

Lake Forest Yacht Club
The Porthole
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Lake Hopatcong, NJ

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November 2025



Commodore's Message

Hello Lake Forest,

This month the Lake Forest community will receive the biographies for the Trustee nominees running for the open board positions during 2026 / 2027. These will be voted on during our annual December trustee meeting. Joe O'Donnell, Dmitry Bohdan and I will be stepping down from the board so please come out and vote on **December 5th at 8pm** and stay for the year end financial recap plus the club year end review.



This month I also wanted to include a very special message from someone that loved living in Lake Forest and volunteered her time whenever she could to make this a great community to live in. We received a very generous donation from Beth Pries after her passing that we put towards some much needed updates to the clubhouse that have been discussed for a long time.

We were able to redo the floors in the main clubhouse room, repaint the entranceway, the main room and all the molding, and replace all the wall sconces. These improvements spruced up and modernized our clubhouse for all members to enjoy.

Below is a touching letter from Beth's family and some pictures of the new changes.

Thank you,
Peter



Commodore's Message

Dear Members of the Lake Forest Yacht Club,

I'm writing today to share some thoughts on behalf of someone who held all of you very dear to her heart.

Beth moved to the area in 2012, knowing she wanted to settle near the lake but unsure exactly where she belonged. She told me that she was out on the water one day searching for her new home when she looked toward your beach and saw a crowd gathered, red solo cups in hand, laughter in the air, and joy in full display. In that moment, she knew she had found her special place. That was the beginning of what became one of the most meaningful chapters of her life.

Over the years, Beth fully embraced everything Lake Forest had to offer. She jumped into the events, traditions, and everyday fun with open arms and an even bigger heart. The friendships she formed through the community were deep and lasting, and she often spoke of how much those bonds meant to her.

In 2019, Beth was diagnosed with multiple brain tumors. Her life changed dramatically, but one thing that never wavered was the love and support she received from her Lake Forest friends. You stood by her, lifted her up, and gave her strength to not only get through the most difficult time in her life, but thrive. Though doctors told her she only had a short time left, it was the community you all created that gave her four additional years—years she lived with passion, joy, and gratitude.

Beth passed away in March of 2024, surrounded by the love she had found here. As a reflection of how much this place and its people meant to her, she made a bequest of \$10,000 to the Lake Forest Yacht Club. It was her way of giving back to the community that had given her so much.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for being such a profound part of Beth's journey. Her legacy will live on not just in her gift, but in the friendships, laughter, and memories she shared with all of you.

With love and deep appreciation,

Clubhouse Updates

We are very excited to share A preview of our newly renovated clubhouse!

New Floor, New paint and new lighting.



Field Pole Updates

As you may have noticed all the poles around the marina parking lot area, basketball court and baseball field have been replaced due to many were rotted and falling apart.

This could not have been completed without the hard work from Trustee Justin Bosi and Jon Rudolf plus all the volunteers that stepped up to give their time to make this happen.

A huge thank you to Justin, Jon and all who helped!



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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 9-2

Wednesday 12-7

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Reminders

1

Paperless Invoices & Payments

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

2

Membership Fees Reminder

Master lease is due in full 15 days from invoice date.

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

3

Clubhouse Rentals

The Lake Forest Clubhouse is available to rent by the LFYC current members in good standing, for a private function only. Starting October 1, 2025 the rental Fee For 1- day Rental: \$475.00.

Updates to the inside of the clubhouse are happening! Starting with a new floor in the main room and more updates to come.

4

Gravel Lot Project

The Trustees have heard the concerns expressed regarding the dock parking area and have taken steps to investigate and address them as necessary.

The Trustees have had multiple visits and phone calls with the town to review the concerns. The town has informed us that the work performed at the dock parking area is considered maintenance and therefore does not rise to the level of needing a permit. Further, the impervious cover has not been changed so there are no zoning or land use implications.

As an extra step we have reached out to the NJDEP for further clarification and were notified that it is not a regulated activity under Land Use Rules.

Board Member Bios

On the next two pages you will find the new member bios who are running for the 3 open positions for the Lake Forest Board. Voting will be on December 5th at the Annual Lake Forest Board Meeting at 8pm.



Hi LFYC, my name is Mark Fontanella and I live on Harbor Drive with my wife, Krystle, our children Gianna and Leonardo (“Leo”), and our dogs, Maddox and Sabrina. I’m a Health, Life, and Medicare Insurance Broker with Hanson & Ryan, Inc. in Totowa, NJ, and have been in the industry for 7 years. I graduated from William Paterson University in 2015.

