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THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the
Lake Forest Yacht Club



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Frank Gutowski, Commodore



Over the years, there have been many club members who have filled the responsibility of Commodore and helped steer our club through the good times and challenging times. I'm pleased to take over for Vanessa Luke as the 2023 Commodore and to continue those positive initiatives accomplished by Vanessa and the previous board. I look forward to working together with the new board and membership in continuing to improve our club.

Chrissy Gilligan is serving again as Secretary, and James Davitt is our new Treasurer. We also welcome new trustee Pat Brennan, who served with me on a previous board and is also a former Commodore. Peter Malenda, Kristen Brown and Keith Moran are continuing their roles as board members in 2023.

Our Social Committee needs members to help on 2023 events. It is essential that we have members to help plan and execute events. Without additional volunteer help, there may be popular events that get cancelled or never planned. I know we all have family and work obligations that take precedent, but to continue to do these great club events we cannot rely on a select few to get it done for all. Giving a small portion of your time to help our community goes a long way. Please join in and help the social committee execute some of these great events.

Excellent feedback on our sold out Italian Cuisine / Comedy Night on 1/28. Many attendees told me they enjoyed the menu change from the traditional beefsteak and the comedians once again were excellent. Our next two events are the Super Bowl Party on 2/12 and our Texas Hold'em / LRC Tournament on 3/25. Details on both are in this Porthole.

The new board is already busy evaluating operations, repairs and areas of improvement. Membership will certainly see more positive changes in our facility and operations in the coming months. If you have any ideas or suggestions, we'd like to hear them, so please reach out to either myself or any board member. We all want to see our club continue to prosper. With your ideas and involvement, we will.

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Office Hours (as of August 1st):

Wednesday 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Meet the Board of Trustees (officers and responsibilities TBD)

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Phone: 551-580-0726

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Keith Moran – Trustee – Responsibilities: Maintenance, Nominating, Boat Course

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Additional Contacts

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Phone: 973-876-8974

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Dockmaster: Frank Gutowski

Phone: 201-679-5837

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Updated Event Schedule!!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events!

Seniors Citizen Get Togethers: Come on down to the club to enjoy games and conversations from 3-5pm. There will be donuts and coffee while supplies last. Upcoming dates: February 7th and possibly February 21st



Save the date:

