

The Porthole News

June 2021

Happy Fathers Day!





Commodore's Message

Hello neighbors,

Happy June to everyone! I can't believe we are halfway through the year. As we enter the busy season at the club it's great to see the beach looking wonderful and so inviting! Great job and a BIG thank you to Donna Combos and the lifeguards for working to bring our beach back to life after a cold and bitter winter.

With over 300 people attending the Opening Day picnic it was sure to be a gathering unlike any other this Social Committee has planned for before. Successfully, the number of people that stepped up as volunteers also increased. The ice cream truck, 50/50, Rizzo's Reptiles, the horseshoe tournament and other kids' activities all went off without a hitch. Additionally, all the set up, preparation, break down and cleanup also went smoothly. Thank you to all the volunteers that made the event possible. The epic day of course would not be possible without the planning and purchasing of items completed by Kristen Brown, Chrissy Gilligan, and Vinny Gowers. Your community of friends appreciates the time you set aside to help everyone out, including the extra effort to lockdown the tent. I was not happy to miss the Opening Day picnic but enjoyed the time watching my daughter Sydney play soccer in south NJ all weekend.



LFYC membership is at an all time high, as is our attendance at events including the Opening Day Picnic. The social committee does not want to turn anyone away but it's crucial to get signups into the office by the posted deadline. It's very difficult to plan the right amount of food and beverages when, like for opening day picnic, roughly 50 wristbands were requested after the deadline. We want to try to keep things as simple as possible for all those who are graciously volunteering their time. Not only would we encourage every member to volunteer for at least one event throughout the year, but we also ask for your assistance with timely signups in the future. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Thank you to everyone that came out to the semiannual meeting in May. We had a nice turnout for our first meeting in 16 months. Business was quick and painless and we were happy to share all information with you in person.

There continues to be a lot of traffic and activity at the club among nonmembers. We are asking that you please wear and make your current LFYC member badges visible to help make the lifeguards and security guards job a little less overwhelming. Please remember to have guests with you at all times and introduce your guest to the security and life guards when asked. Car tags must be properly displayed on your vehicle as a first point of contact with the guards. Current stickers were mailed with your previous statement, if you need them replaced please contact Linda in the office. Also, please take note and familiarize yourself and family of the normal beach rules before the opening of our beach.

Thank you,

Mike Malakuskie

Commodore

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Mark Your CALENDAR



June 18th Movie Night

June 20th Fathers Day



July 4th Band on the Beach

July 4th Bike Parade



July 9th Adult Movie Night

Let Us Hear from You!!!



We like to share the news and announcements from our residents in the monthly Porthole Issue. If you want to pass along a message such as birthdays, anniversaries, birth announcements or other, 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 issue.



Babysitter List - *Red Cross Certified

Shanna Leek *(16) 973-663-1904

Samantha Gowers (17) 201-704-7658

Rebecca Schultz * (18) 973-876-0362

Elise Gilligan* (16) 973-440-7166

Michela Schultz *(16) * 973-862-2020

Swim Lessons



**Lake Forest Yacht Club will provide swim lesson this
summer season for
LFYC members.**

Starting after July 4th

Application can be found on the website or in the office.

