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THE PORTHOLE NEWS



The monthly newsletter of the Lake Forest Yacht Club



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Frank Gutowski, Commodore

With the warmer weather and longer daylight, it's good to see members frequenting the club property and enjoying some nice spring weather. We certainly have a lot going on at the club in preparation for our summer season.

AAA Docks completed the repairs on B and C Dock at the end of March. We have 8 new dock fingers, and the end of B dock has been replaced with new boards and pilings. The docks are now open for all our dock renters use. We also have the kayak rack open as well for members that want to renew their kayak rack spot or for any new members that want a spot to secure their kayak, See details on page 4 of this issue.

For our young members, we have completed the replacement of the spiral slide in the playground. I want to thank Trustee Dmitry Bohdan and his team for completing the project in record time and with minimal inconvenience to membership. The playground is over 25 years old, and we invest in repairs as needed so that our young members may enjoy using it safely.

This time of year, we need to prepare our beach for the Summer Season. Beach Clean-up Day is Saturday April 13th. Trustee Keith Moran is leading this annual project, and he will have a whiteboard set up for tasks we need completed. In addition to the catwalks going out, we have some painting, some sink hole repairs and need to build our new picnic tables and Blackstone grill / air fryer. Please come down and volunteer your time to help complete the tasks. The more volunteers we have, the faster it goes for everyone.

The second project this month is the installation of shade sails on the 2nd island of picnic tables. I will be leading that team on Saturday April 20th for the pole installation and our planned new BBQ station at the end of the 2nd island of tables.

April 15th is the deadline for any graduating seniors who want to apply for the LFYC Scholarship. Applications need to be emailed by midnight April 15th to the club office. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the Semi-Annual meeting on May 3rd.

In conclusion, it is with a heavy heart that I convey to you the sad news of the passing of a beloved club member and friend. On March 23rd, Beth Pries passed away ending her long battle with cancer. Many of us were able to see her one last time when she came home from the Hospice at a get together at the home she loved and where she passed. Now she is at peace. The long difficult battle is over. While we all feel sorrow having known this was imminent, we should reflect on all the beautiful memories we all shared with her. On behalf of club membership, our condolences to her siblings and family.

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Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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The \$2,500.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

Applications Deadline is April 15th 2024!

Members may now apply for the 2024 LFYC Scholarship, which we will be awarding to one of our members who is a 2024 graduating high school senior. Applications are available on our website: www.lfyc.org. The deadline for submission for this scholarship is April 15th 2024.

Of note for the 2024 Scholarship Submission:

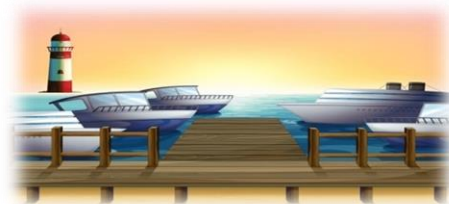
1. The online application is in pdf format and all entries must be typed. **No handwritten applications accepted.** Use a pdf editing application on your computer, such as Adobe, to enter all your data. Adobe also permits electronic signature of the applicant or print, sign and scan. Electronic signature or hand signed will be accepted.
2. No mailed or hand delivered applications will be accepted. All applications with scanned supporting documents must be submitted via email to the club office by midnight on April 15th 2024. Applicants are recommended to send e-mail with "delivery receipt" to confirm timely submission. In the event of any discrepancy regarding application submission, it is the responsibility of the scholarship applicant to provide proof of e-mail submission by the required deadline.

The scholarship will award up to \$2,500 to help toward an applicant's higher education endeavor. The candidate must be a Lake Forest Yacht Club member in good standing as well as a 2024 graduating high school senior. Each applicant will write an essay explaining why they are the ideal candidate to be the recipient of the LFYC Scholarship as well as provide three (3) letters of recommendation. Complete details of the application criteria will be found on the LFYC Scholarship Application

Scholarship applications must have an e-mail delivery date no later than April 15th, 2024. The five members of the 2024 LFYC Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications and make a decision on who will be the recipient of this year's LFYC Scholarship. The recipient will be notified on or before May 1st, 2024.

2024 Season Dock Rental

Several Dock Slips Still Available



Member dock rental renewals and new member rentals are completed. We have several dock slips available for rental.

Member rental fee for the season is \$700.00. The member guest dock rental fee for this season is \$2,100. Only guests referred by a current club member may rent a slip for the season.

