVENT!**
- DJ Starts at 2:00 pm, Food at 4:00 pm



- **5/30 Vision Board Workshop**
- 6:00 – 9:00pm

OPENING DAY PIG ROAST

MEMBERS:

Adults: \$40

Kids Age 13 -18: \$25

Kids Age 5 -12: \$20

Under Age 5 are free!

NON-MEMBERS:

Adults: \$50

Kids Age 13 -18: \$30

Kids Age 5 -12: \$25

SATURDAY MAY 24th

Food catered by Roasted Breadfruit 4- 7pm

**THE MEATS!! - Smoked Ribs, Smoked Brisket, BBQ Chicken, Hot Dogs and
2 Whole Smoked PIGS**

**THE SIDES!! - Coconut Rice, Mac and Cheese, Cornbread, Caesar Salad,
Roasted Garlic Broccoli and Fresh Fruit.**

**CARRIBEAN RECIPE SANGRIA!, BEER, WINE, SELTZERS, WATER
AND SODA INCLUDED**

**Giant Inflatable Slide 12pm
DJ Starting at 2pm**

**Seeking Volunteers to run:
Horseshoes, Cornhole, Pickleball
Tournaments**



**Contact the office for tickets
DEADLINE to buy tickets is Saturday May 17th
*A surcharged will be added after the 17th per ticket.***



Join us for our 1st
annual LFYC Fishing
Derby
for kids up to age 15

May 3rd 2025
3PM - 5PM

Please bring your own fishing gear, including a bobber and hook and we will supply the bait. All fishers will only be able to use the bait supplied to participate. This event is open to members and non member guests. We strongly encourage you to sign up on the Sign Up Genius.

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in their age category (0-4, 5-10 & 11-15) for the most fish caught and for the longest fish caught.





VISION BOARD

WORKSHOP

JOIN US!

Lake Forest Yacht Club | May 30, 2025 | 6–9PM | \$40/person
Light snacks & refreshments will be served, & a variety of wellness modalities

For an inspiring evening of **manifestation, creativity, & relaxation!** This immersive workshop blends the power of **vision boarding** with the **healing energy of sound** to help you bring your dreams to life!

WHAT IS A VISION BOARD?

A **vision board** is a powerful tool that helps you visualize your goals, connect with your subconscious, & co-create your future with the universe. When we gather in a group, we not only bring our visions to life—we share our stories, uplift each other, & build a space of encouragement & transformation.

Let's spend the night **laughing, sharing, supporting, dreaming, & creating together!** Your visions—big or small—are worthy, & this is your chance to give them energy & intention.

The evening will conclude with a **deeply restorative one-hour sound bath**, allowing you to relax, release, & align with the frequency of your desires.



GET TICKETS

Please bring: a yoga mat, blanket, & anything else to make yourself comfortable during the sound bath.

Workshop hosted by **LYTE VYBE** – Spreading Love. Sharing LYTE.

LYTEVYBELYFE@GMAIL.COM

973.945.4413

The Social Committee Needs Volunteers



Our annual Opening Day celebration is coming up, and we need your help to make it a success! While ticket sales help offset the event costs, we rely on volunteers to make it truly happen.

We're looking for assistance with:

- **Event setup (tables, chairs, coolers)**
- **Post-event cleanup**
- **Tournament coordination (Horseshoe, Cornhole or Pickleball) your choice**

I understand everyone's time is valuable, but a little help from you would make a huge difference.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Desirae Nigro

Text or call 908-892-3679



Beach Lovers: Help Us Stock the Concession Stand!

Want to contribute to the fun at our beach this summer? We're looking for a few awesome volunteers to help us keep our concession stand stocked with all the good stuff. It's a super easy way to get involved and make a real difference!

What's Involved?

We need 5 volunteers to be part of our Concessions Crew. Don't worry, it's not a huge time commitment! Here's what you'd be doing:

- **Menu Planning:** Help us decide what treats to offer – from refreshing drinks to yummy snacks and everything in between!
- **Smart Shopping:** Use your savvy shopping skills to find the best deals on supplies (we'll reimburse you!).
- **Keeping Things Stocked:** Help make sure the concession stand has plenty of everything throughout the summer.

The best part, You don't have to work at the concession stand itself. We have a great team for that. You'll just be helping behind the scenes with the fun part – choosing the goodies and keeping them coming!

Why Volunteer?

