

The Porthole News

March 2025



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Hi Lake Forest,

We started off February with two great events at the clubhouse with the Italian Dinner / Comedy Night and the Super Bowl Party. A big thank you to Frank Gutowski for hosting both events and all that went into planning them.

Unfortunately we also had one event cancelled for the Daytona 500 due to a lack of volunteers to help run it.



The 2025 LFYC Scholarship application period will open on March 1st and end on April 11th. All applications need to be submitted by the deadline of April 11th to be considered.

For members wanting a dock slip for the 2025 season, the renewal deadline is March 15th. Please make sure to renew your slip by the 15th as we have a bunch of new member requests. We want to make sure we can try to accommodate all members the best we can. The Kayak rack rental renewals are also due by April 1st for those who want to renew their kayak rack slip. After April 1st all available kayak rack slips will be made available to new member requests.

In efforts to think about warm weather we are targeting April 19th as our Spring Cleanup at the beach. The winter has been pretty brutal at the beach this year with a lot of blowing sand and recently a big ice flow that hopefully didn't cause any issues. We are going to need a lot of volunteers to help get our Galley and beach cleaned up for another great summer.

Opening Day conversations are being had, Club projects are being planned and don't forget about Family Night at the Clubhouse! It's a great time and fun to get out of the house for the whole family to play games and try out some crafts.

Please take a look at the Social calendar to see what events you would like to attend and even volunteer to help make them happen. Remember volunteers are what makes all of this happen.

Sincerely,

Peter Moreland

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Office Reminders/Notices

March Office Hours:

Please note the office will be closed from March 6th thru March 16th

The office will be closed on Saturday 3/22 and 3/29. I will be in the office on Sunday 3/23 & 3/30 from 9:30 to 12:30

2025 Member Badge Stickers are In!

Only members whose 2025 dues are paid in full may pick up 2025 season badge stickers.

Paperless Invoices & Payment

If you're interested in receiving your invoices via e-mail with options to pay online, please contact the office.

Membership Fees Reminder:

Master lease is due in full 15 days from invoice date. Beach Membership dues 2nd installments is due by 3/30/2025

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

We are looking for a refrigerator for the Lifeguard shack if anyone has one.

Mark Your **CALENDAR**



Save the Dates



3/15 Boating Safety Course



3/28 Family Fun Night 6 to 8



3/30 Swim Team Registration

3 to 5



4/13 Easter Egg Hunt 1:00pm



4/19 Spring Clean Up Day 9:00am



2025 Season Dock Rental Information

The club office has mailed out the 2025 dock slip rental invoices and rental agreements to all members who rented dock slips in 2024. The 2025 dock rental fee for members is \$725.00. 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, 2025. 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 of renewing your dock slip for the 2025 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 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.



2025 Kayak Rack Slip Rentals

The club office has mailed out the 2025 Kayak slip rental agreements to all members who rented Kayak

slips in 2024. If you plan on renewing for the upcoming season, please return the completed and signed rental agreement along with payment.



We have 36 Kayak slips available to rental each season, season starts on April 20th and concludes on October 31st. The Kayak Racks may only be used during the rental season and vessels need to be removed at conclusion of the season.

Only Kayaks, Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP) and Canoes may be stored on the racks. None may be stored on the ground. Members that would like to rent a slip on the kayak rack need to complete the kayak rack rental agreement and provide the rental fee payment of \$25 for the season. Each renter will receive a Kayak Storage Permit sticker to attach to their vessel. Each sticker is individually numbered for member identification of property.

Reach out to the club office to rent a slip as numbered in the image above as well as on the kayak racks. Kayak rack slips 31 to 36 is reserved exclusively for SUP's. All other kayak slips are open for kayaks, SUP or canoes. Just like how we manage our dock rentals, members who rent in 2024 will have first right to renew for the following year.

The rental fees collected will be used for kayak rack repairs and new racks built. . This is the best way for us to provide structured assignment of these racks for members as well as using those fees collected to maintain, improve and replace, when needed.



The \$2,500.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

Applications now being accepted!

Members may now apply for the 2025 LFYC Scholarship, which we will be awarding to one of our members who is a 2025 graduating high school senior. Applications are available on our website: www.lfyc.org. The deadline for submission for this scholarship is April 11th 2025.

2025 Scholarship Submission:

The online application is in MS Word and 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.

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 11:59 PM on April 11th 2025. 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.

Only applications emailed to our club office at, office@lfyc.org, will be accepted. Do not send completed applications through school submission portal.

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 2025 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 11:59 PM on April 11th, 2025. The five members of the 2025 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, 2025.



The Social Committee needs volunteers!

✦ **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** ✦

Want to be part of the Easter magic?

