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THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Lake Forest Yacht Club



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Frank Gutowski, Commodore

We've seen plenty of activity at our beach in July with all those hot / humid days needing us to cool off in the lake. This is the busiest time of year for us and it's great seeing membership taking full advantage of our club offerings. Our concession stand operations have seen strong member support and they continue to update the menu. The latest menu is in this Porthole.

This past month we had several projects accomplished with the help of member volunteers. New parking lot lamp glare shields were installed to minimize LED glare to our neighbors on Springbrook Terrace and A dock boaters. You may also have noticed that our dive tower is now illuminated at night so our US Flag and Lake Forest Nautical Flags are flying proudly all night long. It added a nice ambiance to our property at night. This past weekend I had an excellent team of members help me replace the panels on our wall ball court. The wall needed updating and I'm pleased we were able to get it done on Saturday. More details and photos on page 3. We still have some small projects in "Lake Forest Works" for members to help us on their own schedule. Please check the link in this Porthole to see what projects are still available for you to help the club improve.

We have some excellent events coming up in August with our annual Beach Campout on August 5th (rain date August 19th). We'll also have some high flying wakeboarders showing off their skills at Wakeoff 2023 on August 12th, followed by concert on the beach with Kevin McArdle on August 13th. Additional events are scheduled for August, so check out the event calendar on page 6. Remember, we can only do these fun events when members volunteer to help create and manage them with our Social Committee. Without more members getting involved, these types of events will not be created or may get cancelled. So please reach out to the Kristen Brown on Social Committee to help.

The social activities continue as we look into September, with several popular events. This year our Closing Day Event is a Luau with the return of the Pig Roast. It's been over 10 years since we had the pig roast, so we're happy to bring it back this year thanks to Mike Espinoza and David Cobb who will be cooking the pig for the event. Attending members and guests will receive a wristband and Hawaiian Lei to wear at the Luau. We then have the OPA Boat Races back at Lake Forest the weekend of September 8th to 10th, followed by a Special Event on Sunday September 17th with "The Nerds" performing at our clubhouse. It's going to be a fun start to September at the club.

For those of you that use Facebook, please follow our Facebook page "Lake Forest Club" as we often post updates on activities in between the releases of our monthly Porthole newsletter.

My last topic in this message is a reflection on the almost 70 years of history here at Lake Forest. We've had multiple generations of members who contributed over that time to make our club the best on Lake Hopatcong. We plan on updating the display case in our Clubhouse Foyer to showcase the rich history and memories of our club. See page 4 for details as we are looking for some historical items to display our legacy.

Have an enjoyable remainder of the summer at our beach and club.

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Wall Ball Court Wall Renovation!

It's been 30+ years since the wall ball court had new panels installed. Over the years there have been multiple repairs, patches and paint coats applied. On July 29th, a team of members replaced those old worn out panels with new 3/4" Pressure Treated Plywood Panels.

We want to thank members: Andy Egan, Anthony Ortega, Bill Brown, Mike Kahwaty and Frank Gutowski who helped tear down the old panels and install the new panels. These pressure treated panels were quite heavy, so this team did an excellent job getting them lifted and placed on the frame foundation. Some reinforcement of the frame structure was also completed.

The wall is usable now but not yet complete. We need the pressure treated boards to dry out so that we can apply a coat of stain. The board would like to hear from members as to what color they would like the wall to be: Lake Forest Blue? Gray like on our clubhouse? Or the original Forest Green wall color? Share your thoughts with any trustee on the board.

We also will be placing a 4' size club logo near the top of the board so that it can be easily seen from the water.

On behalf of the club, thank you to the member team that executed this project.



“Lake Forest Works”

“Lake Forest Works” is the current list of projects we are asking for member volunteers to help. Most of them consist of painting, some are repair projects and some are gardening. Most of them can be completed in afternoon or evening and are 1 or 2 person projects. The club will provide all the materials needed and if any additional is needed, the club will reimburse. Most of the tools needed are stored in our new shed behind the beach galley.

A sign up genius has been established to provide organized structure of the “Lake Forest Works” project. Please claim the project you would like to take on so that we know who is helping on each project. The sign up genius link is below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-lake1>

While we will continue having larger planned projects for our community to help us on, this is a way for everyone to help in their own way. We are fortunate to have a great community of members who take pride in our club facilities. It takes all of us to maintain and improve our premises for all.

