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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.

The cleanup procedure of our grounds was a little different this year but yielded the same results. THANK YOU to everyone that signed up and completed tasks to make our property clean, safe and looking great! There is always more to do. If you have time and would like to help out with some light work please contact any of the trustees.



We have some great news to share. After some research, we were able to identify a company that can replace the components of the playground. Our playground has great bones but needs a little more TLC and some new slides. It makes more fiscal sense to keep the bones intact and make repairs rather than spend another \$40,000 on a new playground. The new slides were ordered and hopefully they will arrive shortly and will be installed ASAP. Our fundraising efforts were jump started and the purchase of the new slides was made possible by a very generous donation from Carole and Nicholas Bradley. Thank you very much Carole, the children of Lake Forest will enjoy that playground for many, many more years to come.

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 Anna. Anna will be working back at the office shortly, but please continue to contact her through phone or email first as needed. If a pickup or drop off is required, Anna will provide you with direction to follow for a safe transaction. Also, please take note and familiarize yourself and family of the normal beach rules and the social distancing guidelines for the soft opening of our beach.

Please be on the lookout for an email regarding the semi annual meeting. At this time we are unable to hold a conventional general meeting. The board has decided to present information to you as an update to the first half of the year. In the prerecorded video we will supply our individual trustee updates regarding our responsibilities and also address any questions or concerns you have as long as those inquiries are furnished to us by June 16. We hope you enjoy the summer.

Thank you,

Mike Malakuskie

Commodore

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Monday 9-1, Wednesday 10-7



Thursday 9-1, Saturday 9:30-12:30



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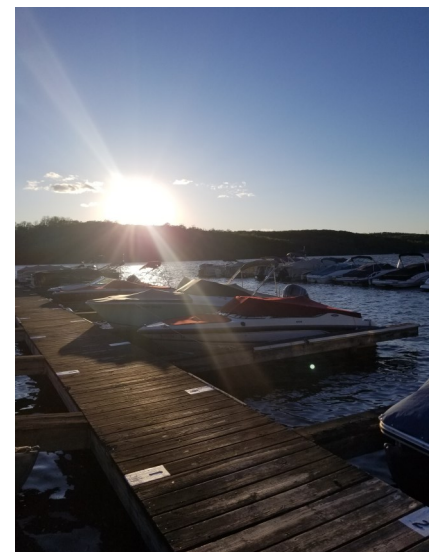
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Mark Your CALENDAR



June 18

Semi-Annual Meeting



June 21

Father's Day

Lake Forest Members-Students Domestic Service Providers



Tutors



Babysitters - *Red Cross Certified

Shanna Leek *(16) 973-663-1904

Kristie Thompson * (17) 973-663-2027

Samantha Gowers (16) 201-704-7658

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Rebecca Schultz * (17) 973-876-0362

Elise Gilligan* (15) 973-440-7166

Veronica Carrion (17) 862-803-4101 –English, math, science (Lake Forest community only)



congratulations
Graduates
class of 2020



Congrats to Max and the Class of 2020!

**We are so proud of you! Wishing you
continued success at Cape Fear
Community College this Fall.**

Go Sea Devils!!

Love,

Mom, Ray, Jackson, Molly and Mako

Congratulations, Rebecca!

**We are so proud of all you have
accomplished! Your future is bright!**

**Whatever you set your mind to you will
achieve!**

We love you, Mom, Dad & Michela





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Congratulations, Nicole, on your high school graduation. We are so proud of all you have achieved and the woman you have become inside and out. We know with your continued hard work and perseverance you will be successful in college.

Follow your dreams toward accomplishing the goals you have set for your future. We know you will enjoy the career you are working toward because you are resilient. We wish you the best of luck and will be here for you always.

Love, Mom, Dad and Anthony

Congratulations Jessica!





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**Nicholas we are so proud of
the young man you have
become. You are smart and
kind and you push yourself to
be better everyday.
We love you! Dad, Mom,
Dylan and Tyler.**

Congratulations Cassidy!

**We're excited for your next chapter
to begin!**



Congratulations **2020 Graduates!**

Well, we can't believe how quickly the years have gone. A bittersweet ending to a wonderful journey! You gave dad and I so much joy watching you grow up to become the mature, hard working, well-rounded and sweet young lady that you are today. We could not be more proud of you! You begin the next path in the fall as a High School Mathematics Educator. You are going to be a fantastic teacher!! We wish you well on your future endeavors and many years of happiness!

