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THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the
Lake Forest Yacht Club



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Vanessa Luke, Commodore

Happy Holidays to all of our Lake Forest family from the Board of Trustees! I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends and you're all starting to feel the holiday spirit now that December is here.

If you haven't seen it yet while driving past the club, a new kayak rack was built in November. This rack has significantly more capacity than the existing ones do. James Davitt, thank you for spearheading this project, and special thanks to Piotr Malenda and Mike Espinoza for volunteering your time to get this project completed. Well done! The hope is that if this new rack works well, we can continue replacements of existing racks over time with this design.

Today is December 1st and it couldn't be more timely to remind everyone about our Annual Membership Meeting. It is tomorrow night, Friday, December 2nd – 8 p.m. Please be sure to attend to stay informed as we recap this year and talk about upcoming plans, share your thoughts, and participate in our Trustee Election for the 4 open positions.

For those that have signed up for our Santa Breakfast, see you all this Saturday 12/3, and thank you to those volunteering to help make it happen. We're looking forward to it!

Reservations are continuing to be accepted for Italian Cuisine & Comedy night coming up in January. Today marks the date that non-resident guest reservations can now be included. Please be sure to read up on the details on page 5 and don't delay in signing up as this event sells out quickly every year and is on track to do so again!

Once again, wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season and upcoming New Year.



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Office Hours (as of August 1st):

Wednesday 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Meet the Board of Trustees

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Updated Event Schedule!!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events!



Santa Breakfast: Volunteers still needed for the Santa Breakfast event this Saturday, 12/3 - 9-11 a.m. Let us know you're willing to help using the Sign Up Genius [here](#).

Holiday House Decorating Contest: Calling all holiday house decorating folks! Enter your house to be judged in our third annual LFYC Holiday House Decorating Contest! The top 3 best house displays will win. Sign up by 12/16 at the office, Facebook page, or Sign up Genius. Judging will be done 12/19. Open to current LFYC members. Good luck to all who participate!

1st Place Winner - \$100.00 gift card

2nd Place Winner- \$75.00 gift card

3rd Place Winner- \$50.00 gift card

Seniors Citizen Get Togethers: Come on down to the club to enjoy games and conversations from 3-5pm. There will be donuts and coffee while supplies last. Upcoming dates: 12/6 & 12/20



Save the date:

- Italian Cuisine/Comedy Night- Date: 1/28/23. Event details on page 5
- Super Bowl party- 2/12/23
- Texas Hold 'Em/LRC night- 3/25/23
- Egg Hunt 4/1/23

Social Committee Needs You!!

Our Social Committee is seeking volunteers to help with organizing our upcoming events. Without help from all of you, it would not be possible for these events to run!

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- December 13th

The meetings will be in person at 7pm down at the club. If you cannot make it down there, but would still like to attend reach out to Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958 and she will send you a Zoom link.

Annual meeting



Our 2022 Annual Membership Meeting will be held **on Friday, December 2, 2022 at 8 p.m.** Trustees vacating positions are: Vanessa Luke and Jaime Evans. We have two incumbent Trustee candidate: Keith Moran and Peter Malenda and two new candidates: Frank Gutowski and Pat Brennan. Trustee elections will be held during this meeting to fill the 4 Trustee positions.

A quorum must be met by 8:15 p.m. Membership accounts must be in good standing prior to attending the meeting.

2023 Boating Safety Course



Save the Date! The Boating Safety Course will once again be offered at Lake Forest in 2023. The date of the course is March 11th 2023.

Course fees are as follows:

Lake Forest Yacht Club members - \$80

Non-members - \$90.

This is an all-day course and lunch will be provided.

Lake Forest Apparel

Need a holiday gift for someone in your family? Stop on down to the office to purchase your Lake Forest Apparel. Currently available at the office for purchase are size medium, large, and x-large t-shirts. Order forms are also available to customize your apparel purchase needs.

Italian Cuisine/Comedy Night Saturday, January 28th 2023 6:30pm



Doors Open at 5:30 PM,
Dinner Service begins promptly at 6:30 PM

Reservations open early for LFYC Members Only:
November 18th to 30th 2022

Starting December 1st: Members may add their non-resident guests and reserve a table of 10.

Payment for reservations must be made within 5 days of reservation or be subject to cancellation



Reserve early, only 150 seats available.

A six-course family style Italian Dinner will be served by **The Brownstone** starting at 6:30 pm.

Cuisine Being Served Family Style:

1. **Cold Antipasto Platter**
2. **Appetizers:** Aborrio Rice Balls, Eggplant Rollatine, Stuffed Mushrooms
3. **Pasta:** Al Ceppo Broccoli Rabe & Sausage, Rigatoni Pasta
4. **Salad:** Caesar Salad
5. **Entrees:** Braised Short Ribs, Chicken Francaise, Shrimp Beeps Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Warm Rolls and Foccacia
6. **Dessert:** Miniature Pastry Trays: Cannoli, Sfogliatelli, Cream Puff, Pasticotti, Éclair, Coffee, Decaf and Tea



Beverages included.

Table Competition. Prizes for Top 3 Tables: "Creative Italian Themed Centerpiece"

Entertainment will follow at 9 PM with (2) Comedians.



Sandy Marks & Dan Naturman

**Members: \$75 per person
Member Guest: \$85 per person**

Prepaid RSVP required on all seats at the Lake Forest Yacht Club Office



Membership Fees

Master lease is due in full 15 days from invoice date. Membership dues may be paid in 2 installments. The 1st installment by November 30th, 2022, and the 2nd by March 15th, 2023.

