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THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Lake Forest Yacht Club



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Peter Moreland, Commodore



Hi Lake Forest, I hope everyone is having a great start to 2025 and keeping warm!

On January 8th, the newly elected board had our first meeting and voted on the roles for this year's trustees. Three of us remained from last year's board and we have 4 great new members volunteering their time and effort to our incredible neighborhood.

I have switched from Social Director to the Commodore role, Evan Kurzman is our new Treasurer and Joe O'Donnell remains our secretary for 2025. The rest of the roles, of which there are many, have been divided up amongst ourselves and the rest of the trustees, Dan Vinson, Dmitry Bohdan, Justin Bosi and Tom DeSena. A full list of roles is also below in the meeting notes.

We are all looking forward to a great year and making some needed improvements to our club and community that I will talk about once we have more solid plans.

One of the great things about our community is the social events that the team puts together. As this message goes out the Italian dinner / Comedy night will be about to kick off. We also have a fun Superbowl party and much more planned for the months ahead so please take a look at the social calendar below and online to see what events you would like to attend and even volunteer to help make it happen. Remember volunteers are what makes all of this happen.

Sincerely,

Peter Moreland

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Wednesday 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.
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Board of Trustees (officers and responsibilities)

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Financials, Budget, Wake off and Scholarship

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The \$2500.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

The application period starts in less than 30 days!



We are one month away from the start of the 2025 LFYC Scholarship application period. We want to remind all our members who are 2025 graduating seniors to consider applying for this scholarship which will help you get started on your higher education.

The scholarship will be awarded 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 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.

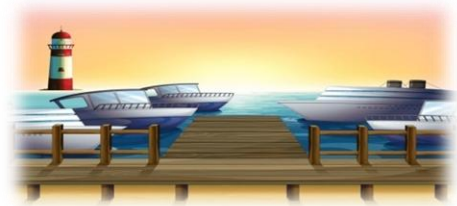
NOTE: 2025 Scholarship Submission:

1. The online application is in both 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 signatures of the applicant or print, sign and scan. Electronic signature or hand signed will be accepted.
2. No mailed or hand-delivery 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.
3. Only applications emailed directly to our club office will be accepted. Do not use your school Scholarship portal for submission. Applications must be received at the club email address, office@lfyc.org, by deadline.

Scholarship applications should be addressed to the LFYC Scholarship Committee and be e-mailed to the LFYC with an e-mail delivery date no later than April 11th, 2025. The five members of the 2025 LFYC Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications and decide on who will be the recipient of this year's LFYC Scholarship. The recipient will be notified on or before May 1st, 2025.

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 2025. 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.

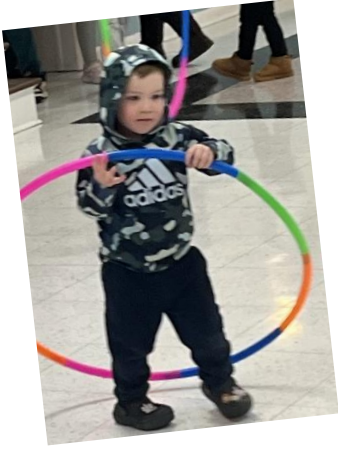
We will limit dock rentals to one slip per family member until March 18th to accommodate new member requests. As is club policy, dock slips will only be rented to members whose: financial obligations to the club are current, have completed a signed rental agreement and provide a copy of the boat registration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

Upcoming Social Events for 2025

<u>2/1/2025</u>	<u>Comedy Night/Italian Night</u>
<u>2/9/2025</u>	<u>Super Bowl (Free) BYOB</u>
<u>2/16/2025</u>	<u>Daytona 500 (Free) BYOB Looking for Host to run this event</u>
<u>2/28/2025</u>	<u>Friday Night Bingo, Movie, Games BYOB</u>
<u>3/15/2025</u>	<u>Boat Safety Course</u>
<u>3/28/2025</u>	<u>Friday Night Bingo, Movie, Games BYOB</u>
<u>4/13/2025</u>	<u>Easter Egg hunt 1:00</u>
<u>5/3/2025</u>	<u>Kentucky Derby (Free) BYOB Looking for Host to run this event</u>
<u>5/17/2025</u>	<u>Mets vs Yankees</u>
<u>5/24/2025</u>	<u>Opening day</u>

Family Game Night



Super Bowl Party

This Sunday we have our annual Super Bowl Party at the club. Doors open at 4PM for all members and non-resident guests who would like to join us for Super Bowl LVIII. We'll have the game projected on our large screen, kegerators will be open, and we will have wine and soft drink beverages as well. Feel free to BYOB whatever additional you may like. This is a free event for all members and their non-resident guests to join us to watch the KC Chiefs take on the SF 49ers.