**Congratulations kiddo!!! With much love, Dad,
Mom & Kelly!**



Congrats to Kelly Squier on graduating from Syracuse University with a BS in Finance...and her new job at Jefferies in NYC!



LAKE FOREST YACHT CLUB - BEACH UPDATE

As of 5/18/2020 due to the Covid-19 restrictions

1. Lifeguards will be on duty as of 5/23 on the weekends Saturdays from 10-8 and Sundays from 10-6, weather permitting. Hours for the Memorial Day holiday will be 10-6. Seven-day lifeguard operations will begin on or around Saturday 6/27.
2. The Snack Shack will be open when lifeguards on duty selling pre-packaged goods.
3. The playground, fields, gaga pit, horseshoe pits, and basketball court remain closed until further notice.
4. Social events (opening day picnic, bands, etc.) will not be held until the guidance changes in this regard.
5. Social distancing must be practiced by maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from those outside of your household. This applies to adults and children alike. Please do not congregate in close groups anywhere on the property.
6. At this time, we will need to limit the number of member's guests to five (5) per day, per household. We expect all members and guests to abide by item #5 above regarding social distancing.
7. Restrooms will be open, however only one person, or child(ren) accompanied by a parent will be allowed to enter the restroom facility at a time. Others must wait outside.
8. Restrooms and other high-touch areas will be cleaned several times each day lifeguards are on duty.
9. Community/shared grills will not be made available until further notice.
10. Picnic tables are being moved to maintain social distance. Do not move the picnic tables.
11. The dive tower platform will be marked to maintain distance if a line forms.
12. Community/shared beach toys, noodles, kayaks, etc. will not be available until further notice.
13. Please remember, our lifeguards' number one priority, as always, will be concentrating on helping to ensure water safety. They will not enforce social distancing guidelines.

SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILE BOATING

Only boat with those in your
FAMILY OR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD



MAINTAIN A SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCE AT YOUR BOAT DOCK, BOAT RAMPS, & FUEL DOCKS. AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY CONTACT WITH OTHERS.



DON'T RAFT UP TO OTHER BOATERS, KEEP A 50 FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCE WHILE UNDERWAY, ANCHORING OR MOORING.



AFTER TOUCHING A MARINA GATE, BOAT LINES, OR FUEL PUMP IN A COMMON AREA, WASH YOUR HANDS OR USE A HAND SANITIZER TO DISINFECT THEM.



PACK FOOD, WATER AND OTHER THINGS YOU MAY NEED AS RESTAURANTS AND MARINA STORES MAY NOT BE OPEN.



DON'T GO BOATING IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS SICK.

New Jersey boatyards and marinas are open for personal use, restaurants at those locations can serve only takeout and delivery.

GO RIGHT FROM YOUR HOUSE TO THE BOAT AND BACK



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.NJSP.ORG/MARINE-SERVICES



DEP Guidance on HABS

A new tiered approach from DEP was released May 21, 2022. The updated strategy takes into account data collected by DEP over the 2019 season and shows a desire from DEP to work with partners such as the Lake Hopatcong Commission, Lake Hopatcong Foundation, Princeton Hydro and other lakes groups to consider and incorporate suggestions that impact our communities. The new strategy includes six tiers, NONE, WATCH, ALERT, ADVISORY, WARNING and DANGER. The tiered approach is designed to notify the public of potential health effects and allow for more informed decision making by providing information on the risks associated with primary contact.

WATCH will be posted when cell counts exceed 20,000 cells to notify the public of potential less serious health effects and allow for more informed decisions. Public beaches remain open. Use caution during primary contact.

ALERT is for public bathing beach closure only and is indicated when a HAB has been confirmed, with cell counts between 40,000 and 80,000 and no known toxins above the public threshold. Beaches remain open (dependent upon local health authority) and should increase monitoring for future toxin production.

ADVISORY will be posted when cell counts exceed 80,000 cells or when toxin levels exceed 3 micrograms per milliliter of microcystins, even if cell counts are below 80,000. Public beaches closed.

WARNING and **DANGER** tiers are designed to communicate HABs that are producing very high levels of toxins which justify additional caution. Public beaches closed.