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

Membership Dues and Dock Rentals for 2022/2023

Please be advised that membership dues have been set at the following rates effective 10/1/2022:

Membership Dues

Single: \$423.50 + tax

Family: \$550.00 + tax

Senior: \$269.50 + tax

Dock Rental Fees for 2023

Member Dock Rental: \$675.00

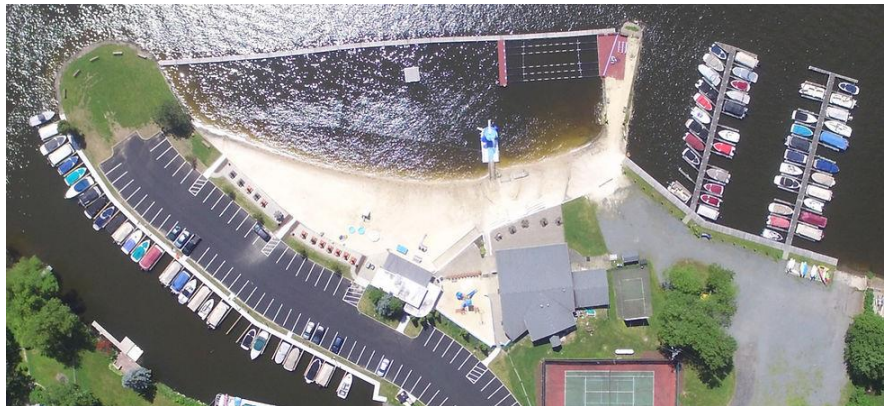
Non-Member Dock Rental: \$1959.75

There are no changes to master lease rates and there are no changes at this time to clubhouse rental fees.

Club Maintenance To-Do List

The Board of Trustees is currently looking for volunteers to help with the following jobs:

- Painting at the Galley (list date 5/22 – this will now wait until spring)
- Replace Timer for Lights in Galley Hallway (list date 5/22)
- Clean and organize storage room in club house (list date 10/22)



If you can volunteer your skills and some time, or would like more information, please reach out to the office to be included in planning! We will update this list on an ongoing basis.

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, 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 leaving.



PLEASE don't do this!!!

Electronic Billing & Payment

We are continuing to offer billing of master lease & membership dues via email, with optional online payment. Please email or call the office to set this up. It is quick and easy to do!

Share Important News!

Send us your other important news like births, birthdays, anniversaries so they can be included in the next porthole! Email the office at office@lfyc.org to have your message included by the 20th of the month.

Order Forms

Click [here](#) to print a Lake Forest Apparel order form.

Click [here](#) to print a Personalized Patio Stone form.

Membership Badges – Car Tags – Gate Keys

It's important to have the hang tag in your car and your badge with you and visible while on the property.

Guests should have guest passes (available at the office, even when closed) visible on car dashboards and guests must be accompanied by a member while on club property. Gate keys are not to be provided to any non-members for their use without the owner of the key being present. Boat trailers are not to be parked overnight in any of the club lots without prior permission from office, and must be as far as possible from the boat ramp. Thank you for your attention to these items!

Babysitters List

Would you like to be added to this list? We can also add services like Dog Walking to this section, so reach out to the office if you are interested!

- Shanna Leek* - 973-663-1904
- Samantha Gowers – 201-704-7658
- Rebecca Schultz* - 973-876-0362
- Elise Gilligan* - 973-440-7166
- Michela Schultz* - 973-862-2020

**Indicates Red Cross Certification*

2023 Boat Slips

The boat slip renewals and 2023 contracts will be mailed January 1st. In order to renew/apply for a boat slip all members must fill all of the information in the contract and provide a current copy of the registration.

Community Advertising

Would you like to advertise in our monthly newsletter? Please contact the office for pricing which begins at \$20 per month. Our website averages 14 hits per day



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LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 11/9/22

Attendees: Vanessa, Chrissy, Peter, James, Keith

Called to Order: 6:37pm

Adjourned: 9:00pm

Beach, Galley, Lifeguards, Nominating – Vanessa

Actions/New Business:

- No new updates for Beach or Galley
- Nano-bubbler: Still to be winterized and continuing to follow up with Princeton Hydro/Lake Hopatcong Commission
- Prep for annual meeting

Secretary/Office/Communications Grants and Scholarships– Chrissy

Actions/New Business:

- No new updates to report

Treasurer, Financials/Budget/By-laws/Legal/Insurance/Facebook/Wakeoff– Jaime

Actions/New Business:

- Insurance Certificate: Board continues to review new insurance requirements
- Discussed reports to be provided at annual meeting

Boat Safety Course /Maintenance/Swim Team – Keith

Actions/New Business:

- Boat safety course 3/11/23

Security / Docks/ Tennis – Peter

Actions/New Business:

- Bubblers & ice eaters to be installed along with thin ice signs
- Tennis court cracks fixed. A few new cracks appeared. Clips for tennis court curtains to be installed
- New Kayak racks installed. Solar powered flood light to be installed near racks

Clubhouse/Grounds - James

Actions/New Business:

- Engraved pavers still to be installed – making arrangements with Landscaper.
- Club house rental agreement proposed revisions reviewed, few more changes requested. Will revise.

Social/Welcome/Membership – Kristen

Actions/New Business:

- Santa Breakfast 12/3
- Save the date 2023: Beefsteak- 1/28/23, Superbowl- 2/12/23, LRC/Texas Hold 'Em- 3/25/23, Egg Hunt 4/1/23