**If you have any question, please contact Donna Combos at
jd02@optonline.net**



Lifeguard training course

Must be 16 years old

Cost is \$350.00

Call Scott Davis @ 973-534-6778



Lifeguards on duty

Weekends only

Starting June 26

Weekdays 10:00am– 6:00pm

Weekends 10 :00 am—8:00 pm



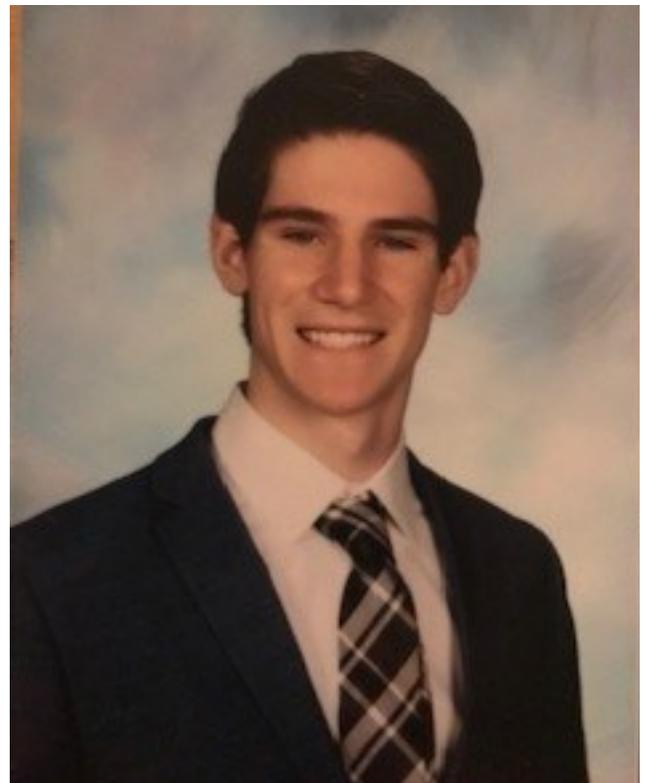
**Congratulations Matt Slusark
graduating from Rutgers University
Majoring in Economics & a Minor in
American Studies.**

Best of luck at Selective Insurance



Matthew Espinoza

**Congratulations on your High
School Graduation!!! We're
so proud of you!!! Love,
Mom, Dad, Brianna, Cassidy
& Smokey, Bandit & Daphne**



Adam Thompson



Congratulations to Adam Thompson who graduated Cum Laude from Rutgers University with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Psychology. He was admitted into the Rutgers School of Law, Criminal Justice Honor Society. Adam played baseball for the Scarlet Raiders and plans to attend Roger Williams University this fall to pursue a Masters Degree in Cybersecurity. He will be playing baseball for the RWU Hawks. Keep dreaming big Adam! Nobody works harder than you! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad and Trevor



Dylan Cobb

Congratulations Dylan! We are excited for all that is ahead of you. You have a lot of talent and we cannot wait to see what you build in your future.

We are all proud of you and love you!!

Congratulations
to Liam Knipper on
your High School
Graduation!

Best Wishes on
your next journey!





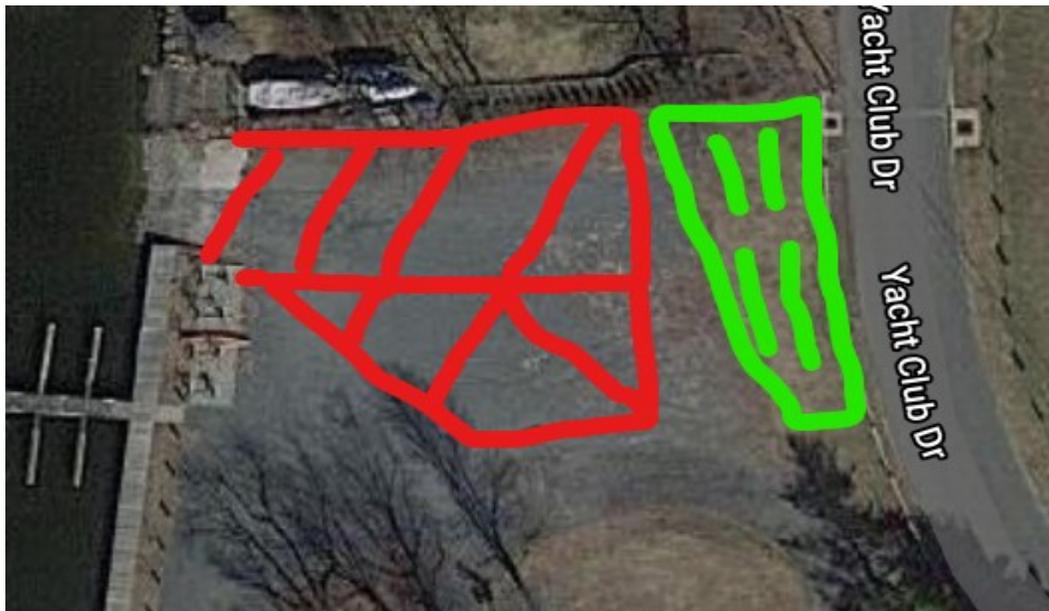
BOAT RAMP REMINDER

As the boating season getting in full swing, please be aware of how you park in the gravel lot, near the boat ramp. Parking too close to the boat ramp makes it very difficult to safely maneuver a boat and trailer down the ramp.

