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# THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the  
Lake Forest Yacht Club



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

*Vanessa Luke, Commodore*

Happy Fall! September has flown by and we ended our summer season on Labor Day weekend with our Closing Day picnic. Kristen Brown and the volunteers with the Social Committee planned and ran an excellent event once again this year. Our evening was capped off with a touching and heartfelt dedication ceremony for our new Lake Forest Lighthouse. If you have not stopped by the club recently at night, come down to see the lighthouse with it's seasonal lighting now displaying fall colors, it really is such a beautiful addition to our club.



Here we are now in October! This past weekend featured the return of the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Breast Cancer. It was great to see so many members and friends attending and helping out at this event - for such a worthy cause! A record total \$11,753 was raised – AMAZING! Later this month we hope to have our Trunk or Treat event, so be sure to read up on the social events schedule in the pages that follow. Even though beach season has come to a close, we continue to look forward to our indoor events.

Fall Cleanup will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday 10/15. We will be looking for volunteers to come down that day to break down and store our summer beach items. Light breakfast will be included, we'll see you there!!! Please also take note that a new kayak rack is planned to be built in early November - all kayaks will need to be removed by October 31<sup>st</sup> this year so the new rack can be built in place. As a final note, our Annual Membership Meeting and Trustee elections will be held on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 p.m. Please be sure to attend to stay informed and have a say in who is elected to next years Board! Thank you as always, and be well.

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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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## Additional Contacts

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## Fall Clean Up Day – Please Volunteer!

On Saturday 10/15 at 9 a.m. we will be gathering at the club to complete our fall clean up/break down tasks. Light breakfast will be provided for volunteers. Here is a list of a few jobs/projects that we are looking for assistance with (a job board will also be posted on the day of cleanup with additional tasks):

- Remove and store weed curtains
- Bring in catwalks
- Clean and store grills, galley TVs, umbrellas, ping pong, and foosball table
- Remove diving boards
- Cleaning in and around the Galley, Snack Shack, and Guard Shack

Please join us to get these tasks completed, many hands make light work! Thank you!

## Interested in Becoming a Trustee?

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee for 2023-2024, please be sure to reach out ASAP to a member of the Nominating Committee to let them know! We have 4 Trustee terms up at the end of this year. Our Nominating Committee members for this year are: Dan Schultz, Jeff Lawrence, Phil Schiff, Glenn DeSantis, Joe O'Donnell, and Vinny Gowers. Any member of the committee can help to answer any questions you might have.

## Updated Event Schedule!!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events!



**Halloween Trunk or Treat:** Come on down to the club Saturday 10/30, 1-3pm for Halloween Trunk or Treat. Bring the family and wear your best Halloween costumes. We will have pizza and drinks and prizes for best trunk and best costume. Please sign up ahead of time so we have a head count/trunk count.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-trunk>

- **Halloween House Decorating Contest:** Starting October 1st – October 31<sup>st</sup> we will have Halloween House Decorating Contest. If you would like to participate, please sign up your house in the below link. Prices are as follows and will be selected 10/31: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$25  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-halloween1>
- **Seniors 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. Up coming dates: 10/11 & 10/25
- **Call to action Lake Forest!** Volunteers needed to plan/run the following events: Trunk or Treat 10/30, Breakfast with Santa 12/3, and New Year's Eve party 12/31. Please let Kristen Brown (973-768-6958) know by October 4th if you would like to plan these events. If no one volunteers the events will not take place.
- **Save the date 2023:** Beefsteak Comedy Night- 1/28/23 and Superbowl party- 2/12/23

## October – Breast Cancer Pancake Fundraiser Returns!



**8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
BREAST CANCER  
FUNDRAISER**

**OCTOBER  
1<sup>ST</sup>**

**9AM – 1PM  
PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**  
*with Vendors, Raffles,  
and a Tricky Tray*

*To donate a trick tray item, to be a vendor  
or if you have any questions, please email:  
dana\_l\_ferguson@hotmail.com*

**LAKE FOREST YACHT CLUB  
35 Yacht Club Drive, Lake Hopatcong**

On Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, we were able to once again have Dana Ferguson host the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Breast Cancer. This was a really well attended event this year and a lot of fun was had by all. A record total \$11,753 was raised at this event!! Tons of tricky tray baskets and other big ticket prizes were awarded, and everyone who attended enjoyed their pink pancake breakfast with all the sides and fixings! We wanted to extend a THANK YOU to Dana and to all the people that donated their time, a basket, etc. to make this event a success.