“Lake Forest Legacy Display”

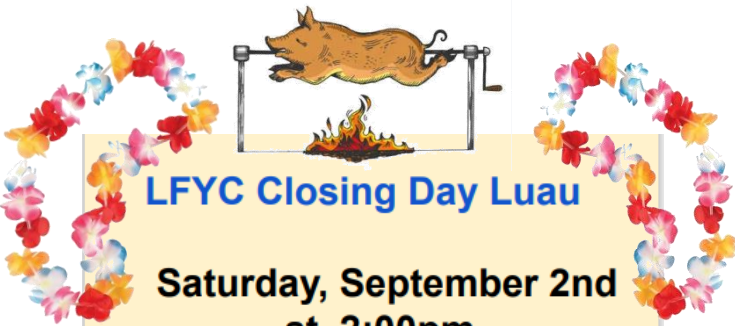
We have almost 70 years of history here at Lake Forest. The display cabinet in the foyer of our clubhouse will be getting an update soon with new lighting and historical items of the LFYC from the past 70 years. It will be displaying items showing the activities of membership in the past. This is a way to preserve and highlight our proud legacy here in Lake Forest.

We are looking for any historical items current or past members would like to provide for our Legacy case. If we don't use your contribution, we will return it to you. Several generations of members have helped make our club the best on Lake Hopatcong. This case will exhibit those accomplishments.

Please contact the club office on any items you can share for this display.



UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS:



LFYC Closing Day Luau

**Saturday, September 2nd
at 2:00pm**

Pig Roast, American BBQ Co, DJ Earl,
Kids Entertainment (TBD), Beverages,
Cornhole tournament

Contact Linda in the office to purchase
your tickets and sign up for the
cornhole tournament. Deadline to
purchase tickets is Friday, August 25th.

Adults:	Kids:
Member-\$35	Under 5: free
Non-member-\$45	Age 5 to 15: \$20
	Non-member: \$25

The Nerds at LFYC



Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023 3 to 5pm
You must buy tickets to attend the
event. Tickets include the band and
beverages.

*This is an adult only event.

Ticket price: \$35 members, \$45
non-members

On sale July 8-14 members only. July
15 it is open for non-resident/
non-members (10 guests per member)
Limited tickets available.

**Lake Hopatcong
Grand Prix**

**September 8-10, 2023
Lake Forest Yacht Club**

**35 Yacht Club Drive
Lake Hopatcong, NJ**

OPBA
OFFSHORE POWERBOAT ASSOCIATION



Beach Concessions: UPDATED MENU

Thank you to our Beach Concession Committee for all their work to get the Snack Shack stocked and ready for the season. Please reach out to our club office or Kristen Brown to volunteer to help the committee, or if you have any questions or suggestions. Please see our 2023 Snack Shack menu. Menu will change as needed throughout the summer.

 Snack Stand Menu	
Drinks:	Lunch Items:
Koolaid \$0.50	Cup of Soup \$2.00
Water \$1.00	Mozzarella Sticks (6) \$3.50
Seltzer \$1.00	Chicken Nuggets (6) \$3.50
Soda \$1.00	Uncrustables \$2.00
Gatorade \$1.50	Bagel Bites (6) \$3.00
	Mac and Cheese \$2.00
	White Castle cheeseburgers 2/\$3
	Lunchables \$2.00
Snacks:	Ice Cream/Ice Pops:
Planters Nuts \$1.00	Freeze Pop \$0.25
Skinny Pop \$1.25	Ice Cream Sand./cup \$1.00
Applesauce \$0.50	Twin Pops \$1.00
Chips/pretzels \$1.00	Cookie Sandwich \$1.50
Slim Jim 2/\$1.00	Cones \$1.50
Cookies \$1.00	Snickers \$1.00
Veggie Straws \$1.00	Twix \$1.00
Poptarts \$1.00	
Candy:	
Air Head 3/\$1.00	
Skittles/Starburst \$1.50	
Ring Pop \$0.50	

August & Sept Event Schedule:

- August 4th- 11AM Craft on the Beach
- August 5th- Camp Out on the Beach
- August 12th Wakeoff
- August 13th- 2PM to 6PM. Band on the Beach featuring Kevin McArdle
- August 18th- 7PM Ice Cream Social
- August 19th – 2PM Cornhole Tournament
- August 20th – 2PM Pirates & Mermaid Day
- August 27th – 2PM –6PM. Band on the Beach featuring Bill Ruddy
- September 2nd h- Closing Day Luau
- September 9th & 10th- OPA Boat Races
- September 17th- 3PM – 5PM. Special Event— The Nerds at LFYC

Hi Lake Forest! We have many great events planned for this summer; however, all events are not possible without volunteers! Please sign up to help where you can. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958. Thank you.

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

Calling All Stay at Home Parents!

Please come on down to the club for parent meet-ups for playdates. This month, playdates are outdoors, not inside the clubhouse. All ages birth to 5 years old welcome. Please feel free to bring a toy to share or toy to donate to the playdate at the club. This is open to members only. Upcoming dates to be announced

Senior Citizen Get Togethers: Returning in September:

Calling all cooks! We are looking for people to run a Sunday breakfast on the beach or a Taco Tuesday. Please reach out to Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958 or Desirae Nigro at 908-892-3679, if you would like to run one or have any questions

Social Committee Needs You!!