Equally important is that, after launching your boat, trucks and trailers are moved well away from the boat ramp path. This will allow other members to launch their boats as easily as you have.

These considerations for those around you will help keep LFYC a safe and fun place to enjoy the lake. Thank you and I look forward to sharing this summer with everyone.

Only park your vehicle and trailer inside the green area along the road (inside the chains). Do not block ramp access by parking in the red area.





The kayak/canoe/paddle board rack

Every device must be labeled with the member's last name.

Any and all property left stored or fastened to the club provided boat/canoe/kayak racks or area in/on LFYC property, is/are stored at your own risk. The LFYC is not responsible for loss, damage or destruction of/or to your property or any damage it may do or cause if not fully secured by you. You waive any and all subrogation or retaliation against the LFYC for any such occurrence or incidence, whether it occurs for any reason or event beyond your control. You are responsible for all of your guest actions and their property while on LFYC grounds. Placing your property on LFYC common areas is full agreement to/with the forgoing policy of LFYC.

Congratulations

Liam Knipper

2021 Recipient of the LFYC Scholarship



The Lake Forest Beach is intended for the use solely by its members and their guests. All members have a responsibility to see that the following rules are adhered to during the year.

GENERAL:

-Use of this facility is at your own risk, lifeguards are there to help provide safety, but not guarantee it.

-Parents are responsible for their children's actions and will be held liable.

-All members and guests must be in possession of a LFYC beach badge with the current year sticker

-Cars must display a LFYC hang tag with the current year sticker

-LFYC is not responsible for lost or stolen property

-Animals are welcome on LFYC property but are not permitted on the beach/sand area and should be supervised at all times. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

-Use of the facility is permitted only in accordance with all Federal, State, Local Laws and Ordinances.

-When a lifeguard is on duty: Children 12 years old and older are allowed to be on the beach and in the water. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied/supervised by a responsible guardian.

-When a lifeguard is not on duty: All persons under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible guardian, 16 years or older, when on the beach or swimming.

.SWIMMING AND DIVING

- Swimming is permitted in designated areas only and may be restricted by lifeguards at any time
- High dive tower is off limits when the lifeguards are off duty

No pushing or shoving on diving platform

- Only one person permitted on the diving board, high dive platform or ladder at a time.
- Divers must dive forward off the board, not to the right or left
- Exit water via appropriate ladders: High dive to the right and low board to the left.

BEACH

- Ball playing is prohibited, except in designated area i.e.; volley ball area
 - Fires are not permitted on the beach/sand area.
 - Motor vehicles are not permitted in beach/sand area.
 - Bike riding is not permitted in the beach/sand area.
 - Fishing from sanded and posted areas is prohibited
 - Umbrellas, pop up tents, etc. are not to obstruct the lifeguard's view and should not be placed beyond the line of the lifeguards stand.
 - Trailers are not permitted in beach parking area
 - Do not litter. Put all debris in the provided, marked containers
- NO GLASS ALLOWED ON BEACH**

GUESTS:

- LFYC Members are responsible for their guests and must be present with them at all times.**
- Guest must have 1 day parking pass.
- No person eligible to join LFYC may be a guest of a member
- Limit of 10 guests per day. If you require additional guests, please check with the office



INTERESTED IN SUMMER SWIMMING?

Lake Forest Vikings – NJRLL Small Division Champs 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019!!

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

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

You do not have to live in Lake Forest to be part of the team.

Please go to <https://www.lfstvikings.com> for our online registration. Mail waivers and payment to:

Lake Forest Yacht Club

PO Box 217

Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849

For more information contact Bonnie Sabia at 973-668-9354 or pbsabia@optonline.net.

We look forward to seeing you!

*Everyone is welcome on the Lake Forest Swim Team
including all areas surrounding Jefferson!*





We would like to remind everyone to wear your ID badges while you are anywhere on the LFYC grounds.

Please make sure you have a current parking hang tag and badge with 2021 sticker.

Please note that in order to receive your stickers and new parking hang tags, the membership dues need to be paid in full.