The club is not providing food for this event as we are leaving that to our guests who want to bring something to share. We will have food tables set up with chafing dishes, plates, utensils and napkins,

Like in previous years we always have a broad selection of food and snacks to munch on during the game. Below is a genius sign-up for members and guests to add what they are bringing so all can see the variety we'll have during the game.



LFYC Super Bowl Party
Sunday February 9th, 2025
Doors Open at 4:00 PM

A free event for all members and nonresident guests. The game will be projected on the large projection screen for all to enjoy.

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 Food being shared:

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Saturday, March 15th

Boating Safety Course

Boating Safety First Boating Safety Course & Exam 03/15/2025

Date: March 15, 2025
Location: Lake Forest Yacht Club

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 pass 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](#)

Social Committee Needs You!!

Did you know that volunteers plan and run all our social events?

Social events are not possible without volunteers! We need your help. 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 Desirae Nigro 908-892-3679.

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

Cell: 973-229-6935

Office: 973-584-2300

E-mail: chillypita@aol.com



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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.

2025 Member Badge Stickers Are In!

2025 Member Badge Stickers are in and can be picked up at the club office. Only members whose 2025 dues are paid in full may pick up 2025 season badge stickers.

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.

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

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!

**Indicates Red Cross Certification*

Lost Badge Fee:

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.

Ice Safety on Lake Hopatcong



Remember: ICE IS NEVER 100 PERCENT SAFE!

All ice is different. Is there snow cover? Has it been a little warmer lately? Is there a muskrat den nearby? Does the water tend to move where you are? All those things can change the strength of the ice under your feet. Black ice is always stronger than white or cloudy ice, but no matter how safe it looks, always be prepared with proper safety equipment and know how to get yourself out if you fall through the ice.



ICE THICKNESS

These are general guidelines for black ice, but again, *ALL ICE IS DIFFERENT*, so be cautious and take note of weather patterns, moving water, and changing ice.

LESS THAN 2"
Unsafe conditions

4" TO 6"
Likely to be safe for small groups

6"+
Groups of Skaters

8"+
Snowmobiles and ATVs

BEFORE YOU GO OUT...

- ✓ Ask an adult's permission first.
- ✓ Figure out how thick the ice is (you can do this by looking at black ice or by having an adult use a drill or an ice auger to measure) and whether it's safe to go out.
- ✓ Tell an adult on shore where you're going and when you think you'll come back.
- ✓ Find someone to join you (do not go out on the ice alone).
- ✓ Wear a life jacket under your winter coat--it will keep you cozy and help you float if you fall through the ice.
- ✓ Bring ice picks, a whistle, and (if possible) a cell phone with you. Have a rope ready on shore in case you need it.

IF YOU FALL THROUGH...

- ✓ Try your best to remain calm and breathe slowly.
- ✓ Turn back behind you, toward the ice that you were just standing on.
- ✓ With a swimming kick, try to push yourself forward onto the ice. (Use ice picks if you have them to get a hold on the ice.)
- ✓ Once you are out of the water, get to a safe, dry, and warm place, remove wet clothing, wrap yourself in a dry blanket, and call for medical help.

IF SOMEONE ELSE FALLS THROUGH...

- ✓ Do NOT reach out to them! Then you might fall in, too.
- ✓ Call 911 or get help.
- ✓ While you're waiting for help, you can extend a branch, pole, ladder, or rope to the person, or guide them out with the steps listed above.