2/12/23: Super Bowl Party

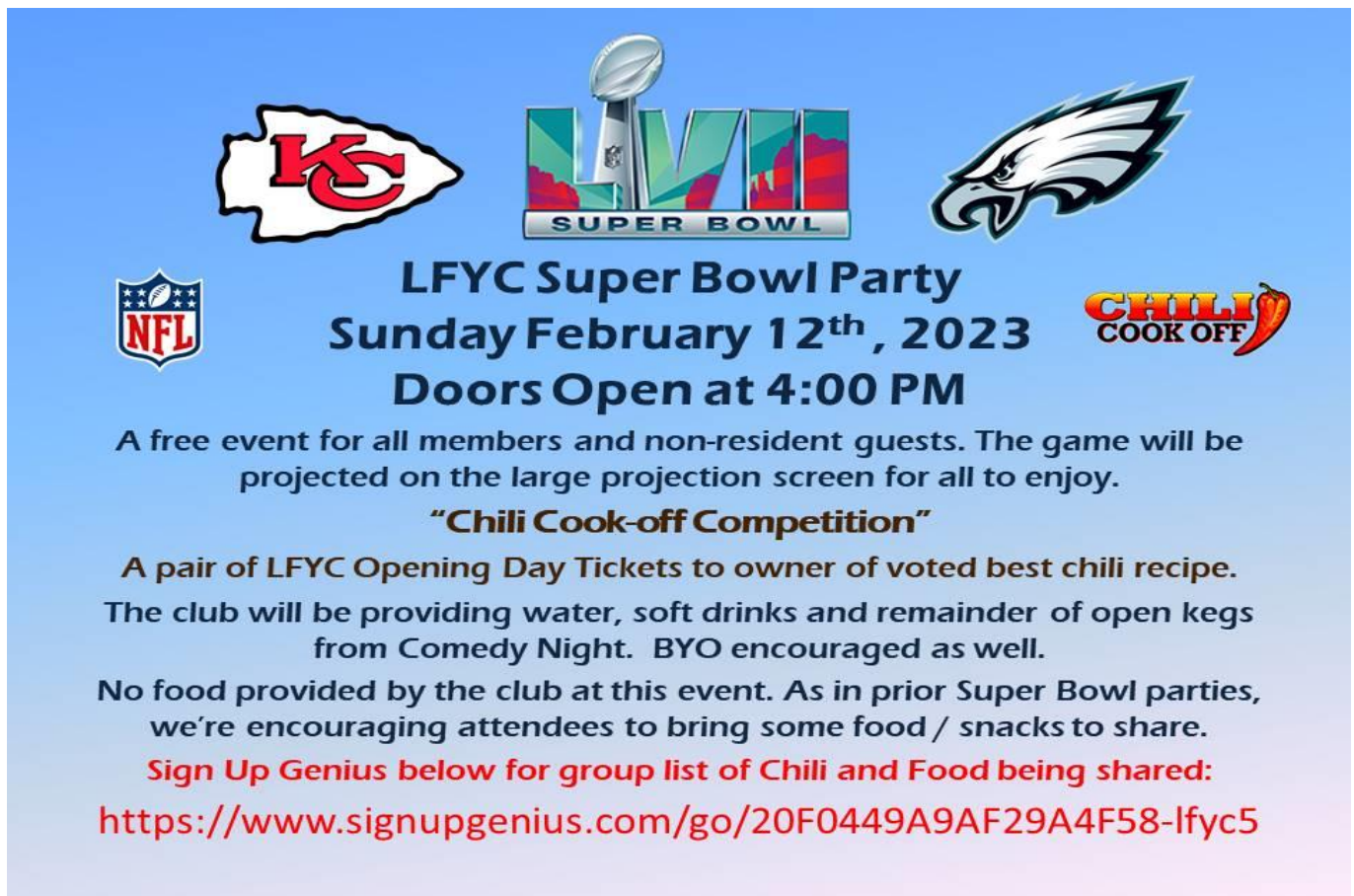
3/25/23: Texas Hold-em/LRC night (page 4 for details)

4/1/23: Easter Egg Hunt

Social Committee Needs You!!

The Social Committee is always looking for help. If you are interested in helping with an event or have ideas for new events, please reach out to Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958 or Desirae Nigro at 908-892-3679.

Upcoming Social Committee meeting dates: February 13th and March 16th at 7pm



The flyer features logos for the Kansas City Chiefs, the Super Bowl trophy, the Philadelphia Eagles, the NFL, and a Chili Cook Off. The text is centered and reads: 'LFYC Super Bowl Party Sunday February 12th, 2023 Doors Open at 4:00 PM'. Below this, it states: 'A free event for all members and non-resident guests. The game will be projected on the large projection screen for all to enjoy. "Chili Cook-off Competition" A pair of LFYC Opening Day Tickets to owner of voted best chili recipe. The club will be providing water, soft drinks and remainder of open kegs from Comedy Night. BYO encouraged as well. No food provided by the club at this event. As in prior Super Bowl parties, we're encouraging attendees to bring some food / snacks to share. Sign Up Genius below for group list of Chili and Food being shared: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-lfyc5'

LRC & Texas Hold-em Tournament Night

Date: March 25th, 2023

LFYC Members & their guest can pay until March 18th
Entry to 3 rounds of LRC or Hold'em. (Can't play in both events)

\$ 35.00 per person

Gift cards for top 3 finishers in each tournament

Sandwiches, beverages & pizza included.

Timeline:

6:15 doors open – Sandwiches, Beverages, tables established.