We're looking for volunteers to help with:

- * Egg packing ○
- * Event setup ☹
- * Fun activity ideas!
- * someone to be the Easter Bunny (We have a new size large bunny suit)
- * picture backdrop idea and set up

Our annual Opening Day celebration is coming up, and we need your help to make it a success! While ticket sales help offset the event costs, we rely on volunteers to make it truly happen. We're looking for assistance with:

- 50/50 raffle sales
- Event setup (tables, chairs, coolers, and ice pickup)
- Post-event cleanup
- Tournament coordination (Horseshoe, Cornhole, or Pickleball) your choice
- someone to pick up the kegs
- Pick up Ice

I understand everyone's time is valuable, but a little help from you would make a huge difference.

💡 If you're interested in volunteering, please [Contact : Des via text or call 908-892-3679

The Lake Forest Yacht Club

Easter Fun Day

Sunday, April 13th, 2025 1:00pm

🐰 Hop into Spring with Lake Forest! 🌷

Get ready for our annual Easter Egg Hunt & Pictures with the Easter Bunny! 📷

Join us for an afternoon of family fun! Hunt for colorful eggs filled with treats and snap a photo with the Easter Bunny himself! 🐰 Kids of all ages are welcome! Don't forget your baskets and cameras!

Bring a snack or Dessert to share!!

Be sure to hop on over!





Beach Lovers: Help Us Stock the Concession Stand!

Hey Beach Bums! Want to contribute to the fun at our beach this summer? We're looking for a few awesome volunteers to help us keep our concession stand stocked with all the good stuff. It's a super easy way to get involved and make a real difference!

What's Involved?

We need 5 volunteers to be part of our Concessions Crew. Don't worry, it's not a huge time commitment! Here's what you'd be doing:

- **Menu Planning:** Help us decide what treats to offer – from refreshing drinks to yummy snacks and everything in between!
- **Smart Shopping:** Use your savvy shopping skills to find the best deals on supplies (we'll reimburse you!).
- **Keeping Things Stocked:** Help make sure the concession stand has plenty of everything throughout the summer.

The best part? You *don't* have to work at the concession stand itself. We have a great team for that. You'll just be helping behind the scenes with the fun part – choosing the goodies and keeping them coming!

Why Volunteer?

- **Support Our Community:** Help make our beach the best it can be.
- **Easy and Fun:** It's a low-key way to get involved and meet other beach lovers.
- **Make a Difference:** Your help will ensure everyone has access to their favorite snacks and drinks all summer long.

Interested? Call or text Des 908-892-3679.

Boating Safety Course & Exam 03/15/2025

- Date:** March 15, 2025
- Location:** Lake Forest Yacht Club
35 Yacht Club Drive
Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849
- Time:** 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, with check in at 7:30 am
- Course Details:** The course includes both instruction and exam to obtain the NJ Boating Safety Certificate (NJ BSC) for operating a Power Boat/ PWC (Jet Ski) legally in NJ inland waterways.
- Course Fee:** Student fee is \$100. Lunch is included.
- You Receive:** Students will receive a temporary NJ BSC upon completion of the course and passing the exam.
The permanent NJ BSC will be mailed to students later.
- Enrollment:** Enroll via email: f.federico@att.net. Include your name, home address, and cell phone number.
- Web site:** [Home / boatingsafetyfirst](http://Home/boatingsafetyfirst) for more courses.



Certification Class

June 7th & 8th

Must be 16 by July 1st



Recertification cost \$200.

Full certification \$400

Contact Scott 973-534-6778

**Lets Congratulate our Beach Director Scott Davis
on the arrival of his son Thomas on 2/18**





Grounds/Beach Clean Up Day April 19th

We are looking for the community help to get our beach and grounds ready for the spring and summer season. With a long winter getting on its way behind us. We are looking forward to the spring clean up. Here is a list of a few jobs/projects that we are looking for assistance with:

- ♦ Assemble the catwalks, weed curtains, goose guards
- ♦ Clean galley, galley bathrooms, ERR, BBQ Grills
- ♦ Clean playground, parking lot, B&C lot, softball field , tennis court
- ♦ Hang the TVs
- ♦ Plant flowers—by the playground and by the office
- ♦ Install galley countertops





NJRLL Small Division Champs 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019!!

INTERESTED IN SWIMMING?

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.

Everyone is welcome on the Lake Forest Swim Team

You do not have to live in Lake Forest

Join us at Lake Forest Yacht Club for

Open Registration on March 30, 2025

from 3pm – 5pm

Meet our coaches & mingle with our parents

Ask questions and learn about the team - order team apparel

bathing suit fitting - Pizza will be served while supplies last!

Have questions and don't want to wait?