We need your help. Did you know that volunteers plan and run all of our social events? In order to keep having great events, we need more volunteers. Please sign up for the event/events you would like to help plan. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958.

Lake Forest Club Rules 2023

Please review the following club rules to help with smooth operations for our 2023 summer season. The Lake Forest Yacht Club grounds are intended for use solely by its members and their non-resident 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 on it.
- 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 and should be supervised at all times. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.
- No member or non-member may traverse or use any Lake Forest property, other than roadways and parking lots, with gas powered vehicles including, Motorcycles/Bikes or ATV's without the express permission of the Lake Forest Yacht Club. Any damage caused shall be responsibility of the individual using such vehicles.
- Use of the facility is permitted only in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local laws and ordinances.

WHEN A LIFEGUARD IS ON DUTY:

- Children 12 years 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 the diving platform.
- Only one person is 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 the 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. volleyball area.
- Fires are not permitted on the beach/sand area.
- Motor vehicles and Bike Riding are 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 lifeguard's stand.
- Fold down umbrellas when not in use
- Trailers are not permitted in the 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.
- Limit of 10 guests per day. If you require additional guests, please check with the office.
- 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. **No person eligible to join LFYC may be a guest of a member.** Gate keys are not to be provided to any nonmembers for their use without the owner of the key being present and again, **No person eligible to join LFYC may be a guest of a member or use any portion of the club facilities.** 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.

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



Regina Ashworth

Sales Representative

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Office: 973-584-2300



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!

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.

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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!

- Samantha Gowers – 201-704-7658
- Elise Gilligan* - 973-440-7166
- Maddie Luke* - 973-800-5541

**Indicates Red Cross Certification*

Lost Badge Fee:

Starting for 2023, 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 needs.



Share Important News!

Send us your important news like births, birthdays, anniversaries so they can be included in the next porthole!

LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 7/13/23

Attendees: Frank, Keith, Peter, Pat, Kristen, Bryan

Called to Order: 7:03pm

Adjourned: 8:44pm

Scribe: Linda Sobieski

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## **Frank:Commodore/Docks/Scholarship/Clubhouse**

- New shower tower- Installed but not working properly. Manufacturer to be contacted
- 8 New Lifetime tables purchased to replace wooden picnic tables for under shade sails
- 2nd plaque for scholarship recipients purchased and to be installed
- AAA dock repair company will look at the B&C docks to see what needs to be repaired next year so budget line can be can adjusted
- Dock ramp to be inspected during draw down to see if repairs are needed
- Wall ball court repairs scheduled at 8:30am on 7/29. Logo on upper half of wall to be done
- Kegeerator is leaking from inside the door, temperature adjusted and leak to be addressed
- Kitchen cabinets in clubhouse need to be cleaned out, outside spigot need to be repaired, pocket panel door needs tracks clean out for easier gliding. Commodore room door is stuck and will be fixed
- No room left on Trustee Plaque, will take down and reposition all the plates to give us another 20 plus years

### **Upcoming Club Projects:**

- Glare shield for lamp light to be installed and adjust the B&C Dock lights
- Dive Tower fountain jets and tower spotlight: Pump working and fountain sprays work but issue is damaged pipe to pull water from lake. Blue 50-gallon barrel with 3" holes drilled on side and covered with screen to prevent clogging.

Some new PVC Pipe. Plan to have this done by end of month.

- Spotlight at Tower: To be ordered and installed on 4 x 4 attached to pump area box. Photo sensor to illuminate flagpole at night. Flag remains up all season.
- Senior citizen member beach rail: to be installed
- Organization behind the galley
- Cleanup of area behind Commodore room
- Speakers / Sound system at Galley: Possible improvement for both stereo and speakers
- Sign up Genius is set up for small projects and supplies will be provided

## **Pat: Treasurer/Grounds**

- Attorney consulted in regards to Sales Tax disucssion. Club an charge Sales tax because our membership is optional
- Loan status reviewed and making good progress
- 2024 Budget planning done

## **Bryan: Bi-Laws/Insurance/Legal**

- Membership Rules- Update to detail policy regarding motorized vehicles on club grounds

## **Keith: Maintenance/Nominating/Boating**

- Maintenance- Some clubhouse items to be fixed in clubhouse
- Boat Races-Contract to be signed. Police will be present Saturday and Sunday of races

## **Peter: Security/Wakeoff**

- Security Update- Security company is doing a great job
- Wakeoff- Beer truck to be set up and licenses at office

## **Kristen: Social/Beach**

- Beach Update- Concession stand is doing good
- Upcoming Social Events- Camp out on beach is 8/5 rain date is 8/18. Closing Day is Luau theme and using American BBQ. Kegs to be cleaned before closing day event