If you would like to refer a non-member for a dock slip rental, please contact the LFYC Dockmaster: Frank Gutowski at 201-679-5837.



LFYC KAYAK RACK ASSIGNMENTS

2024 Kayak Rack Slip Rentals

Members who would like to renew their Kayak Rack Slip for the 2024 Season has until April 1st to renew the slip. Cost is \$25 for the season. \$35 if members want to store 2 Kayaks or SUP in the rack slip. The rental season starts on April 1st and concludes on October 31st. The Kayak Racks may only be used during the rental season and vessels need to be removed at the end of the season.



Only Kayaks, Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP) and Canoes may be stored on the racks. None may be stored on the ground. New member Kayak Slip requests will be assigned after renewal deadline on April 1st. Renewals and New member rentals both require a signed rental agreement. New renters will receive a Kayak Storage Permit sticker to attach to their vessel for identification. Kayak Rental Agreement may be found on our website.

NOTE to RENTERS: Please make sure you are storing your kayaks in the correct numbered rack. Check with Linda in the office if unsure of Kayak Rack Number,

Dock Repairs at B and C Docks Completed

The contracted repairs we had with AAA Docks for repairs were completed before the season open on April 1st. Repairs to the end of B dock with new pilings and replaced walkway was completed. We also replaced 8 slip fingers for members to more securely tie their boat. This is an annual process as we budget funds each year to replace and repair the slip fingers in most dire need. We will determine 2025 repairs at the end of this season.



April 2024

Beach Spring Clean-up

Saturday April 13th 9AM

MEMBERS NEEDED

It's that time of the year again! Mark your calendars for our annual Beach Spring Clean-up. We will need volunteers to get the list of important beach clean-up and start-up tasks for the season completed. In addition to the annual list below, we also need teams to:

- Paint the new Wall Ball Court
- Fill sink holes at swim team point
- Assemble the new Blackstone Griddle
- Assemble 9 NEW Lifetime Tables for 2nd Picnic Table Island

Any questions please reach out to Keith Moran



LFYC Spring Cleanup Checklist

Install

- Catwalks
- Weed Curtains (determine which ones need replacing and measure)
- Goose guards
- Diving Boards
- Ladders on dive tower
- Countertops
- Hang TVs

Clean

- Galley
- Galley bathrooms
- Lifeguard room
- Playground

Labor

- Blow sand off galley and patios
- Shovel sand away from the beach wall
- Rake playground
- Shovel sand from parking lot
- Move/paint lifeguard chair after sand has been spread
- Remove ice eaters
- Unwrap Weedoo, save wood
- Remove shutters over windows in lifeguard room
- Put out foosball table/connect 4/BBQ grills
- Put out garbage cans along the beach patio
- Put out bar stools
- Inspect/fix Adirondaack chairs/picnic tables
- Build NEW Blackstone Grill
- Put out existing foldable picnic tables from galley

Trash Pickup

- Parking lot/gardens
- Softball field/basketball court
- B&C lot/Wall Ball/dock areas
- Clubhouse/Commodore Room area
- Swim team point
- Tennis court
- Horseshoe Pits

Miscellaneous

- Move garbage can to basketball court
- Paint chains
- Stain picnic tables
- Stain dive tower bridge
- Paint wall ball court
- Put out yellow slide into water securing with black bags in water
- Put together new picnic tables in the galley
- Tighten bolts on the chairs around the galley



Sun Shade Sail Project II

Project Date: Saturday April 20th

Last Spring we installed shade sails on the first island of picnic tables and replaced the wooden tables with new Lifetime Tables. The member feedback was all positive as the project was a huge success. On April 20th we will be installing shade sails on the 2nd island of tables. Nine NEW Lifetime tables for that section will be assembled during beach cleanup and replacing the old wooden tables. We also will be installing a Barbeque station at the end of that island of tables for members use this season. This is part of the 2024 improvements the board is undertaking to improve our facility,

We already have 4 members helping on the project. We need a couple more volunteers to plant the poles in cement and build the barbeque station. Please reach out to Frank Gutowski with any questions and if you can volunteer.

NEW Playground Spiral Slide Installed

The new Spiral Slide Installation was completed earlier than expected by our Installation Team, led by Trustee Dmitry Bohdan. Finishing touches were done on March 16th and the playground was reopened that weekend.