HAB ALERT LEVEL	CRITERIA	RECOMMENDATIONS
NONE	No HAB present or reported.	None
WATCH <i>Suspected or confirmed HAB with potential for allergenic and irritative health effects</i>	Suspected HAB based on visual assessment or screening test OR Lab confirmed cell counts between 20k – 40k cells/mL AND No known toxins above public health thresholds	Public Bathing Beaches Open (dependent upon local health authority evaluation and assessment) Waterbody Accessible: ➤ Use caution during primary contact (e.g. swimming) and secondary (e.g. non-contact boating) recreational activities Do not ingest water (people/pets/livestock) Do not consume fish
ALERT <i>Confirmed HAB that requires greater observation due to increasing potential for toxin production</i> PUBLIC BATHING BEACHES INCREASE MONITORING	Lab confirmed cell counts between 40k – 80k cells/mL AND No known toxins above public health threshold	WATCH remains in effect. Public Bathing Beaches Open (dependent upon local health authority evaluation and assessment) and should observe and report changing bloom conditions Waterbody Accessible: ➤ Use caution during primary contact (e.g. swimming) and secondary (e.g. non-contact boating) recreational activities Do not ingest water (people/pets/livestock) Do not consume fish
ADVISORY <i>Confirmed HAB with <u>moderate risk</u> of adverse health effects and increased potential for toxins above public health thresholds</i>	Lab testing for toxins exceeds public health thresholds OR Lab confirmed cell counts above 80K cells/mL OR Field measurement evidence indicating HAB present and above guidance thresholds (e.g. phycocyanin readings)	Public Bathing Beaches Closed Waterbody Remains Accessible: ➤ Avoid primary contact recreation (e.g. swimming) ➤ Use caution for secondary contact recreation (e.g. boating without water contact) Do not ingest water (people/pets/livestock) Do not consume fish
WARNING <i>Confirmed HAB with <u>high risk</u> of adverse health effects due to high toxin levels</i>	Toxin (microcystin) 20 - 2000 µg/l AND/OR Additional evidence, including, expanding bloom, increasing toxin levels (i.e. duration, spatial extent or negative human or animal health impacts) indicates that additional recommendations are warranted	Public Bathing Beaches Closed Waterbody Remains Accessible: ➤ Avoid primary contact recreation (e.g. swimming) ➤ May recommend against secondary contact recreation (e.g. boating without water contact) with additional evidence Do not ingest water (people/pets/livestock) Do not consume fish
DANGER <i>Confirmed HAB with <u>very high risk</u> of adverse health effects due to very high toxin levels</i>	Toxin (microcystin) > 2000 µg/l AND/OR Additional evidence, including, expanding bloom, increasing toxin levels (i.e. duration, spatial extent or negative human or animal health impacts) indicates that additional recommendations are warranted	Closure of Public Bathing Beaches Possible closure of all or portions of waterbody and possible restrictions access to shoreline. Avoid primary contact recreation (e.g. swimming) May recommend against secondary contact recreation with additional evidence Do not ingest water (people/pets/livestock)

Gov's HABs Initiative Strategy Needs	2018/19 Strategy	2020 Proposed Strategy
Evaluate existing Advisory Guidance Levels – Cells count and 3 Toxins New Toxins	Cell count – 1 threshold ≥20,000 cells/mL 3 Toxins >3µg/L Microcystins >8 ug/l Cylindrospermopsin >27 ug/l Anatoxin	Cell Count – 3 thresholds ≥20,000, ≥40,000 (monitoring) and ≥80,000 cells/mL Toxins – Advisory toxin thresholds for toxins remain the same New Toxin in progress - Saxitoxin
Evaluate notification/ advisory tiers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance alignment of advisory tiers w/expected adverse health responses Use new 2017-2019 NJ HAB Database 	2 tiers – Warning (Suspected) Danger (Confirmed)	5 tiers - Watch – Suspected and Confirmed- Cell Count, toxins Alert – Cell Count (beach monitoring) Advisory – Cell Count, toxins Warning - microcystins Danger - microcystins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance communication Develop interactive mapping & reporting system 	Division/Bureau HAB website: Monitoring, Testing, Strategy, Advisory Signs , Outreach factsheets HAB event reporting- Table by municipality usually w/o data	Comprehensive DEP HAB website - Expanded web presence -e.g. links to drinking water, prevention. New advisory signs. HAB event reporting - Interactive mapping tool by site or waterbody w/data
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advance monitoring, lab testing, research & data management Enhance capacities - all areas 	Limited advanced monitoring tools No DEP lab certification for Toxins No HAB database Capacities limited –internal & external	Advanced monitoring tools included DEP certification available for microcystins HAB database developed (2017-2019) Internal capacity enhancement? External Capacities – NJ Water Monitoring Council (NJWMC), CEHA, Watershed Assoc's