I’m a lifelong sports fan who enjoys baseball/softball, football, basketball, weight training, fishing, kayaking, boating, and family walks. My wife and I moved to Lake Forest in May 2021, and we quickly fell in love with the

community after attending the Opening Day BBQ and Comedy Night. Having grown up spending summers on Lake George, I’ve always valued lake life, and Lake Forest truly feels like a hidden gem.

I look forward to getting more involved and meeting everyone. If you see me at the basketball courts or with my daughter learning to ride her bike, please stop and say hello. Thank you for your support in this year’s Trustee election.

**Appreciate you all.
Warm Regards,**

Mark



Hi, I’m Jon Rudolph.

I’m newer to owning a house in this neighborhood but I have been familiar with the neighborhood since high school when I first met some friends that lived here. I am an owner of a small business (Jersey Pool Pros as well as one of the organizers for the wakeoff. Since moving here, I have been involved in projects such as replacing the spiral slide on the playground, doing the new plumbing for the water slide, and replacing the poles around the field. I have also volunteered on such events like closing day by

bringing the machine and operating it to put the catwalks in and out of the water for the winter.

Please vote for me and hopefully I can help to improve this neighborhood and the club we all enjoy.

**Thank you,
Jon**

Board Member Bios



Hi, Lake Forest Community. I am Cody Inglis, a resident of the neighborhood since 2020. When my wife, Katie, and I moved into Lake Forest, we had no idea we were joining a community that offers many amazing family opportunities. We've since expanded our family, including our dog, Dunkin, and daughter, Gianna. We love spending time at the beach, attending events, and getting to know many of our neighbors. We couldn't have found a better neighborhood to raise our family.

I am running for the board to give back to our wonderful community. I believe that my professional experiences will make me a valuable member of the board. I have worked in recreation and athletics at Montclair State University since 2015. Additionally, I have been a youth ice hockey coach since 2013, a USA Hockey official since 2020, and a National Ice Hockey Officials Association (NJSIAA Ice Hockey) official since 2024.

If selected to the board of trustees, my goal is to continue giving back to the community and helping improve Lake Forest.

**Thank you,
Cody**

Seeking Volunteers

By-Law Committee Volunteers

We are looking for people for a voluntary committee to review our current By-Laws.

The goal of this committee is to review the current By-Laws for potential updates and modifications that will bring them up to date and better benefit the club and its members.

If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to the office or Pat Brennan directly at:

Patrick.brennan63@gmail.com or Text 201-924-6709

Future Social Events

November



11/21 New Moon Astrology Circle

• 6:00 – 9:00 pm



**11/30 - 2nd Annual Christmas Tree
Lighting 4:30 - 5:30 pm**



12/5 Full Moon Release & Sound bath

• 6:30 – 8:30 pm



12/19 New Moon Visioning & Human Design

• 6:00 – 9:00 pm



12/31 New Years Eve Party

• TIME AND DETAILS TBD



1/31 Comedy Night and Dinner Buffet

• 6:00 pm



January



2/8 LFYC Superbowl LX Party

• Doors Open 4:00 pm

February



NEW MOON ASTROLOGY CIRCLE

JOIN US!

Friday, November 21 | 6–9 PM | \$55/person

Lake Forest Yacht Club

Set your compass under the New Moon

This cozy and connective evening begins by mapping your Sun, Moon & Rising signs, and exploring all five personal planets. Astrology offers a powerful lens for self-awareness, growth, and meaning... helping you understand your strengths, your lessons, and your unique life path.

Then we'll move into a beautiful candle-making ceremony. You'll create your own custom candle infused with essential oils, crystals, and intentions aligned with your chart and this lunar cycle.

Come as you are for an evening of authenticity, reflection, and community connection.

- Light snacks & refreshments provided
- All materials included

Payment: Cash, Venmo, or Zelle accepted

After you reserve your spot and payment is sent, please email your date of birth, exact time, and place of birth to lytevybelyfe@gmail.com So we can pull your chart and start exploring!

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Sunday,
November 30th

2nd Annual Lake Forest Yacht Club Christmas Tree Lighting

4:30PM SANTA ARRIVES!
4:30-5:30PM HOT COCOA, CIDER, AND
PHOTOS WITH SANTA!
5:00PM LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS
TREE!

Bring in the holiday season with your family and neighbors! Enjoy hot cocoa, hot cider, and photos with Santa!