We want to thank the club members who worked on the installation of this Spiral Slide under some difficult weather conditions: Dmitry Bohdan, Peter Moreland, James Critchlaw, Jeff Dannhardt, Keith Moran and Bobby Bielsky.

We also want to provide special recognition to a Lake Forest community member, Jon Rudolph, who helped us with bringing in an excavator to remove the old cement footings and being part of our team positioning the slide and setting the new cement footings. Jon's help made the project go much easier and quicker than expected.

On behalf of LFYC membership, especially our young members, we thank you for volunteering your time to execute this important project for us!



Opening Day Picnic “Caribbean Theme”

Date: Saturday May 25th, 2 PM

This year our Opening Day Picnic will have a Caribbean Theme, with Caribbean Barbecue catered by Roasted Breadfruit. Party starts at 2PM with DJ Earl providing music and a special 1 hour performance by a Caribbean Drum Band. Cornhole Tournament and Children’s Entertainment activities as well. All members are invited along with their non-resident guests. Prices are as follows and include food, beverages, and all activities.



Members Adult: \$40 (age 18 and above) Children: ages 13 -17: \$25, Children: ages 5 -12: \$20 under 5: free

Non-Resident guests of members: Adult: \$50 (18 and above) Children: ages 13 -17: \$30, Children: ages 5 -12: \$25 under 5: free



Please sign up/RSVP with the office during office hours (see website for hours) by Saturday, May 18th. After the deadline, ticket prices will increase by \$5 a ticket. Wristbands must be purchased in advance at the club office.

Social Committee Needs You!!

Hi Lake Forest! We have a lot of events planned for the remainder of the year; however, without volunteers they are not possible. We need someone to run each event and several people to help with the planning of the events. If you are interested in running one, but the date doesn't work, we cannot choose another date. Please reach out to Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958 or Desirae Nigro at 908-892-3679 if you have any questions. Please look at the sign-up genius and sign up where you can.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-48367363-upcoming>

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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July Social Event



Mixology Competition Party

Friday Evening, July 12th

7 PM to 12 PM



Lake Forest is hosting a special event for our adult members to try some creative cocktails from our guest Mixologists (Bartenders) creating and providing 3 oz. samples of their creative mixology concoctions.

“Looking for 5 Talented Mixologists”

5 Mixologists to compete with their special creative cocktails to share with our event guests. Each Mixologist will prepare 106 three-ounce samples for guests to enjoy and rate. Every ½ Hour starting at 8:00 a featured Mixologist will share their mixology cocktail!

The top 3 rated cocktails by our guests will earn that Mixologist a valuable prize.

Contact Glenn DeSantis to be added as a Mixologist and for details on reimbursement of their creative cocktail ingredients costs.

“To all our Member and Guest Attendees”:

In addition to the Mixology Competition sampling and voting, we'll provide Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Pizza and Light Snacks during the event.

Also, entertainment will be provided by DJ Earl playing the party tunes for dancing.

It will be a great evening for all!



Cost for the Friday Evening Event:

\$25 for Members

\$30 for Non-Resident Guests

Wristbands may be purchased at the Club Office

NOTE: This event is limited to 100 Attendees. Once we reach 100 wristband sales or a deadline of July 3rd, the event will be SOLD OUT and no further wristbands will be available. A wait list we be established for any cancellations.

From the Club Office

- 2024 Beach Badge and parking tag stickers are in. Members should now be current on their membership obligations, and they may stop in to pick up their 2024 stickers.
- Make sure you are placing your kayak in the correct kayak slot you rented. All slots have numbered metal tags to identify them.
- All dock renters must provide a current copy of their boat registration before using your assigned dock slip.
- We are currently accepting applications for Concession Stand workers.

Looking for Lifeguards

Certification class June 1st & 2nd

Recertification cost \$200. Full certification \$400

Contact Scott 973-534-6778



Beach Concessions Committee

HELP WANTED:

Looking for Concession Stand Workers for 2024 Summer Season. Contact Linda in the Club Office in regard.

Last year our Concessions Committee did an excellent job in managing inventory at our concession stand. This year we need some new volunteers to help on this committee to set the beach season concessions menu and source inventory.



The ideal member volunteers would be from families who frequent the beach and concession stand during the summer. They know what members like to order at the stand and are the best source for identifying and securing the in demand concessions. Also being savvy shoppers for best deals to help minimize cost to our members.

