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THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Lake Forest Yacht Club



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Frank Gutowski, Commodore

We had an excellent turnout for our Super Bowl party on February 12th, with plenty of food and 12 chili recipes competing in our Chili Cook-off. Congratulations to Bo and Debbie Ferguson for winning the Chili Cook-off and receiving a pair of Opening Day Picnic tickets. Our next social event is the Texas Hold'em / L.R.C. tournament on March 25th that is being coordinated by Glenn DeSantis. This is the one winter club event that we extend an invite to all Lake Forest residents and their guests to come down and enjoy a popular social event at the club. More details on this event on page 5.

The 2023 LFYC Scholarship application period is now open through April 15th. New requirements this year include typed applications and submission via email only. More details on page 7. Dock rental renewal deadline is March 15th. If you plan on renewing your dock slip for 2023, please take care of it at the club office by the deadline. We have many new members requesting dock slips and I will begin assigning the open, non-renewed, slips on March 16th. We will be sold out again this year and not be able to accommodate any non-member dock rentals. Also, if you are a new boater, you'll need a NJ Boating Safety Certificate. On Saturday March 11th, you can take the course at our club and attain the Boating Safety Certificate. Details on the course are on page 5.

Due to the increase in members wanting to use the kayak racks and only having 36 slips available, we are now renting kayak slips at \$25 per season. Just like dock rentals, members will sign a rental agreement and receive a kayak rack permit sticker to identify their property. The rental policy is to provide easier management of the racks as well as accruing funds to fix and replace those racks as needed. More details may be found on page 8.

Helping make the club a pleasant experience for all requires membership to contribute and volunteer some of their time to achieve that. We have beach clean-up day on April 15th and a clubhouse repair project on April 22nd that we need members to help. This helps control our operating costs and gets membership involved in improving our club. A new member committee is also being formed called "Beach Concessions Committee". We need 5 members for the committee, not to run the stand, only to select and source the concessions you want to see offered this year. More details on these projects are in this Porthole.

In conclusion of my March message, I want to recognize James Davitt for his service on the trustee board the past 14 months and most recently as Treasurer. He accomplished many projects and was a dedicated board member in helping improve our club as a trustee. Unfortunately, James had to resign his position on the board in February due to increased work commitments. Pat Brennan has taken over as club Treasurer. On behalf of the LFYC membership, I'd like to thank James for his service on the board and for being a valued member of the Lake Forest Yacht Club.

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

Board of Trustees (officers and responsibilities)

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NFL LFYC Super Bowl Party
Sunday February 12th, 2023 



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: To be announced

Save the date: 3/25/23: Texas Hold-em/LRC night (page 5 for details)



Hop on over to Lake Forest Yacht Club to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1 from 9:00-11:00.

We will offer bagels, donuts, refreshments, a craft for the kids, and of course an Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will be here from 9:30-10:30, egg hunt will be around 10:00.

This event is open to members and their nonmember/nonresident guests. Please bring your own basket.

Please RSVP with the number attending. We are trying to get a rough idea of how many people will be there.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-Ifyc6>

Calling All Stay at Home Moms!

Lake Forest is looking to start a playdate during the week.

Be on the lookout for the details coming out soon!

Youth Tennis Lessons:

The club is looking to do youth tennis lessons for members in the Spring. It would be a group lesson of 4 kids to a group for an hour for a select number of weeks. Cost would be \$30 a kid for each lesson. Please reach out to Kristen Brown if interested. 973-768-6958

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: March 16th at 7pm

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.



LRC & Texas Hold-em Tournament Night

Date: March 25th, 2023

This is a Lake Forest Community Event where all Lake Forest Residents may attend this event. Lake Forest residents, club 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



April 22nd Clubhouse Façade Repair

Need a Team of 5 Volunteers

The wood on the south side façade of our clubhouse needs to be replaced. This has been an eyesore for quite a while with the paint peeling off the wood and warped wood as seen in the photo. These need to be replaced and we are securing the materials needed to paint and replace the wood façade and have selected Saturday April 22nd for the club project. To minimize cost, we are making this repair a member project.



I have Bill Brown leading the project on that day and I need 5 member volunteers to help us with this repair. The project entails taking down the old wood boards, painting new T1-11 wood siding panels, helping cut and attach to building. New vents will be installed as well. We're renting a scissor lift for Bill and a member volunteer to do the removal and new panel install. Remainder of team will be helping on ground transferring debris to the dumpster and providing material to go up on the clubhouse.

Please reach out to me via e-mail or cell if you can give us 4-6 hours on Saturday April 22nd to help on this needed repair.

Frank Gutowski

Beach Concessions Committee

We are looking for 5 members to volunteer 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.