**DONT FORGET YOUR LETTER FOR
SANTA! PLEASE PUT THE LETTER IN A
SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED
ENVELOPE SO SANTA CAN SEND A
LETTER BACK!**

IT IS THE SEASON FOR GIVING. THIS YEARS
TREE LIGHTING IS TO HONOR OUR
COMMUNITY MEMBER ELLEN ERWOOD IN
HER FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER. WE
WILL HAVE A DONATION BOX ON SITE OR
YOU CAN DONATE DIRECTLY TO HER
VENMO OR GOFUNDME

Ellen Erwood
@ellenerwood





LYTE VYBE WORKSHOPS

FALL 2025

Hosted at Lake Forest Yacht Club, Lake Hopatcong, NJ

A series of soulful gatherings to align, release, and envision your next chapter.



SPOTS ARE LIMITED – RESERVE YOURS EARLY!



NOVEMBER 21 – New Moon Astrology Circle

6:00–9:00 PM | \$55

- Map your Sun, Moon & Rising – plus the 5 personal planets
- Candle-making ceremony: Infuse your own candle with custom scents, crystals, and intentions
- Authentic connection in sacred community
- Light snacks and refreshments provided

DECEMBER 5 – Full Moon Release + Sound Bath

6:30–8:30 PM | \$40

- Gentle release ritual to let go of what no longer serves you
- Intentional pause before the holiday season
- Immersive sound bath to calm, clear, and reset
- Mats, chairs, and pillows provided for your comfort
- Light snacks included

DECEMBER 19 – New Moon Visioning + Human Design

6:00–9:00 PM | \$55

- Learn your Human Design Type, Strategy & Authority with your personal chart
- Create a mini vision board for 2026
- Close with a calming sound bath to integrate and align your energy
- Light refreshments served

Payment: Cash, Venmo, or Zelle accepted

BUNDLE DISCOUNT AVAILABLE: PRE-PURCHASE ALL 3 EVENTS FOR SPECIAL SAVINGS!

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HOW TO JOIN:

LYTEVYBELYFE@GMAIL.COM

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Comedy Night & Dinner Buffet

Saturday, January 31st 2026 6:00pm

Doors Open at 6:00 PM,
Buffet begins at 7:00 PM
First Comedian takes stage by 9 PM



Comedians:
Matt Jenkins & Joe Larson

**Reservations open early for
LFYC Members Only:**
November 17th to 30th 2025



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 120 seats available.

A Buffet Dinner will be provided by Nick's Catering in Sparta

Buffet Dinner Menu:

Salad:

Antipasto Salad and Caesar Salad

Entrees:

*Chicken Francese, Eggplant Parmigiana
Meatballs, Sausage and Peppers
Penne Vodka, Cavatelli and Broccoli*

Dessert:

Mini Pastries, Cookies

Beverages:

*Draft: Michelob Ultra, Modelo, Yuengling and Stella Artois
Wine, Soft Drinks and Water
Coffee, Decaf and Tea*

Members: \$50 per person
Member Guest: \$60 per person

Adults Only: Age 21 and over
Prepaid RSVP required on all seats at
the Lake Forest Yacht Club Office



LFYC Super Bowl Party
Sunday February 8th, 2026
Doors Open at 4:00 PM



A free event for all members and non-resident guests. The game will be projected on the large projection screen for all to enjoy.

The club will be providing water, soft drinks and remainder of open kegs from Comedy Night. BYO encouraged as well.

No food provided by the club at this event. As in prior Super Bowl parties, we're encouraging attendees to bring some food / snacks to share.

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.



Regina Ashworth

Sales Representative

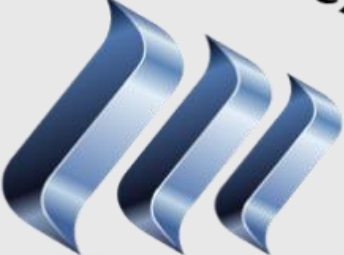
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Placement: Left Chest
3" W x 3" H



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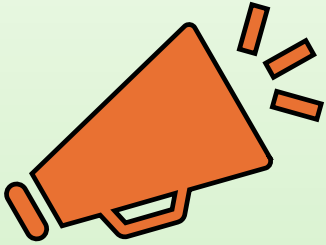
Red/ Lt Blue/ White ink on Navy T-Shirts
Placement: Full Back
11" W x 11" H

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Sweatpants - \$22			
 Crew Sweatshirt - \$26	 Hoodie - \$28	 Unisex Tank - \$24	 Ladies Tank - \$24

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 Semi-Annual Meeting

Date: 10/9/2025 at 7:02PM Ended 9:11PM

Meeting Recorder: Office,

Attendees Justin Bosi, Joe O'Donnell, Dmitry Bohdan, Peter Moreland
Tom DeSena, Evan Kurzman, Dan Vinson