- **Support Our Community:** Help make our beach the best it can be.
- **Easy and Fun:** It's a low-key way to get involved and meet other beach lovers.
- **Make a Difference:** Your help will ensure everyone has access to their favorite snacks and drinks all summer long.

Interested? Call or text Desirae Nigro 908-892-3679

 Snack Stand Menu			
Drinks:		Lunch Items:	
Koolaid	\$0.50	Cup of Soup	\$2.00
Water	\$1.00	Mozzarella Sticks (6)	\$3.50
Seltzer	\$1.00	Chicken Nuggets (6)	\$3.50
Soda	\$1.00	Hot Fudge Sundae	\$2.00
Gatorade	\$1.00	Big Boy	\$3.00
		Mac and Cheese	\$2.00
Snacks:		Ice Cream/Ice Pops:	
Planters Nuts	\$1.00	Freeze Pop	\$0.25
Skinny Pop	\$1.25	Ice Cream Sand/cup	\$1.00
Applesauce	\$0.50	Twin Pops	\$1.00
Chips/pretzels	\$1.00	Cookie Sandwich	\$1.50
Slim Jim	\$1.00	Cookies	\$1.00
Cookies	\$1.00	Strawberry Pops	\$1.00
Veggie Straws	\$1.00	Twix	\$1.00
PopTarts	\$1.00		
Candy:			
Air Head	3/\$1.00		
Skittles/Starburst	\$1.50		
Ring Pop	\$0.50		

Interested in Swimming?

NJRL Small Division Champs 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019!!

The Lake Forest Viking's Team is a summer swim team that competes in NJRL.

It is open to all swimmers ages 5 to 18 year of age.

Everyone is welcome on the Lake Forest Swim Team







You do not have to live in Lake Forest

Have questions and don't want to wait?

Contact Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958

or kristenbrown34@gmail.com



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 17-Cornhole Fundraiser ?-Dock Setup 10AM JUNE 1-Pancake Breakfast 9-11:30AM JUNE 8-Tryouts...4PM JUNE ?-Officials Clinic,Horseshoe Lake 9am						
22 June	23	24  Pasta Party	25 Home Meet vs Saffin Pond	26	27	28 @ Shore Hills
29	30 Home Meet vs Park Lakes	July 1	2 @ Shongum	3	4 	5
6	7 Ribbon Meet @ Lake Shawnee	8	9 @ Mount Olive	10	11	12 @ Cranberry Lake
13 	14 Home Meet vs Lake Shawnee	15	16 Home Meet vs Roxbury	17	18	19
20	21 @ Randolph Park	22	23  Team Beach Party	24	25 Bagel Morning 	26 Silvers Invitational @Roxbury
27	28	29	30	31 TRIALS @Roxbury / Hosted by Saffin Pond	August 1	2 FINALS @Roxbury / Hosted by Saffin Pond
3 Dock Breakdown 10am	4 Lake Forest Swim Team BANQUET 	5	6	7	8	9

Show some Lake Forest Pride with some great apparel!

Order forms are on the website or in the office.



Red/ Lt Blue/ White ink on Navy T-Shirts
Placement: Left Chest
3" W x 3" H

Red/ Lt Blue/ White ink on Navy T-Shirts
Placement: Full Back
11" W x 11" H



Gray and Navy

Custom AA Crafts

PRICE INCLUDES FRONT LEFT CHEST & LARGE BACK CENTER LOGOS
ALSO AVAILABLE IN GRAY 2XL & UP - ADD \$3

 Tee - \$22	 Long Sleeve - \$24	 Zip Up Hoodie - \$32	 Polo - \$24
 Crew Sweatshirt - \$26	 Hoodie - \$28	 Unisex Tank - \$24	 Ladies Tank - \$24
 Sweatpants - \$22			

Advertise with us!

Get your advertisement in the monthly
Lake Forest Yacht Club Porthole News

- Please contact the office for any inquires and submissions.
- Business Card size ad for \$20 a month.
- Our site averages 14 hits a day.



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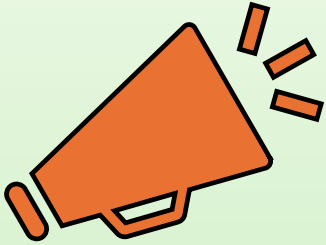


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Let us hear from you!



We like to share news and announcements from our members in the monthly Porthole Issues. If you want to pass along a message such as birthdays, anniversaries, birth announcements or engagements, etc., we encourage you to share it with us.

If you provide the information by the 15th of the month, the news should appear in the upcoming month's issue.