7:00 - Tournament starts

8:30 - Pizza Break

10:00 +/- Final tables for both games established

10:45 – 11:00PM - Winners announced

Any questions please call / text Glenn DeSantis 201-294-5003



Boating Safety Course

Boating Safety First is offering a course and exam sponsored by the Lake Forest Yacht Club to obtain the NJ Boating Safety Certificate (NJ BSC) to operate a Power Boat/PWC (Jet Ski) legally in NJ inland waterways.

Date: Saturday March 11th

Address: LFYC 35 Yacht Club Drive, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849

Course & Exam are 8 am to 5 pm

Check in at 7:30 am

LFYC members student fee is \$80. All others student fee is \$90.

Lunch is included. Students will receive the NJ BSC at the completion of the course and passing the exam.

Enroll via email; f.federico@att.net Include name, home address and phone number.

Visit <http://www.boatingsafetyfirst.com/> for course enrollment details, or call Frank at 973-610-1121, with any questions.



The \$2,500.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

Application period starts in less than 30 days!

We are one month away from the start of the 2023 LFYC Scholarship application period. We want to remind all of our members who are 2023 graduating seniors to consider applying for this scholarship which will help you get started on your higher education.

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 2023 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 available starting on March 1st on our website.

NOTE: Two application revisions for the 2023 Scholarship Submission:

1. The online application is in pdf format and all entries must be typed. **No handwritten applications accepted this year.** 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 2023. 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 five members of the 2023 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, 2023.

Membership Fees

Master lease is due in full 15 days from invoice date. Membership dues may be paid in 2 installments. The 1st installment by November 30th, 2022, and the 2nd by March 15th, 2023.

If you have attained age 65, please contact the office to change your membership status and fees to senior. Proof of age is required.

Membership Dues and Dock Rentals for 2023

Please be advised that membership dues have been set at the following rates effective 10/1/2022:

Membership Dues

Single: \$423.50 + tax

Family: \$550.00 + tax

Senior: \$269.50 + tax

Dock Rental Fees for 2023

Member Dock Rental: \$675.00

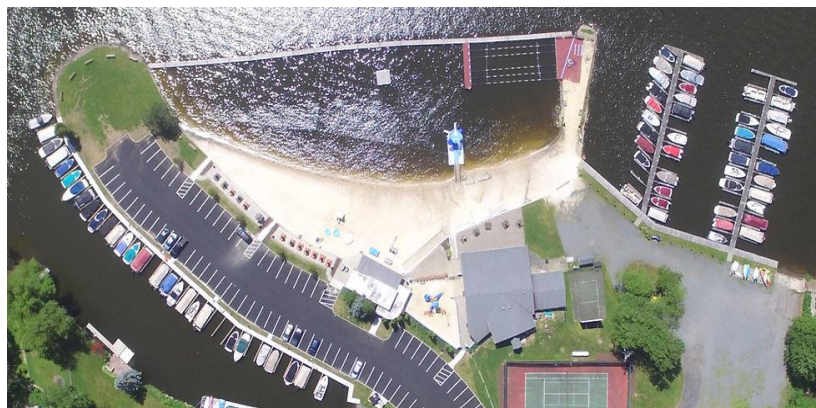
Non-Member Dock Rental: \$1959.75

There are no changes to master lease rates and there are no changes at this time to clubhouse rental fees.

Club Maintenance To-Do List

The Board of Trustees is currently looking for volunteers to help with the following jobs:

- Painting at the Galley (list date 5/22 – this will now wait until spring)
- Replace Timer for Lights in Galley Hallway (list date 5/22)
- Clean and organize storage room in club house (list date 10/22)



If you can volunteer your skills and some time, or would like more information, please reach out to the office to be included in planning! We will update this list on an ongoing basis.

BEST PRACTICES: To Keep our Club Clean!