## 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:

- October 4th

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.** A quorum must be met by 8:15 p.m. Trustee elections will be held during this meeting to fill 4 vacating Trustee positions.



## Membership fees

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

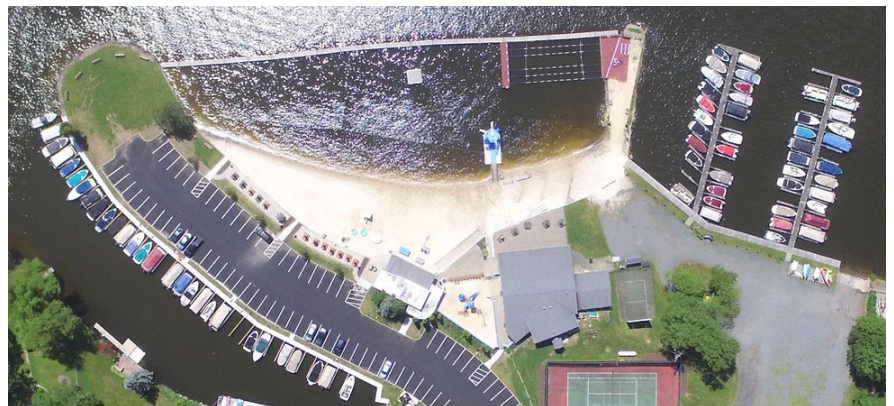
## Lake Forest Apparel

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.

## 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



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!!!!**



## Kayak Removal Date

We are planning to build a new kayak rack the beginning of

November. Please have your kayaks removed no later than **October 31<sup>st</sup>** so that this project can get underway.

## 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](mailto:office@lfyc.org) to have your message included by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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*

## 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:** 9/14/22

**Attendees:** Vanessa, Chrissy, Kristen, Peter, James

**Called to Order:** 6:37pm

**Adjourned:** 8:35pm

## Beach, Galley, Lifeguards, Nominating – Vanessa

### **Actions/New Business:**

-Beach: Lifeguards last couple of days on duty, they removed garbage cans and cleaned up beach

-Property garbage: teenage member to continue to pick up property garbage once a week and empty club property garbage cans.

-Nominating Committee: Currently 4 candidates interested in running for 2023 open Board positions

-Nano bubbler: Company will be contacted for winterization and be alerted that ozone generator is not working.

-Galley Bathrooms: First week of November plan to winterize outside and close galley bathrooms and snack stand.

## Secretary/Office/Communications Grants and Scholarships– Chrissy

### **Actions/New Business:**

-Cellular communication for fire alarms in club house: Maintenance will be done to upgrade the system to meet company upgrading 3G to 5G.

## Treasurer, Financials/Budget/By-

## laws/Legal/Insurance/Facebook/Wakeoff– Jaime

### **Actions/New Business:**

-Engraved Pavers: Follow up will be done to check status of pavers and installation date

-Budget: Board is reviewing budget for 2023

## Boat Safety Course /Maintenance/Swim Team – Keith

### **Actions/New Business:**

-Beach Clean-up: scheduled for 10/15 9:00am. There will be a to do list created and volunteers will be needed.

## Security / Docks/ Tennis – Peter

### **Actions/New Business:**

-Tennis Court cracks- Member volunteered and filled in “green” cracks on court. “Blue” cracks to be filled in before temp gets down into 40 degrees. Blue crack repair product will be ordered.

-Weedoo machine: Needs to be pulled and member volunteered to winterize it.

-Lighthouse: New camera installed for lighthouse

-Security: Service to be reviewed before 2023 season.

## Clubhouse/Grounds - James

### **Actions/New Business:**

-Member volunteered to update the plaque in Commodore room with current Board member plate.

-Clubhouse floors: Floors scheduled to be cleaned and waxed in November

-Clubhouse walls: Walls are scheduled to be painted.

-Kayak racks: All kayaks need to be removed by 10/31 as new rack will be built beginning of November. Need Volunteers to assist with this job, please reach out to James Davitt

-Grounds: Geese management options to be discussed in 2023

## Social/Welcome/Membership – Kristen

### **Actions/New Business:**

-Social: Senior citizen get together scheduled for 9/27/22, Trunk or Treat 10/30, Santa Breakfast 12/3, and 12/31 NYE Party. All events pending member volunteerism to assist with running events. Possible small Winterfest outside 1/28 (weather permitting) with ice skate lessons provided by trained Member

-Social 2023: Beefsteak Comedy Night- 1/28/23 and Superbowl party- 2/12/23

-No alcohol for non-paid events in 2023. Exception is Band on Beach the day after Wake off.