That is why we are requesting member volunteers to help on this committee to provide our community with an excellent experience this summer at our concession stand. Please reach out to our club office to volunteer, or if you have any questions in regard, please speak with Kristen Brown who oversees beach operations this year.

The \$2,500.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

Applications now being accepted!

Members may now apply for the 2023 LFYC Scholarship, which we will be awarding to one of our members who is a 2023 graduating high school senior. Applications are available on our website: www.lfyc.org. The deadline for submission for this scholarship is April 15th 2023.



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 submission. In the event of any discrepancy regarding application submission, it is the responsibility of the 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 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. Application criteria will be found on the LFYC Scholarship Application

Scholarship applications must have an e-mail delivery date no later than April 15th 2023. 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.

2023 Season Dock Rental Renewal

Deadline: March 15th, 2023

As we get closer to the start of the boating season, we want to remind all members who rented slips in 2022 that the March 15th dock slip renewal deadline is approaching. We already have several new member dock slip rental requests that need to be assigned.

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.

After March 15th, all non renewed dock slips will be assigned to the new member rental requests.





2023 Kayak Rack Slip Rentals

With the increase in the number of members and the limited amount of Kayak slips we have, the board has setup a rental policy to assign the Kayak rack slips for members. Starting this year, the club will be renting out the 36 slips on the kayak racks for annual usage. 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 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 2023 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. We will eventually be replacing the older racks with the new version which is racks 1 to 12. 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, these rack structures.

Club Maintenance To-Do List

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

- Painting at the Galley (spring cleanup)
- Replace Timer for Lights in Galley Hallway
- Clean and organize storage room in club house



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.

Membership Fees Reminder:

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.

If you have paid your membership, please stop down the office to get your 2023 stickers.

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

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

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 Dock Slips

Deadline of March 15th for Dock Slip Renewal

In order to renew/apply for a boat slip:

- Members must be current in their club financial obligations.
- Complete and sign a 2023 Rental Agreement
- Provide a current copy of the boat registration.

Beach Spring Clean-up

It's that time of the year again! Mark your calendars for our annual Beach Spring Clean-up.

Date: April 15th. We will need several volunteers to get the list of important beach clean-up and start-up tasks for the season completed. More details to follow.

March Office Hours:

Please note the office will be closed from March 11th to March 21st

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

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LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2/9/23

Attendees: Frank, Chrissy, Peter, James, Kristen, Keith

Called to Order: 7:06pm

Adjourned: 9:30pm

Dan Schultz- Swim Team President- Update board swim team for 2023. Now up to 48 kids on team. In person registration starts 3/26. On line starts 3/1. There will be pancake breakfast fundraiser, cornhole fundraiser and end of the year party. Scott will be returning as head swim coach

Frank: Commodore/Docks/Scholarship

- Clubhouse façade- Side that faces beach to be repaired. 5-6 volunteers needed, machine rented for job. Date April 22nd. Remainder of club siding will be done at future date
- Beach Concession Committee: 5 volunteers needed, committee to purchase/stock snack shack, not run stand
- Kayak Rack Rentals: 36 slots assigned, annual fee of \$25, first come first serve starting March 1st. Season is April 1 – October 31st. Slots 31-36 for stand-up boards only. All must be removed at end of season.
- LFYC Scholarships: Applications start 3/1, Online only, no hand written applications. Information on Lake Forest website under “News”
- Goose management: Received information from Humane Society. Board reviewing potential options
- Office flagpole and light repair to be done
- Board reviewing options for potential ownership of machine-ozone generator from Princeton Hydro
- Cable box will be moved out of closet onto wall fixture so members can use TV during rentals

Chrissy: Secretary/Communications/Office

- Town has confirmed two Lake Forest properties in community now merged/combined into one property

- Optimum monthly bill has been reviewed and lowered
- Office- external hard drives purchased for back up

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

- No new updates

Keith: Maintenance/Nominating/Boating

- Beach cleanup: April 15th

Peter: Security/Wakeoff

- Wakeoff – scheduled for 8/12, fees for this event were reviewed
- Security Camera with improved camera for boat ramp parking lot to be installed. Extra pole to be put in with additional camera
- Security- Pricing will remain the same for this year. Board to lay out expectations of security guards for this year. If Security doesn't meet expectations this year, then next year service will be gone. To be discussed further at annual meeting

Kristen: Social/Beach

- Board to review Beach director and lifeguard expectations and lifeguard salaries for coming season
- Play dates at club: For little kids only, run during the day by a member, more details to follow
- Kids Tennis lessons: \$30 a kid with minimum of 4 kids in a group. Social would reserve the court for date/time.
- Yoga/exercise class Spring/Summer: Looking to run again this year