

Lake Forest Yacht Club  
**The**  
**Porthole**  
News  
Lake Hopatcong, NJ

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March 2026



## Commodore's Message

Hello LFYC Members,

It has been a busy couple months at the club despite the frigid weather. Good times were had at The Super Bowl Party, Sound Bath, and Family Game Night. Also, the impromptu Winter Fest on the ice was a huge hit! It is exciting to see our community come together to seize on the beauty and uniqueness that is our lake home. Thank you to the social committee and organizing members. If you have an event idea, we encourage you to join the social committee or reach out to the office for support.



Trustees and volunteers have been busy the last month kicking off committee work and initiatives including welcoming new neighbors, organizing social events, updating bylaws, and exploring ways to increase clubhouse use. We are still seeking volunteers for the committees listed in this newsletter. Please reach out ASAP to get involved and help direct the future of our club.

Upcoming events this month include another Sound Bath and Game Night as well as the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Hope to see you there as Lake Forest thaws out. Spring is around the corner!

See you at the club,

Dan

# Contacts Page

## Lake Forest Yacht Club Office

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### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday 9-2

Wednesday 12-7

Saturday 9:30-12:30



## **Meet The Board of Trustees**

Dan Vinson – Commodore, Communications, By-Laws, Swim Team

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Cody Inglis – Secretary, Office, Grant & Scholarship

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Evan Kurzman – Treasurer, Budget / Financials, Wakeoff,

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Justin Bosi – Trustee, Boat Safety Course, Docks, Boat Races, Security

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Mark Fontanella – Trustee, Beach, Legal & Insurance, Security

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Office / Operations

### **Managers**

Jim Sutton

Laura Mazza

Lake Forest Swim

### **President**

Kristen Brown

Dockmaster

Frank Gutowski

Social Chair

Desirae Nigro

# Reminders

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## ***Paperless Invoices & Payments***

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

**SOON** – Zelle will be available for all payments. Stay tuned for a future announcement.

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## ***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.**

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## **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.***

# Committees Seeking Volunteers

**Make your voice heard and help improve LFYC!**

Reach out to the Trustee Organizer named below with your interest

**Capital Improvements** - have concerns about the condition of the docks, ramp, tennis courts, or galley? Help plan for the future here.

Trustee Organizer: Dan Vinson [commodore@lfyc.org](mailto:commodore@lfyc.org)

- Review club facilities in need of repair or replacement
- Gather quotes and estimate costs
- Recommend priorities and savings strategies

**Boat Races** - would you like to see this event continue successfully or concerned about the impact on the community? Make a difference on this committee.

Trustee Organizer: Justin Bosi [trustee1@lfyc.org](mailto:trustee1@lfyc.org)

- Work with race organizers on implementation
- Discuss/implement ideas to reduce impact on community
- Assist in town approvals where appropriate

**Social** - want to help keep our events successful or have ideas for changes or new events? Help keep our club social!

Social Director: Desirae Nigro

Trustee Organizer: Jon Rudolph [trustee4@lfyc.org](mailto:trustee4@lfyc.org)

- Organize current social events
- Discuss/implement new social events
- Work with trustees and office staff to ensure vendor payment, access, etc.

**Communications/Social Media** - interested in broadcasting the latest news and upcoming events? Have a passion for social media? Do that here:

Trustee Organizer: Dan Vinson [commodore@lfyc.org](mailto:commodore@lfyc.org)

- Assist in publishing the monthly Porthole News
- Provide official club communication on Facebook and other social media
- Assist office manager with email communication
- Celebrate member and community milestones

**Welcoming** - would you like to see our new neighbors have the best introduction to LFYC? Have ideas to recruit new members?

