



May 2023

THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Lake Forest Yacht Club



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Frank Gutowski, Commodore

We have our Semi-Annual Meeting on Friday, May 5th at 8 PM. This is an opportunity for members to receive updates from the trustees on club operations and the many projects the board has undertaken to improve the club. We will also be announcing the recipient of the 2023 LFYC Scholarship at the meeting. We hope you can join us for this meeting.

I want to thank all the members who volunteered for our Beach Clean-up on April 15th. It was a good turnout where we accomplished most of the tasks needed for opening the beach for the season on May 27th. We weren't able to get the painting and picnic table stain applied due to rain forecasted that day. We hope to get volunteers to apply stain to the picnic tables prior to the beach season opener. I also want to thank Keith Moran for organizing the volunteers for the beach cleanup event.

You'll also notice our landscaper completed the Geese Remediation project along A, B and C Docks by replacing the grass with weed fabric and river rocks. We believe this will minimize goose droppings on those walkways as well as having a new aesthetically pleasing appearance. We also completed the Clubhouse Façade repair on April 22nd, where we had an excellent turnout of volunteers. We not only replaced the façade, we also had other projects completed as well. More details including before and after photos on those repairs are on page 7 in this Porthole.

There are many additional projects that will be undertaken over the next several months to continue to update and improve our property that will continue to need member volunteers to help. Some of it is as simple as scraping old cracked paint off the clubhouse and applying a fresh coat of paint. We want to accommodate members who want to help but unable to help us on scheduled project dates. The trustees are working out the logistics to make the tools and paint available for members who want to help out on their own schedule. More details will be forthcoming.

Our next club social event is the largest we have each year: Opening Day Picnic on May 27th. Kristen Brown and the Social Committee are coordinating the event activities and need some volunteer help to manage the event. More details are on page 3 of this Porthole along with a Signup Genius link for member volunteers to help on select tasks. Please volunteer to help, because we can't execute these types of social events without help from member volunteers.

I want to remind longtime members, as well as new members, of the LFYC rules for access to the property and facilities. Only residents who live in the Lake Forest boundaries may be members of the club. Some residents who are our neighbors and friends choose not to be members of the club for their own personal reasons. Being a non-member resident prohibits them from accessing our club property and using any club facilities. Members who provide these non member residents access to our club facilities for their own personal use is circumventing club rules and infringes on all LFYC members that pay dues for access to club facilities. The Lake Forest Board of Trustees is obligated to enforce these membership rules and address violations when reported by members.

I look forward to seeing our members at the Semi Annual meeting and at the Opening Day Picnic later this month.

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Semi-Annual Meeting

Semi-Annual meeting will be Friday May 5th at 8:00pm
We must reach a quorum by 8:15 p.m. in order to hold the meeting. It would be great to see some new faces alongside our returning members, so if you have not attended an official meeting before, please attend!

**Semi-Annual Meeting
May 5th, 2023 @ 8PM**

Order of Business
Minutes of Previous Meeting
2023 LFYC Scholarship Announcement
Reports from club officers & trustees:

Frank Gutowski
Chrissy Gilligan
Pat Brennan
Keith Moran
Kristen Brown
Bryan Hyland
Peter Malenda

New Business
New business from floor
Questions and Answers



Let's Celebrate our Graduates!

Let's Congratulate our Grads!! We want to celebrate our graduates in next month's Porthole! Email the office at office@lfyc.org with a photo and a message for your graduate. Preschool, kindergarten, middle school, high school, or college – we want to celebrate their accomplishments! Please submit no later than May 20th so that there is enough time to include everyone's information.

Updated Event Schedule!!

Opening Day Picnic

Date: Saturday May 27th, 2 PM

Opening Day Picnic is almost here! All members are invited along with their non-resident guests. Prices are as follows and include food, catered by American BBQ Co., and beverages.

Members Adult: \$30 (age 16 and above) Children: ages 5-15: \$15 under 5: free

Non-Resident guests of members: Adult: \$40 (16 and above) Children: ages 11-15: \$20 ages 5 and under: free.

2 PM: DJ Earl kicks off event

3 PM: Horseshoe Tournament 3 PM: children's entertainment with Miss Jolie.

4 PM: Food service begins

Please sign up/RSVP with the office during office hours (see website for hours) by Wednesday, May 17th. After the deadline, ticket prices will increase by \$5 a ticket. Wristbands must be purchased in advance with the office.

We need volunteers to make Opening Day happen! Please see link below to sign-up to help with needed tasks:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-opening2>



Save the Date!

- Schools Out Event – June 23rd
- Camp Out on the Beach – August 5th (rain date 8/19)
- Craft on the Beach - 7/14, 7/18, 8/4
- Pirates/Mermaids Day- August 20th
- Ice Cream Social- 7/7, 7/21, 8/18

Calling All Stay at Home Parents!