The committee would run from early May through Labor Day and be asked to:

1. Set menu of concessions to be sold. Drinks, Snacks, Candy, Ice Cream, etc....
2. Set affordable concession pricing for our members based on inventory cost.
3. Source the concession items for startup and weekly inventory maintenance. Shopping at the Wholesale stores like Costco and our local grocery stores. Being the savvy shopper to load up on those sale items.
4. Weekly reimbursements from club office on inventory purchased.

The committee will not be tasked to run the concession stand. We will have hired help to do that.

We just need volunteer member oversight on inventory selection and keeping the concession stocked through the season from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day.



Lake Forest Legacy

Beach Cleanup, April 21st 1979

Every April, members volunteer to prepare our property for the the summer season. It is known as Beach Cleanup Day. This year we're asking members to join us on Saturday April 13th to prepare our property for the summer season.

Below our images from the Beach Clean-Up in April 1979. Recognize anyone?



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.

NEW:

We can now set up automatic payment withdrawn from CC/Debit card. Automatic Payment Form is available on our website under "Forms"

2024 Member Badge Stickers Are In!

2024 Member Badge Stickers are in and can be picked up at the club office. Only members whose 2024 dues are paid in full may pick up 2024 season badge stickers.

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.

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!

- Elise Gilligan* 973-440-7166
- Maddie Luke** 973-800-5541
- Aubrey Gilligan** 973-461-3900

*Indicates Red Cross Certification

**Indicates CPR Certified

Lost Badge Fee:

There will be a \$25 per badge fee for replacement of lost badges. There is no fee for updating badges with pictures or name changes, etc.

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. Please see pricing and style options below



LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 13, 2024

Attendees: Frank, Pat, Joe, Keith, Dmitry, Peter Moreland

Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Adjourned: 8:54 pm

Frank: Docks, Clubhouse, Communications and Scholarship

- **Review Clubhouse Rentals**
 - Rental requests reviewed and approved.
- **Dock repairs B & C docks.**
 - No update. 4 fingers here.
 - Should be done by April 1st.
- **Dock Rentals**
 - 31 Renewals. \$21,700 collected as of Wednesday 6th.
 - More renewals in office to be processed when office reopens on Monday.
 - 2 cancellations so far
 - Several new member rentals for 2024
 - March 20th to begin new renter dock assignments.
- **Clubhouse:**
 - Damaged Front Door:
 - Front door glass replaced with new window logo etched instead of sticker.
 - Installed door kickstands on front entry and commodore room door.
 - Still need to adjust hydraulic closure on both doors.
 - Display case renovation
 - Case key found and able to access.
 - Replacing existing lighting with LED lights
 - New switch to be on timer for illumination for evening hours.
 - Swim team trophies to be relocated to their concession stand.
 - Neal Knipper assisting on project.
 - Clubhouse kitchen closet cleanout to be scheduled for April.
 - Repair of one Round Table scheduled for April.
 - Trustee plaque to be renovated to make room for 20 more trustee plates to extend use for another 20 years.
- **2024 LFYC Scholarship**
 - Application period open until midnight April 15th
 - Application to be typed and submitted via email only.
 - Scholarship Committee will meet week of April 22nd for review.
 - Announcement will be at Semi Annual Meeting on May 3rd.
- **Communications: Facebook page**
 - Reclaim old FB Site: Lake Forest Yacht Club Inc.
 - Unsuccessful using Loriann old phone.
 - Will try again with her old laptop.
 - Tony D'Alauro assisting.

Projects:

- **2nd Island of Shade Sails (Frank)**
 - Date is Saturday April 20th.
 - Assembling team now. Joe Morel confirmed so far. Will have a 6-person team ready to go by that date.
 - Will rent hole auger, and have cement delivered by Home Depot.
 - Poles installed that day with shade sails installed several days later.
- **Barbeque station at end of 2nd Island of Tables**
 - Scheduled for April 20th along with Shade Sail project.
 - Joe O'Donnell assisting on project.
 - Mike Kahway to assist on build of wind shield structure similar to B/C Dock trash enclosure.
 - Excavate soil to install stable large Paver Blocks for BBQ stability.
 - Weber BBQ (Donated by Keith) and Garbage Can in will be in enclosure.
- **Dive Tower Slide Repair (Frank)**
 - Dave Cobb and Mike Espinoza to help.
 - Will be an April or early May project.
- **Lighthouse lighting (Frank)**
 - Lights selected. Volt low voltage 12" hardscape lighting
 - 4 will be attached to the concrete cement base.
 - Small low voltage transformer also installed on base with photosensor.
 - Total cost of project is about \$425.
 - Neal Knipper assisting on getting appropriate transformer and will help on install.
- **Parking Lot lamp**
 - Light has bad LED's and is likely out of warranty.
 - Will be getting replacement from manufacturer.