Committee Chair: Dana Critchlaw

Trustee Organizer: Jon Rudolph [trustee4@lfyc.org](mailto:trustee4@lfyc.org)

- Put together and deliver welcoming packages
- Be a contact for new members & neighbors to ask questions
- Discuss/implement strategies ways to recruit new members from the community

# Upcoming Social Events

March



**3/5 Sound Bath: Rest and Receive**

• 6:30 – 8:00 pm - \$40



**3/14 Family Game Night**

• 6:00 – 8:00 pm



**3/19 Sound Bath: Rest and Receive**

• 6:30 – 8:00 pm - \$40



**3/29 Easter Egg Hunt**

• 1:30 – 3:00 pm



**4/11 Boating Safety Course**



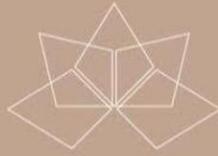
**4/12 Swim Team - Registration**



**4/23 Blood Drive**

• 2:00 – 7:00 pm

April



# Sound Bath Rest + Receive

JOIN US!

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These sound baths are designed as a space to slow down, soften and receive...  
without pressure or expectation.

Doors open early to allow time to settle in, connect and (if called) pull a card before  
the sound journey begins. Each session includes a 50–60 minute sound bath aligned  
with the energies of the new or full moon.

This is a welcoming, inclusive space...come exactly as you are.  
These experiences are intentionally created to fit into real life and busy  
schedules, offering a moment of rest and recalibration.

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#### **What to Expect:**

- Doors open 25 minutes early to settle in
- 50–60 minute sound bath
- Zero gravity chairs and/or elevated cushioned cots provided
- Feel free to bring a small blanket for comfort

#### **Dates & Times:**

- Thursday, February 5 | 6:30–8:00 PM
- Tuesday, February 17 | 6:30–8:00 PM
- Thursday, March 5 | 6:30–8:00 PM
- Thursday, March 19 | 6:30–8:00 PM

#### **Pricing**

- \$40 per individual sound bath
- \$130 for the full four-session series (pre-registration required)

#### **Bundle policy:**

Bundle pricing requires commitment to all four dates. No  
refunds or transfers once the series begins.  
Limited spots available. Payment reserves your space.