Please come on down to the clubhouse for parent meet-ups for playdates. All ages birth to 5 years old welcome. Please feel free to bring a toy to share or a toy to donate to the playdate at the club. This is open to members only. Upcoming dates: May 8th and May 22nd

May Seniors Citizen Get Togethers: Come on down to the club to enjoy games and conversations.

There will be donuts and coffee while supplies last. Upcoming dates: May 2nd , May 16th , May 30th Time: 2-4pm

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!!

We need your help. Did you know that volunteers plan and run all of our social events? In order 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 Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-upcoming1>

Lifeguards 2023 Season We're continuing to accept applications for 2023 lifeguard positions! Both new and returning lifeguards must complete the application and submit to the office no later than April 21st. Weekend operations will begin mid-May until school is out and then daily operations begin through Labor Day Weekend. Lifeguard training and a Red Cross Certificate including Waterfront are required before beginning employment. Lifeguard training/certification will be held at LFYC, date TBD. Contact Scott Davis at 973-534-6778 to sign up for the certification.

Swim Lessons 2023: If your child is in need of swim lessons, please stop down the office to fill out a registration form. Below are the swim levels along with dates and times swim lessons will be available this season. We ask that you choose the convenient two days a week, time slot and the instructor will call you to discuss the details More information to follow

Beginners Level: in their first experience in the water, breathing, Instructor will lead children floating, proper arm and leg motions– younger age group.

Monday 10am-2pm

Tuesday 2pm-4pm

Wednesday 10am-2pm

Thursday 2pm-4pm

Sunday 10-12

Intermediate Level:

Children will learn /improve formal strokes, coordination of breathing, kick, and arm motions - older age group.

Monday 10am-2pm

Tuesday 2pm-4pm

Wednesday 10am-2pm

Thursday 2pm-4pm

Sunday 10-12

Beach Rules 2023

Please review the following beach rules to help with smooth operations for our 2023 summer season. The Lake Forest Yacht Club grounds are intended for use solely by its members and their non-resident guests. All members have a responsibility to see that the following rules are adhered to during the year.

GENERAL:

- Use of this facility is at your own risk, lifeguards are there to help provide safety, but not guarantee it.
- Parents are responsible for their children's actions and will be held liable.
- All members and guests must be in possession of a LFYC beach badge with the current year sticker on it.
- Cars must display a LFYC hang tag with the current year sticker.
- LFYC is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
- Animals are welcome on LFYC property but are not permitted on the beach/sand and should be supervised at all times. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.
- Use of the facility is permitted only in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local laws and ordinances.

WHEN A LIFEGUARD IS ON DUTY:

- Children 12 years and older are allowed to be on the beach and in the water. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied/supervised by a responsible guardian.

WHEN A LIFEGUARD IS NOT ON DUTY:

- All persons under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible guardian, 16 years or older, when on the beach or swimming.

SWIMMING AND DIVING:

- Swimming is permitted in designated areas only and may be restricted by lifeguards at any time.
- High dive tower is off limits when the lifeguards are off duty.
- No pushing or shoving on the diving platform.
- Only one person is permitted on the diving board, high dive platform, or ladder at a time.
- Divers must dive forward off the board, not to the right or left.
- Exit the water via appropriate ladders. High dive to the right and low board to the left.

BEACH:

- Ball playing is prohibited, except in designated area i.e. volleyball area.
- Fires are not permitted on the beach/sand area.
- Motor vehicles are not permitted in the beach/sand area.

- Bike riding is not permitted in the beach/sand area.
- Fishing from sanded and posted areas is prohibited.
- Umbrellas, pop-up tents, etc. are not to obstruct the lifeguard's view and should not be placed beyond the line of the lifeguard's stand.
- Trailers are not permitted in the beach parking area.
- Do not litter. Put all debris in the provided, marked containers.
- NO GLASS ALLOWED ON BEACH.

GUESTS:

- LFYC Members are responsible for their guests and must be present with them at all times.
- Guests must have 1 day parking pass.
- No person eligible to join LFYC may be a guest of a member
- Limit of 10 guests per day. If you require additional guests, please check with the office.

Beach Concessions Committee Virtual Meeting

There will be a virtual meeting **Monday May 1st 8-9pm.**

<https://meet.google.com/urr-khsp-opy>

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.

Volunteers are still needed 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.

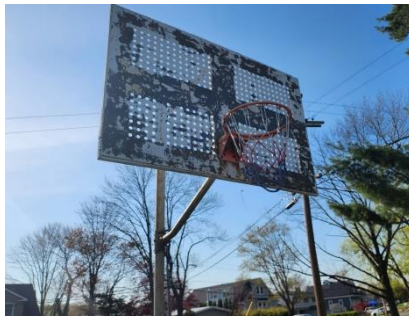
The committee would run from early May through Labor Day and be asked to:

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.