- Please remember our club operates with volunteers and everyone's help is needed to keep it maintained!
- Be sure your trash and recycling makes its way to the appropriate bins at the beach, playground, galley, restrooms, patio, and field while enjoying the property.
- Do not overfill the trash and recycling bins or leave any items next to or on top of the bins.
- Place pizza boxes directly in the recycling dumpster – do not stuff into recycling bins.
- If you see trash on the ground, please be kind and pick it up.
- If trash or recycling is full and you are able to take it to the dumpster, the help is much appreciated.
- Smoking is not permitted on the beach or near the galley or picnic tables. Cigarette butts are not to be left on the ground anywhere on the property, including the parking lots.
- Please refrain from moving adirondack chairs, picnic tables, benches. It causes unnecessary wear and tear on these items.
- Close umbrellas in high wind, if a storm is incoming, or when leaving.
- TVs in the galley are continuously being left on overnight. Remotes are provided on the counter for your use – they must be turned off before leaving.



PLEASE don't do this!!!

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.

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.

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!

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 to these items!

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!

- Shanna Leek* - 973-663-1904
- Samantha Gowers – 201-704-7658
- Rebecca Schultz* - 973-876-0362
- Elise Gilligan* - 973-440-7166
- Michela Schultz* - 973-862-2020

**Indicates Red Cross Certification*

2023 Boat Slips

Boat slip renewals for 2023 have been mailed out. In order to renew/apply for a boat slip all members must fill all of the information in the contract and provide a current copy of the registration.

2023 Season Dock Rental Information

The club office has mailed out the 2023 dock slip rental invoices and rental agreements to all members who rented dock slips in 2022. The 2023 dock rental fee for members is \$675.00. If you plan on renewing for the upcoming season, please return the completed and signed rental agreement along with a copy of your boat registration and payment by March 15th 2023. Also, please indicate if there is any repair issue that you feel needs to be tended to regarding your slip.

If you have no intention to renew your dock slip for the 2023 season, please contact the club office so that we may reassign the slip to another member. We already have several members requesting available dock slips this season.

We will limit dock rentals to one slip per member family until March 18th to accommodate new member requests. As is club policy, dock slips will only be rented to members whose: financial obligations to the club are current, have completed a signed rental agreement and provide a copy of the boat registration indicating member ownership of the boat. All of the above criteria will be required before LFYC approval of dock slip rental or renewal.

For new members, If you'd like to rent a dock slip this season, please contact the club office at 973-663-0158 to request a dock slip. Actual slip assignments for new renters will be determined starting March 18th, after member dock renewals are confirmed.

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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LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 1-11-23

Attendees: Frank, Pat, Chrissy, Keith, James

Called to Order: 6:03

Adjourned: 8:05

Nomination of Trustee positions:

Commodore: James Davitt nominates Frank Gutowski for Commodore, Keith Moran seconds the motion, all in favor yes, Frank Gutowski is now Commodore for Lake Forest Yacht Club for 2023.

Secretary: Frank Gutowski nominates Chrissy Gilligan for Secretary, James Davitt seconds the motion, all in favor- yes, Chrissy Gilligan is now Secretary for Lake Forest Yacht Club for 2023.

Treasurer: Chrissy Gilligan nominates James Davitt for Treasurer, Keith Moran seconds the motion, all in favor yes, - James Davitt is now Treasurer for Lake Forest Yacht Club for 2023.

Selection of Trustee responsibilities for 2023 was done.

Frank: Commodore/Docks/Scholarship

- Clubhouse- 4-6 new folding tables to be purchased to replace broken ones. Budget previously set aside for this purchase
- Topic of possible new way to organization and store large round tables in back clubhouse reviewed
- B&C dock repairs- budget finalized for necessary dock repairs

Chrissy: Secretary/Communications/Office

- Commodore and Secretary to go to bank to update bank information with new Commodore
- Lost badge fee implemented- \$25 per badge for replacements, no fee for updating badge
- Kayaks – board to review potential rules, fees, and organization system for upcoming season
- Geese management- Board to review issue next meeting
- Postcard mailed out once a month to senior citizens in regards to senior citizen get together dates

Pat: Clubhouse

- Security for 2023- Board to review upcoming season expectations for Security Service

James: Treasurer/Bi-Laws/Grounds/Insurance/Swim

- No new updates

Keith: Maintenance/Nominating/Boating

- Boating safety course all set for 3/11
- No other new updates