Lake Forest Yacht Club

Cardio

Kickboxing

With Sarah

All levels welcome

All classes will be held outdoors and social distancing protocols will be in place

Mondays 6pm

June

\$32 for 8 sessions, no class Memorial Day

Rain Dates TBA

Please contact

Kristen Brown 973-768-6958

Lake Forest Board Meeting Minutes

5/12/2021

Meeting Start: 7:18 p.m., Meeting Adjourned: 9:20 p.m.

Mike, Jaime, Vinny, Vanessa, Peter, Chrissy, Misty

Linda

Commodore's Report - Mike Malakuskie

Princeton Hydro contacted manufacturer – was advised that a capacitor is the cause of the problem. They are aiming to have us up and running by Memorial Day.

The aeration heads in the swim lanes are all working properly

Grounds/Swim Team – Mike Malakuskie

No updates from swim team.

Patio repair is being planned for before Memorial Day.

Reach out to Lakeview to discuss our property maintenance day to try to make sure it's as close to the weekend as possible.

Secretary/Office/Communications – Vanessa Luke

Question on a rental (communicated via Treasurer) – could be 150 – date is after the change in NJ policy as long as that goes through – member is responsible for enforcing social distancing

Email blast and Facebook posts for opening day Sign Up Genius and deadline for sign up

Treasurer, Financials/Budget/Legal/Insurance/Facebook – Jaime Evans

Procedures for reconciliations are done.

Binder for the club to capture things that are done out of the norm or info people just 'know' – looking to update what is already in the office.

Apparel – screen printed, will start looking into and bring to next meeting.

Boat Safety/Welcoming/Membership/Wakeoff – Misty Verdis

Paver blocks are available at Sparta Block (let's buy additional for future orders) and we have someone for engraving. Get into next Porthole. Need to check what Lakeview charged us for install of the last set. Create a block to memorialize the patio project.

We have signed contract for Wakeoff August 21st. Rental fee due July 29th.

Security/Docks/Clubhouse – Peter Malenda

Rossi security – need to have a further discussion with Al Rossi, will attempt to schedule a call.

Security for Prom Night – June 3rd

B&C Dock will be on site 5/13. Old fingers will be left onsite for one week for members to come remove any cleats, ropes, etc.

Rentals this weekend, cleaning is scheduled in between.

Social/Scholarship/Nominating/Grants – Chrissy Gilligan

Social – preparing for opening day, all plans are in place.

Reach out to a few kids to help with set up/clean up and during the event.

Need reminders to go out for signups and sign up genius

Maintenance/Beach/Galley/Tennis/Lifeguards – Vinny Gowers

Confirmed Lifeguard wages for this summer

Agra begins weekly water testing on the 24th

Galley bathroom cleaning weekly will begin this week

Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes

35 members

Called to order at 8:02

Mike voiced appreciation to the board current and previous as well as to Linda

Misty not present - she is traveling

Frank Gutowski - scholarship 15th year

\$1000 after first semester

\$500 per year thereafter with GPA above 3.0

Thanks to the committee

Cleanups, maintenance, 2021 Jefferson grad, NHS, consistently honor roll or high honor roll all 4 years of school

Has taken pre-college summer courses - dedicated

Also active in sports and clubs, church, lake forest swim team as well

Accepted at all 14 schools he applied to - Marist is his selection. Computer Science and Cyber-security

Liam Knipper

Minutes of previous meeting

Last meeting was virtual - no minutes to be read

Fiscal Report - Jaime

Providing report since one was not provided as typical for last membership meeting

Lakeland accounts

166k last year 162k this year - this does fluctuate

Despite covid - we are still doing ok

Insurance was renewed for Weedeeo this week

Vinny -

Tennis courts will be resurfaced. Need 60 degree temps but weather has not been cooperating. Hoping by end of May. Will be lined for tennis as well as 2 pickleball.

Beach - last year was challenging but still turned out great. Snack shack will be run same as last year by lifeguards.