#### **Additional Info:**

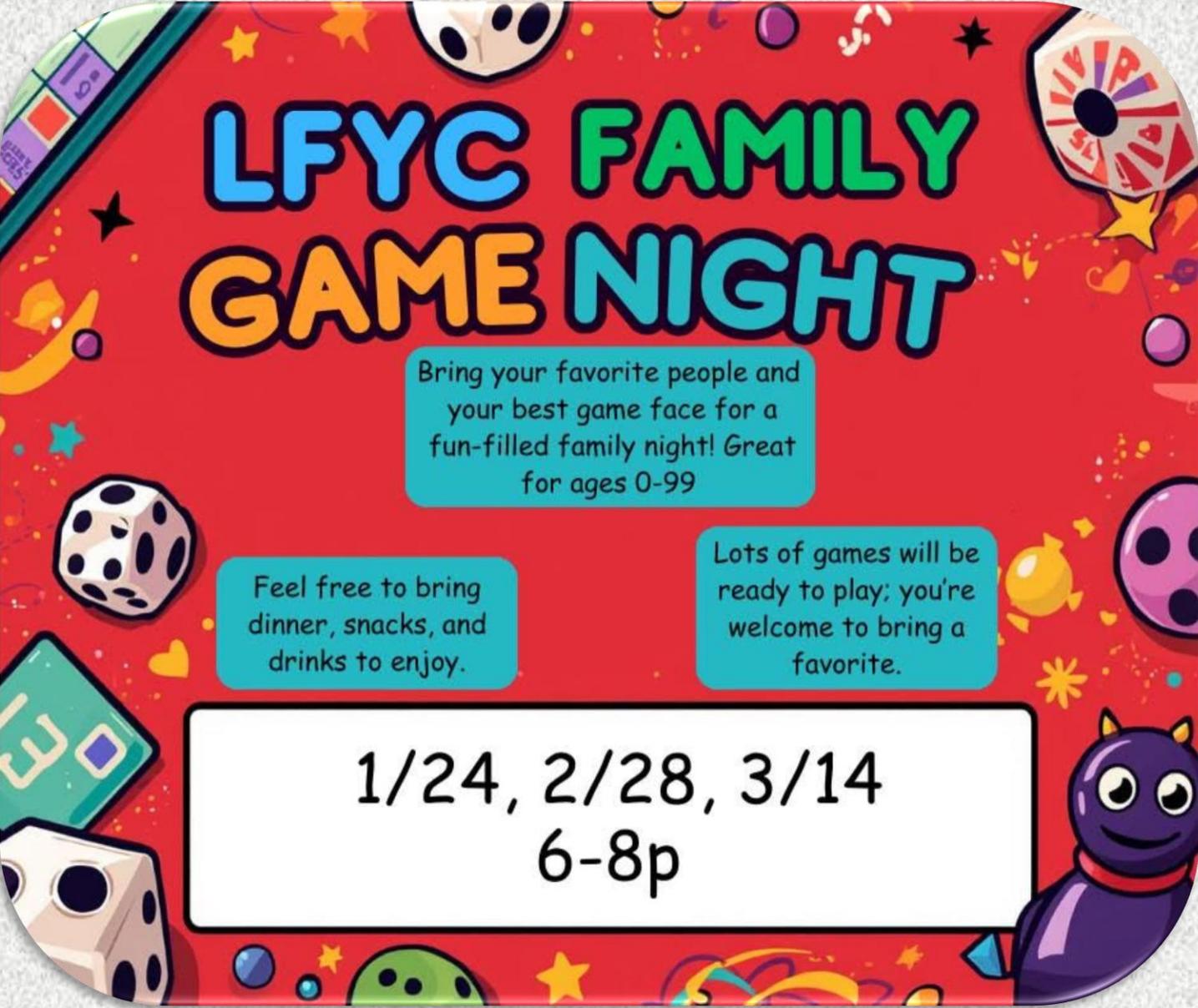
- Limited spots available
  - Payment via Venmo or PayPal to reserve your spot
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# LFYC FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Bring your favorite people and your best game face for a fun-filled family night! Great for ages 0-99

Feel free to bring dinner, snacks, and drinks to enjoy.

Lots of games will be ready to play; you're welcome to bring a favorite.

1/24, 2/28, 3/14  
6-8p

# Easter Egg Hunt

The Lake Forest Yacht Club

Easter Fun Day

Sunday, March 29th

**Get ready for our annual Easter Egg Hunt & Pictures  
with the Easter Bunny**

**Join us for an afternoon of family fun. Hunt for colorful  
eggs filled with treats and snap a photo with the Easter  
Bunny himself!**

**Kids of all ages are welcome.  
Don't forget your baskets and cameras.  
Bring a snack or Dessert to share.  
Be sure to hop on over!**





## Boating Safety Course & Exam 04/11/2026

<b>Date:</b>	April 11, 2025
<b>Location:</b>	Lake Forest Yacht Club 35 Yacht Club Drive Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849
<b>Time:</b>	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, with check in at 7:30 am
<b>Course Details:</b>	The course includes both instruction and exam to obtain the NJ Boating Safety Certificate (NJ BSC) for operating a Power Boat/PWC (Jet Ski) legally in NJ inland waterways.
<b>Course Fee:</b>	Student fee is \$100. Lunch is included.
<b>You Receive:</b>	Students will receive a temporary NJ BSC upon completion of the course and passing the exam. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The permanent NJ BSC will be mailed to students later.</li></ul>
<b>Enrollment:</b>	Enroll via email: <a href="mailto:f.federico@att.net">f.federico@att.net</a> . Include your name, home address, and cell phone number.
<b>Web site:</b>	<a href="http://boatingsafetyfirst.com">Home   boatingsafetyfirst</a> for more courses. <a href="http://boatingsafetyfirst.com">boatingsafetyfirst.com</a>

Lake Forest Yacht Club

# Community Blood Drive

Dear Lake Forest Yacht Club Members,

We are proud to host another blood drive in partnership with the **American Red Cross** to support our community. Members have **early access** to schedule appointments before public registration opens March 17.