Clubhouse Facade Renovation and Other Repairs



This clubhouse facade repair project is completed. We want to thank all the members who came out on April 22nd and 23rd to help on the clubhouse façade and other projects:

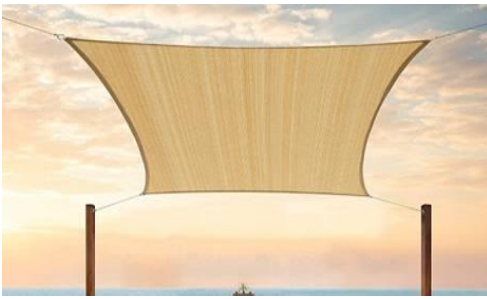
Anthony Ortega, Bill Brown, Dimitry Bohdan, Doug Morrow, Joe Morel, Keith Kesheneff, Keith Moran, Mike Espinoza, Mike Kahwaty, Peter Malenda, Phil Netti and Vinny Gowers.

Special thanks to:

- Anthony Ortega and Bill Brown on the skyjack removing the old facade boards and nailing on our new facade
- Joe Morel and Keith Kesheneff who repaired two heavily damaged octagon picnic tables and replaced rotted boards on many other tables.
- Peter Malenda and Vinny Gowers who assembled and installed our new flagpole at the office.
- Mike Kahwaty on the rebuild of the trash can enclosure at B and C Dock.
- Keith Moran and Dimitry Bohdan on sanding and painting the basketball court backboards and poles, in advance of our basketball court repaving this coming week.

Member volunteers like these help us efficiently manage our club expenditures in maintaining and improving our club. There will be more property improvement projects the trustee board will be initiating and we hope to get more member involvement on those as we go through the year.

Once again, on behalf of club membership, thank you to all the member volunteers we had this weekend to execute these projects.



Sun Shade Sail Project *Project Date: Saturday May 13th*

We are looking for 6 volunteers to help assemble and set up new sun shade sails at the beach. Project requires drilling holes for posts to be installed. Possibly some cement footings. Positioning and stretching the shade sails

Please reach out to Frank Gutowski with any questions and if you are able to volunteer.



2023 Kayak Rack Slip Rentals

We still have some slips available on our kayak racks for the season. The rental season starts on April 1st and concludes on October 31st. The Kayak

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.

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!!!!

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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2023 Stickers

Please remember when picking up your 2023 stickers, please bring your badges and car tags with you to pick up your stickers

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*

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.

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.

LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 4/12/23

Attendees: Frank, Pat, Peter, Kristen, Keith, Bryan, Chrissy

Called to Order: 7:06pm

Adjourned: 9:36pm

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## **Frank: Commodore/Docks/Scholarship**

- Dock rentals: 83 rented, 79 member, 4 non-members, 2 open slots (B2, A1) until 4/26 then open to non-members
- Scholarship Update: Selection Meeting scheduled for Tue 4/25 7pm
- Clubhouse: 4/22 Façade repair on schedule. May project: Storage room reorganization/clean out. Details to follow and volunteers needed. Keg locks installed and LED lighting for trophy cabinet and multi switch in foyer not all working. To be repaired
- Lighthouse: Solar lights not working will be replaced and reposition after rock installation
- Office flagpole: Broken and unrepairable. To be replaced along with lighting since also not working
- Beach Shade sail: All components for two 16 sections have been purchased. Install date 4/29
- Boat races: Member approval at 2016 annual meeting granting trustees authority to schedule boat races and wake off for all future dates. Meeting between Boat Races and LFYC to be set

## **Chrissy: Secretary/Communications/Office**

- No new updates

## **Pat: Treasurer/Grounds**

- Dredge project: Permits to be obtained, don't need to dredge swim lanes at this time

## **Bryan: Bi-Laws/Insurance/Legal**

- All insurances renewed and up to date

## **Keith: Maintenance/Nominating/Boating**

- Basketball court replacement project: Member volunteered to paint basketball back boards Estimates still being obtained for project
- Beach Clean-up 4/15- machine confirmed, supplies have been purchased
- B&C dock lighting upgrade to be done
- Member donated 85-inch TV to club. Small lock box put cable box in needed outside closet
- Swim Team: contract signed for upcoming season

## **Peter: Security/Wakeoff**

- Security Camera for boat ramp to be done at later time
- Beach Galley timer: to be done
- Security Update: contract received, company still looking for additional new hires
- Aeration Transfer: decision made to not move forward with aeration machine, correspondence sent to LHC for them to remove the system.
- Weedoo Machine: Needs to be prepped for season

## **Kristen: Social/Beach**

- Kegs in clubhouse to be cleaned before opening day picnic
- Opening day picnic pricing reviewed and to be announced to community
- New ping pong table for beach to be purchased
- Lifeguards staffing for upcoming season reviewed. Guards will receive 2 suits and a sweatshirt free
- Concession Committee- 3 people interested in being on this committee. Google survey to be sent to see what snacks are wanted for season