Keith Moran - how many lifeguards - 13 lifeguards, 4 new, 9 returning

Brian Richardson - how about resurfacing basketball courts? Vinny - board is discussing

Peter

Docks - we are sold out - 82 members, 3 non members

Thank you to Frank Gutowski for his ongoing dedication to being dockmaster

B&C dock repairs over the next few weeks

New Kayak rack this year to replace the one that broke over the winter

Tom DeSena - is it a requirement that the ropes be moved from the docks at the end of the season

Frank - most members renew their slips so we don't ask for ropes to be removed

Mike Kahwaty - with the repairs to be done and now asking people to remove, it will harm the uniformity, Frank responded they are very old there is no standard

Brian Richardson - will there be rub rails placed after repairs? Frank - not at this time - all of B&C docks need to be replaced but we just cant right now. Fingers will be replaced this year and 2 pilings

Security - we will be using Al Rossi security again, no increase in price. They will start memorial day weekend as usual and will wrap up 2 weeks past labor day.

Clubhouse - rentals will begin soon - we do have rentals through July.

Kim Good - who enforces covid guidelines for gatherings? Peter - Member is responsible for covering guidelines

Boating Safety Course - was sold out and went well, will be looking into next year.
We did receive our check.

Mike - swim team and grounds

Lakeview Landscaping - we don't plow the whole lot - we get a lower rate - sometimes it's a day or two after except when we are going to have an event.

Weekly maintenance is now happening

Would like to move a few picnic tables into the area that was cleared on the field

We have some repairs to be done on the new patios - the area that is failing will be retained and river rock put down

Phil Schiff - Basketball Court lights were never connected, is there a plan there -
Mike - yes we have a member who is volunteering to finish up that job. There is a timer - pushbutton - up to 4 hours on, and turns off automatically

Swim Team -

Dan Schultz said it will be a shortened season, practices begin 6/21, 30 swimmers signed up currently.

Vanessa -

Office operations are running smoothly - Linda has picked up a lot in a very short time

Communications - porthole, email, Facebook (unofficial) - reach out if you're not receiving emails

Guest parking passes - overview of issue with trespassing, the ask is that all members utilize the paper parking passes for their guests to help us determine vehicles that do/don't belong on the property. Need to protect our club property as well as personal property (boats, kayaks, etc.)

Chrissy -

Social - looking to mirror last year with covid precautions, and same types of event

Easter Egg Hunt - huge turnout - almost 100 people

Taking that into consideration for the next upcoming events

Opening Day coming up - keeping it as low cost as possible

Bands on the Beach

Open to ideas, Need volunteers - sign up genius

Always looking for committee members, Thank you to Kristen Brown and Vinny Gowers

Wakeoff - August 21st

Scholarships/Grants - thank you to Frank again and to the committee for their time and commitment and congrats to Liam

Welcoming/Membership - looking to engage all of our new members. Jackie Espinoza volunteered to spearhead an ice-breaker event so Chrissy will be working on that with her.

Unfinished business

Proposed By Law change was discussed December 2019

Full term required to be taken off after 2 consecutive terms

Suggestion was made to change to take 1 year off - this was tabled

Can have a vote when that motion comes from the floor

Dana Critchlaw - how often do we vote in? Mike - every year we have either 3 or 4 positions

Phil Schiff - motion, Brian Richardson seconded

3 no votes, remainder yes

32 yes

Any new business

Brian - Anchor chain fence - there are sections down and now one is broken. Cars are accessing the gravel lot through the opening and using boat ramp

Anthony - new member offered to help.

Agreed it should be repaired

Sam Chidiack - someone had the vision to repair the parking lot and patio, etc. we've made great moves paying back the loan. In terms of capital improvements, we are constantly replacing umbrellas, they're really not taken care of. Have we thought about corrugated canopies, portable garages, aluminum, or some kind of canopy to shade the patio areas. What about putting solar panels on top.

Mike - we will take it back for discussion

Dana Critchlaw - free lending library - Dana will create a book drive

If we register it, it will be open to the public

If we do not register it, we can keep it within the community

Mike Kahwaty proposes we do not register it and asked who will be responsible to maintain it

Bryan Hyland - proposes putting it near the office if we have to register it to minimize our liability

Tom Preston - sailing class in Porthole tomorrow evening 6 p.m., he can also do it another time and will get you out on a sailboat.

James Davitt motioned to adjourn

Joe O'Donnell seconded