Red Cross Certified Babysitter List



Aubrey Gilligan 973-461-3900

Maddie Luke 973-800-5541

Lake Forest Board Meeting Minutes

LFYC Trustee Meeting

Date: 4/9/2025 at 7:09PM Ended at 8:44

Meeting Recorder: Joe O'Donnell, Secretary

Attendees, Dan Vinson, Justin Bosi,

Joe O'Donnell, Dmitry Bohdan, Peter Moreland

Minutes/Actions

Peter Moreland - Commodore: Communications, Website, Porthole, Docks

- Discussed electronic speed sign on Yacht Club Drive, Peter to speak with the Town.
 - The only way we will get something Perm is we need to get it ourselves. Pete to speak to the town again.
- Docks:
 - Dock rentals update
 - 2 docks now open, 1 outside membership filled
- Yankee Bus Event
 - Office to collect payments and send email notification
- Parking Lot lights
 - Need to call company for the lights and quote, 2 lights now going out
- New Days / Nights for office to be open.
- May semi Annual meeting slides to go out to Trustees.

Evan Kurzman, Treasurer: Financials, Budget, Grant and Scholarship & Wakeoff

- Finance Update
- Evan review electronic payment
- Mortgage information
- Master Lease Increase verbiage needs to go on April Invoice ? Is this required?
- I think we should start to look at other options for our banking given their lack of investment options (only offering CDs that pay less than United States treasuries), online resources, and lack of Zelle for business. I'll do some research.

Joe, Secretary: Office, Beach, Legal & Insurance & Swim Team

- Legal / Insurance
 - Pending getting legal contact Dolan and Dolan in Newton?
- Beach Sand May
 - Sand Sifting again?
- Lifeguards Minimum wage went up to \$15.49. Approved increases approved.
 - Joe to review with Scott age of 16 and responsibilities
- Gates on cat walks and dive tower
 - Joe to get gate installed on catwalk prior to cat walks going in the water
 - Weed curtains to may install part way prior to installation of cat walks



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Joe, Secretary: Office, Beach, Legal & Insurance & Swim Team

- Joe to start the process for review of Master Lease at Termination
- Office Update
 - Status of new Office Managers training / Start Dates
- Review Clubhouse Rentals and Repairs
 - Current rental requests for review



Dmitry Bohdan: Grounds, Maintenance, Tennis Courts & Nominating Committee

- Grounds
 - Clubhouse Patio Drainage Project to eliminate erosion.
 - Electrical issue- Review Estimates
 - Reviewed quats Haws Electrical approved
 - Club Maintenance to do list
 - Catwalks need repair asap
 - Septic cleaning- Estimate. Eathcare approved
 - Tennis courts to add carabiners to the wind curtains
 - Kayak Racks do we need to do any updates to them

Dan Vinson: Social, By-Laws, Clubhouse, Welcoming new membership

Actions/New Business:

- AV Closet lock
 - To be completed
- Sliding doors to be worked on when Tom comes back
- Fan and Ladies room Draw broken.
 - Ladies room fan disconnected new fans will be installed
- By-law meeting
 - April to start this
- Welcoming New Neighbors
 - To start next month with new names
- Social :
 - Roasted breadfruit for opening day in process. Details reviewed
 - Family night coming up
 - 5/3 kids fishing tournament
 - Red Cross Blood Drive
 - Yankees game bus event

Justin Bosi: Security, Boat Races, Boat Safety Course

- Replace rotted out poles around basketball area
 - Justin has them he just needs to get them here.

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Justin Bosi: Security, Boat Races, Boat Safety Course

- Septic Covers needed Justin to handle.
 - To be done in the spring
 - Need a cover for the water shut off for gally
- Security Update
 - LADD Security Update
 - Security Camera to be added to clubhouse storage room.
 - Need to provide Linda dates for when we want Security



Tom DeSena:

NEW Business:

NEW Business & Action Items:

- Eagle scout project for baseball field approved.
 - Progress update
- Discussed cleaning out maintenance room.
- Other Action Items/Follow Up:
 - Legacy Porthole issues update/ all is in process
- Improved Audio at Clubhouse and Beach Galley
 - NO UPDATE: Still pending on Casey Johnston availability.
 - Casey Johnston has this on his task list. Install date TBD
 - Clubhouse audio both outside and inside first.
 - New wiring, speakers, microphones, AV Closet renovation

New projects

- Pete parking lights has info and will call
- Light by the ball field Dimitry to work on
 - Completed