Summary of Key 2020 Proposed Strategy Revisions

- Data and science-driven enhancements with interested party and public input
- Five alert tiers (one monitoring tier) vs two tiers
- Better alignment between advisory tiers and potential adverse health risks, including increased focus on toxins
- Improved communication through:
 - Clearer signs, including activities that are ok to do (e.g., boating)
 - Interactive mapping tool
- Enhanced application of advanced monitoring tools



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LFYC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13, 2020

Location: Conference Call – Zoom Meeting due to the Covid- 19

Meeting called to order: 7:19 pm, Meeting Adjourned: 9:34 pm

Attendance: Mike Malakuskie, Vanessa Luke, Jaime Evans, Brian Richardson,
Chrissy Gilligan, Vinny Gowers

Mike M. – Commodore,

Grounds/Security:

-Mike is in the process of researching 2 alternative security companies for pricing and terms. A decision will be made once all of the information has been received.

-Clubhouse floors – the member who volunteered to install new floors provided a phone number of a contractor to remove the existing floor. Mike K. also provided a quote for existing floor removal. The Board will further discuss the costs and timing of this project.

-Mike provided an update on the algae water treatment system. Princeton Hydro is the company that received the grant for the algae water treatments. JP Bell is an operating force/project manager subcontractor. JP Bell provided a layout with the location of the cabinet for the aeration equipment. Electrical wiring will need to be supplied and Mike is working with Norris Electric to get this done. Mike also reached out to Princeton Hydro to gather further info on the terms of use/ownership of the new equipment.

-The bathrooms were de-winterized, and everything is working correctly. Mike suggested postponing the project of installing the new toilets. The Board agreed.

-The playground has a small sinkhole created by the settlement of the ground after evacuating the old septic tank. Mike will ask the landscaper to fill it.

-Covid 19 – 6 feet distancing signs were ordered and delivered. The Club will display the signs on the property. Gatherings are not permitted as per the current details of the governor's order.

-The playground's slide facing the Clubhouse was damaged. After reviewing the footage from the security cameras, the member that caused the damage was identified. Two Trustees discussed with the member's family and arrangements are being made with the family to handle

it financially and with assistance in installing the new slide that is being ordered.

-Vinny found a sticker with the name of the company that manufactured the playground. Vanessa located the company and found that replacement parts are available. Mike M. suggested that maybe instead of replacing the whole playground we can start gradually replacing the parts that need it. Vanessa will ask the manufacturer for a few quotes. Quotes will be obtained for installation costs.

Vanessa Luke- Secretary, Office, Communications

-The semiannual meeting will not take place due to the Governor's orders. An informational prerecorded video will be supplied to membership and voting will not take place. Members need to submit any questions and suggestions ahead of the meeting

Jaime Evans - Treasurer, Financials, Legal, Insurance

-The budget for the Clubhouse does not allow room for replacing the clubhouse floor at this time. The Board suggested prioritizing the list of projects. Top priorities include water aeration, the playground, and the Clubhouse floor.

-Weedoo insurance policy was renewed.

-LFYC taxes extension was filed, taxes were pre-paid

Mike K – Maintenance/ Clubhouse/Wakeoff

-Mike M. for Mike K. The Board needs to create an action items list for the maintenance employee.

Brian Richardson - Docks, By-Laws, Swim Team

-Dock slips are sold out. All maintenance on the B&C docks was completed. The Club needs to purchase 20 dock rings. Catwalks maintenance was completed on the day of the meeting.

-Boat safety course might be rescheduled

for the end of the summer.

-The Swim Team is waiting for the Swim League to decide about the 2020 season.

Chrissy Gilligan - Social, Scholarship, Nominating

-Cassidy Espinoza was unanimously chosen as our 2020 LFYC scholarship recipient.

-The member followed up on the idea of hosting a blood drive in LFYC Clubhouse.

-The Board confirmed that the LFYC is not open to public functions and due to Covid -19 the Clubhouse is officially closed.

-Chrissy reported that no one signed up to install the catwalk weed curtain and goose control lines. Recently people have been observed pulling jet skis up to the catwalk as well as people walking on them. This situation is not safe. The Board will try to organize a few people to install curtains and goose guards. The 'Keep Off' signs are a part of the installation.

-Chrissy advised that people who are volunteering to complete cleanup/maintenance tasks should reach out to her or Vinny for cleaning supplies or other items needed. If the Club cannot provide them, they will be reimbursed for the purchase.

Vinny Gowers- Beach/Galley/Lifeguards

-Agra Environmental will start testing water for e coli May 18. Members can swim at their own risk. The Board will be posting updates as they come on Facebook and via emails.