Minutes/Actions



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

- Clubhouse Upgrades Project
 - Clubhouse Floor **Thanks Justin for all the work on this**
 - Wall Lights-**review after the meeting / Look at reusing current bulbs**
 - Clubhouse interior Painting **review after the meeting**
- Vandalism Update
 - Update from Parents / Kids **tabled to after clean up**
- Docks:
 - Any maintenance
 - Future plan – Boat ramp replacement/ **no finger next year, pending budget, future planning for the ramp in the later budgets for the draw down.**
 - Parking Lot Project: **Joe to post a Trustee acknowledgment. The trustees are aware of recent concerns posted on facebook and we are committed to ensuring our lake are safe. Pete in discussion with the town on the matter.**

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

- Office Update: **Approved bills for Jersey Pool Pro. Heating system to be checked need HVAC call to be made to GB comfort. Member not renewing his membership reason discussed. New floors reviewed how to clean. Laura to call the installer to find out best to clean. Review of request for membership reimbursesnt denied.**
- Review Clubhouse Rentals **7/4 Rental approved**
- Legal / Insurance
 - **No Update**
- Gate on Lighthouse fence update. **Pending**
- Master Lease at Termination council creation **We will ask for a committee at the annual meeting**
- Yellow Slide Update **Pending repair**
- **Office asked to arrange the meeting with Chuck include Evan, and confirm rates**
- **Office team to pull snack shock numbers**

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

- Nomination Committee – Confirmed Updates **1 bio in, need others**
- Grounds
 - Electronic Gate update **we will put this up**
 - Electrical issue- October date to replace
 - Haws Electrical approved **ask to put an update on the pole on the end of A dock for camer expansion.**
- Catwalks that need repair
 - Come up with plan as needed – Fall cleanup **discussion on weedo. Sell in the spring,**
- Tennis Courts
 - Permanent lock on fence. **Pending**

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

- Clubhouse
 - Cleaning update with Jim. **No report pending**
 - Broken tables in storage area **need to post on FB over the winter**
- By-law meeting
 - Any responses **We have a committee, work in process info coming out this week.**
- Social: **VOLUNTERES NEEDED**
 - Closing day final numbers **reviewed last meeting**
 - Next Events planned – Trunk or Treat, Christmas Tree Lighting,
 - **New Years Party(Not run by social=canceled)**
 - Comedy Night-**Frank is working on this catering has gone up.**
- Welcoming New Neighbors- **only one new member**

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Justin Bosi: Security, Boat Races, Boat Safety Course

- Boat races wrap up. **Great event. You Tub live stream, discussion on camping. Contract revisions to be addressed. Additional discuion on the event held. Docks, and racers taking members docs, who just went out.**
- Replace rotted out poles around basketball area wrap up. **Crisol soaked toxic polls have been removed. We have extra for the area down the boat ramp. Pool are cut flat as slanted pool rot faster. Caps to be installed. The lack of volunteers was disappointing**
 - Field cleanup: **Tom working on this.**
- Security Cameras
 - Add security cameras to A dock.
 - **Feet purchased for the feet of tables for the new floor. Joe will do it.**

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

- Final Budget print outs and Vote to approve **Budget provided and last years expense, approval at**
 - **Dissscson on breaking out social events run by social vs other events. Sending budget comment, to Evan and hold for next meeting for approval**
- WakeOff final Update:
- Montly Budget report
 - Printouts for all
 - Vote to approve final budget **next meeting**
 - Any final business for 2024/25 budget.
- Chase Account / Zelle / New Credit Card update. **Reviewed it has Zell and we can connect 5 emails to it.**
- Discussion on CD: **Ones that matured they will roll over. Debit/Credit cards discussed and account usage.**

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Follow Up Business:

- Maintenance room organization timing: **Pete if he had time he might start to tackle it, winter project**
- Improved Audio at Clubhouse and Beach Galley
 - Discuss possible companies to replace audio in Clubhouse first **Dan's project**
 - Consider outside second

NEW 2026 Projects to consider:

- LED lights in galley bathroom. **Discussed adding motion sensor. The lights are LED lights. Bathrooms will get winterized after clean up.**
- Motion sensor in galley bathroom. **There are LED lights in there now.**
- Lighting on B and C docks: **consider placement and motion lights**
- Galley hot water heater: **Needs to be replaced. Ask the HVAC guy to give us the price on repair or replacement.**
- **Tom one sail is down and needs to be taken down**
- **Beach toys, ask the guards to add this to closing day activities, do one clean up of the toys and zip tie it shut.**