Pat, Treasurer: Financials, Budget, By-Laws, Swim Team

- Finance Update
- Swim Team contract signed.
- Discussion if swim team president not being a member. Further consideration needed.

Project

- **Clubhouse and Beach Galley Scrape and Paint:**
 - Attain 3 quotes for scraping and painting exterior of both structures.
 - April / May timeframe
 - Oversee painting contractors.

Joe, Secretary: Office, Beach, Legal & Insurance

- Office Update
 - Office closed this week for Linda vacation.
- Beach
 - Beach Operations
 - Beach Director, Scott Davis, returning.
 - Lifeguards hiring in process.
 - Sand Sifting Project – quote to high. Searching for new one Gray supply has one on skid steer.
 - Sand procurement – cheaper price found.
 - Lifeguard pay rates communicated to Linda.
- Legal / Insurance

- No update

Keith: Boat Safety Course, Maintenance & Nominating

- Boat Safety Course
 - Scheduled for March 16th 20-30 people expected.
- Beach Clean Up set for April 13th.
 - In addition to regular clean up activity:
 - Build the Blackstone BBQ
 - Paint the Lifeguard chair.
 - Paint the Wall Ball court with primer.

Project:

- **New Aerator for south end of beach:**
 - Power is there from Nano bubbler removal.
 - Order up similar system as we have by Swim team Point.

Piotr: Security,

Actions/New Business:

- Security Update
 - Quote in form LADD Security. About \$1 more per hour.
 - Table discussion for renewal until April meeting

Peter Malenda and Keith projects:

- **New Light poles by Boat Ramp and South end of beach**
 - New pole to help with illumination at C Dock. No Update
 - New pole at old nano bubbler for cameras. No Update
- **Improved Audio at Clubhouse and Beach Galley**
 - Casey Johnston has this on his task list and will be working on project later this Spring.
 - Clubhouse audio both outside and inside first.
 - New wiring, speakers, microphones, AV Closet renovation

Peter: Social, Welcoming

Social:

- Completed:
 - 2/3: Italian Cuisine Comedy Night (Frank)
 - Super Bowl Party (Frank)
 - Lake Forest Nightclub (Frank)
 - Texas Holdem and LRC. (Glenn)
- Upcoming
 - Yoga every Thursday through April 25th
 - 3/23: Easter Egg Hunt (Kristen)
 - Other dates and events are being planned.
 - 5/25: Opening Day Picnic
 - Caribbean theme
 - Estimated cost \$6,870 @ 150 people catered by Roasted Breadfruit. Will have kid friendly options included. Approx. 1/3 lower cost than 2023 caterer.
 - Working on steel drum entertainment

Welcoming: No Update

Dmitry: Grounds, Tennis, Wakeoff

April 2024

- Grounds
 - Sand for beach get with Will to spread it.
 - Drainage repair: will get quote from Wil our landscaper.
- Wakeoff 8/10
 - Contract update/ approved.
 - Request to lower deposit from \$800 to \$400. Approved by board.
- Tennis
 - Wind screens torn. Repair needed. To be discussed with Tom

Projects

- **New Spiral Slide for playground**
 - Installed this past weekend despite poor weather.
 - Old concrete removed and 1000 pounds of new concrete use.
 - Closed until railing adapter is modified cost of \$50.
 - Play round should be open soon.
- **Outdoor Water Spigot for Clubhouse**
 - Discussed details.

New Business:

NEW 2024 Projects:

- **April 13th: (Frank)**
- New Lifetime table assembly.
 - 9 Lifetime tables to be assembled for 2nd Island.
 - Will look for 4 member volunteers to assemble them. To be done during beach cleanup
- Kayak rack and storage behind the beach Galley = Peter Malenda to lead this.
- Water Main to be labeled.
- Dimitry to open the galley for the summer.
- Review of next year comedians for comedy night.
- Board Approved purchase of new refrigerator for clubhouse if Frank finds clearance unit at high value.
- Approved outdoor ping pong table procurement. \$600 or better if found on Marketplace.
- Looking for used foosball table on Marketplace.

Meeting ended 8:54