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The Lake Hopatcong Foundation
A project of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation education team
www.LakeHopatcongFoundation.org

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. Please see pricing and style options below

Custom **AA** Crafts

PRICE INCLUDES FRONT LEFT CHEST & LARGE BACK CENTER LOGOS
ALSO AVAILABLE IN GRAY 2XL & UP - ADD \$3

			
Tee - \$22	Long Sleeve - \$24	Zip Up Hoodie - \$32	Polo - \$24
			
Crew Sweatshirt - \$26	Hoodie - \$28	Unisex Tank - \$24	Ladies Tank - \$24
			
			Sweatpants - \$22

February 2025

LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/8/2025 started at 7:12PM and Meeting ended at 9:04PM

Location: Club Office

Type: Monthly Trustee Board Meeting

Meeting Recorder: Joe O'Donnell, Secretary

Attendees

Dan Vinson, Evan Kurman, Justin Bosi, Tom DeSena, Joe O'Donnell, Dmitry Bohdan and Peter Moreland

Minutes/Actions

Peter: Business Items

- **2025 Board Officers and Trustee Assignments.**
 - Selection of 2025 Club Officers **voted unanimously.**
 - Commodore - Peter Moreland, Treasurer Evan Kurman and Secretary Joe O'Donnell
- **2025 Trustee Assignments**
 - Selection of assignments for each Trustee
 - See Separate assignment document.
- **2025 Meeting Schedule**
 - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, In the LFYC Office. The meeting for 2/13 moved due to availability. Discuss workshops and the purpose. Set up as needed.
- **Review Clubhouse Rentals and Repairs**
- **Clubhouse:**
 - HVAC Servicing:
 - Last HVAC service and Tune-up was July 2022. The approximate cost was \$890. We should schedule service in Spring 2025.
 - Also need air filters changed in the clubhouse. – Linda has filter information

Porthole:

- Linda agreed to be Porthole Publisher starting with the February 2025 issue.
- **Docks:**
 - Critical B and C Dock analysis with Walt at AAA Docks are still pending.

Treasurer: Financials, Budget

Evan will meet with Bank to review Mtg.

Joe, Secretary: Office, Beach, Legal & Insurance

Linda

- **Clubhouse Walk through.**
- **Keep Linda in the Loop of what you are working on and doing!**
- **E-mail – test email will be sent once all accounts set up.**
- **Reports = Linda and Evan to meet and review**
- **Go over documents in Binder/ any changes let Linda know.**
- **Linda requested that an action item section be added to meeting minutes Joe agreed.**

Boat Safety Course is scheduled for March 15th, 2025, = Linda will email course director and provide Justin's contact info.

- Maintenance Update
 - Beach Closedown - TVs, BBQs and Chairs still outside, need help putting them in Galley.

Security, Wi-Fi Connectivity

Actions/New Business:

- Security Update
 - LADD Security 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

Peter: Social, Welcoming

- Social Committee status
 - Committee Staffing and Event planning.
 - Confirmed with Bob Soldoveri they will help take the Christmas tree down when the weather improves.
 - New Years part club costs \$700.
- Upcoming
 - 1/24/25: Family Night
 - 2/1/25: Italian Cuisine/Comedy Night
 - 2/9/25: Superbowl Part
 - 2/16/25: Daytona 500

Dmitry: Grounds, Tennis, Wakeoff

- Grounds
 - Clubhouse patio Drainage Project to eliminate erosion – to be done in early Spring.

NEW Business & Action Items:

Any new projects any members are looking to do.

- Replace rotted out poles around basketball area = Justin looking into
- Clubhouse sliding doors.
- Septic Covers needed Justin to handle.
- Evan review of Zellie and electronic payment for the club
- Joe to start the process for review of Master Lease at Termination
- Joe Gates for the cat walks
- Linda, please post in the porthole we are looking for a refrigerator for the lifeguard shack.
- Eagle scout project for baseball field approved.
- Joe to get input from Bryan H on any change to insurance with a gate on dive tower.
- Light by the ball field Dimitry to work on
- Discussed electronic speed sign on Yacht Club Drive, Peter to speak with the Town.
- Linda reported that Garbage pickup is now only once per month until May.
- Linda has made the appointment for the floor in the club to be polished.
- Discussed cleaning out maintenance room.