■ Location	Lake Forest Yacht Club
■ Date	Thursday, April 23, 2026
■ Time	2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Scan to Reserve Your Appointment



**Donor Thank You Gift:**

All presenting donors receive a **\$15 e-gift card** to a merchant of choice.

Spots are limited, so reserve your appointment soon.  
**One blood donation can help save up to three lives.**

**Donate Blood • Save Lives • Support Your Community**

# 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

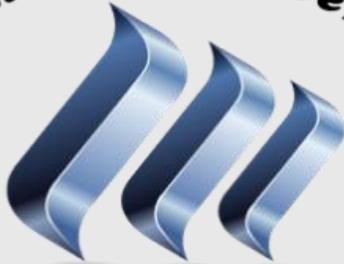
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# Show some Lake Forest Pride with some great apparel!

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

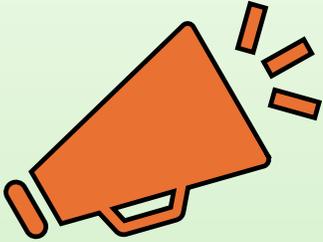
## Gray and Navy

*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			

# 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: 1/21/2026 at 7:37 PM Ended 9:29 PM

Meeting Recorder: Mark Fontanella

Attendees: Dan Vinson, Evan Kurzman, Justin Bosi,  
Jon Rudolph, Mark Fontanella



## Minutes/Actions

### Business Items

Bank Accounts Updated

Clubhouse Rental Approvals

Clubhouse Rental Rates

- Voted on price for wedding package (3 days, \$1,200 if you're having a wedding) - \$1,200 yay
- Voted on price for 2 day rental - \$875 yay
- Tabled price for renting the jetty/point/features

### Trustee Reports

Dan Vinson – Commodore, Communications, By-Laws, Swim Team

New Club Facebook Page

- Informational page with no comments has been talked about
- Business page only visible to members

Swim Team: No updates.

- Kristen Brown needs to be contacted about the repayment of dock repairs
- Contact her about Swim Team Meets (Jim providing dates)

Cody Inglis – Secretary, Office, Grant & Scholarship

Job descriptions and Employment contracts

- No job description found for hired employees/life guards/
- Employment contract, yearly, signed and acknowledging what they know what they are doing and what they are signing.
- Mark reviewing as well

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Evan Kurzman – Treasurer, Budget / Financials, Wakeoff,

P&L Review — January 2026

- Dues, master leases, dock fees all taken in.
- Net income: \$33,022
- Lakeland Loan payments are being made
- Heavy income month because people are paying bills, docks, rentals, etc.

Zelle: still need username to work, Jim is working on this

Wakeoff

- Need to confirm date: August 8th is the set date.

Justin Bosi – Trustee, Boat Safety Course, Docks, Boat Races, Security

Security

- Cameras
  - Trying to get camera access for all of us. Jon has access.
  - Looking to install some additional cameras.
  - Maybe an outlet on one of the poles near A Dock
- Security Company: no update yet on the new security company.
  - Maybe a vote for a security gate arm
  - Maybe a vote for keeping/getting rid of the security company

Boat race committee

- Seeking members
- Need to establish meeting date

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Jon Rudolph – Trustee, Grounds, Maintenance, Tennis, Social, Welcoming

Welcoming - Working on Welcome Packages.

Social - Talked to social about resuming in-person meetings to come up with items there.

Tennis - Called on/shopping around for tennis court lock,

Proposing list of club rules,

- Governing rules
- Member code of conduct draft

Clubhouse use proposal is being prepared

Mark Fontanella – Trustee, Beach, Legal & Insurance, Security

Insurance Renewed

- Discussed removing Wee-Doo

New Business:

Member Survey

Complaint from a member: snow shoveling and dumping on club property. Board to address.