Contact Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958 or kristenbrown34@gmail.com



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ANNOUNCEMENT

We like to share news and announcements from our members in the monthly Porthole Issues. 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's issue.



Babysitter List - *Red Cross Certified

*Aubrey Gilligan 973-461-3900

Lake Forest Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting – February 13th, 2025

Location: LFYC Clubhouse

Meeting called to order: 7:06 Meeting Adjourned: 9:12

Peter Moreland - Commodore: Communications, Website, Porthole, Docks

Attendance: Dan Vinson, Evan Kurzman, Justin Bosi, Tom DeSena. Joe O'Donnell, Dmitry Bohdan, Peter Moreland

Peter Moreland - Commodore: Communications, Website, Porthole, Docks

Discussed electronic speed sign on Yacht Club Drive/ Peter to speak with the Town / Pending response from the town.

Idea for a workshop discuss/ events and rates

Discussion on discounts / for workshop

Docks:

Critical B and C Dock analysis with Walt at AAA Docks are still pending.

Evan Kurzman, Treasurer: Financials, Budget, Grant and Scholarship & Wakeoff

Finance Update

Budget review still pending.

CD rates poor and we could get other investments for more like US treasuries.

Approved add \$1,000 more to loan payment.

Evan review of Zelle and electronic payment for the club. Ok for the club and payments, pending for the snack shack. No fees

Mortgage information.

Next meeting amount for master lease to be reviewed.

Joe, Secretary: Office, Beach, Legal & Insurance & Swim Team

Legal / Insurance

Joe to get input from Bryan H on any change to insurance with a gate on dive tower/ Met with Bryan and outcome is anything we do to secure or deter people will only be supported by the insurance company.

Review of sample gate for catwalks and dive tower

Joe to start the process for review of Master Lease at Termination / not yet started

Office Update

Swim Team: For their event they are ok to use the gally bathrooms.

Swim team contract approved, and dock loan paid.

Review of Clubhouse Rentals

Linda:

Tony D'alauro a separate sign in for WIX from mine so I can see who makes changes.

Moving to the publisher for the Porthole

In the office procedures document for charity events, Linda to send out what she found and will discuss at next meeting.

Dmitry Bohdan: Grounds, Maintenance, Tennis Courts & Nominating Committee

Grounds

Clubhouse Patio Drainage Project to eliminate erosion.

Will did our snow clean up first for the Sunday Eagles Superbowl win. He did a great job!

Electrical quotes are in, 1 still pending.

Beach cleanup April 19th

Tennis Court Curtains discussion they will give us 25% off for damaged curtains. We will use different ties

Workshop Feb 27 @ 7PM location TBD

Lake Forest Board Meeting Minutes

Dan Vinson: Social, By-Laws, Clubhouse, Welcoming new membership

Actions/New Business:

- 1/24/25: Family Night – fun night, sign to be updated.
- 2/1/25: Italian Cuisine/Comedy Night – very successful, turn out lower than past ones.
- 2/9/25: Superbowl Party – good time had by all EALGLES are the Champions
- 2/16/25: Daytona 500 Cancelled as no one volunteered to run it.
- 2/28/25 Second Family Night

By Laws meeting still pending in discussion with Pat.

Discussion on a new lock for the AV closet

Review of items at the club house that need to be fixed bathroom fans.

For welcoming new members Linda will notify Dan, and he will do a reach out

Justin Bosi: Security, Boat Races, Boat Safety Course

Replace rotted out poles around basketball area = Justin looking into

Septic Covers needed Justin to handle the spring.

The system needed to be reset Peter came to the rescue.

Safety course coming

Club house floors one estimate in

Security Update

LADD Security Update.

Security was on premise October 30th for mischief night. No damage or vandalism at club property.

All other Security activities concluded for year.

Wi-Fi Connectivity update

Security Camera to be added to clubhouse storage room.

Improved Audio at Clubhouse and Beach Galley/ still pending

NEW Business & Action Items:

Eagle scout project for baseball field approved.

Discussed cleaning out maintenance room/ Date TBD

Other Action Items/Follow Up:

Legacy Porthole issues update

Improved Audio at Clubhouse and Beach Galley

NO UPDATE: Still pending on Casey Johnston availability.

Casey Johnston has this on his task list. Install date TBD

Clubhouse audio both outside and inside first.

New wiring, speakers, microphones, AV Closet renovation

New projects

Replace rotted out poles around basketball area

Can we add more to need areas? Agree to do so, as long as we have the equipment and manpower. Need to look at chains

Clubhouse sliding doors/ Dan and Tom. Pending Tom's return

Catwalk bolts on Swim Curtains

Gate at the end of each catwalk

Light by the ball field Dimitry to work on

Light in the parking lot needs to be replaced Pete to contact the company.

For the electrical work Justin to reach out to Neil