

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a sunset over a large body of water, likely a lake. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. In the distance, a dark silhouette of a forested shoreline is visible.

Lake Forest Yacht Club
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May 2026



Commodore's Message

Hello Lake Forest Members,

Beach season is almost here—which means it's time for a little spring cleanup at the club! We're looking for volunteers to help get the beach ready for summer, and we'd love to see you there. If you can spare a morning, join us on Saturday, May 9th at 9AM.

Also, don't forget about our Semi-Annual Meeting on Friday, May, 8th at 8PM. The Board of Trustees will share updates on the state of the club, and members will vote on proposed By-Law changes as well as a proposal to allow non-rental use of the clubhouse. We hope you can make it to both events!



April flew by, but not without some great moments at the club. We had fantastic turnout for both the Blood Drive and the Kids Fishing Tournament. And a special congratulations to Sophia for reeling in an impressive 16½-inch bass!

Looking ahead, preparations are underway for our Opening Day BBQ on Saturday, May 23rd, where we'll be celebrating America's 250th birthday in style. We're going all-in on a festive Red, White & Blue theme, so break out your best patriotic summer gear and come ready to celebrate! BBQ ticket sales end May 16th, so be sure to grab yours soon.

See you at the club!

Dan

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 9-2

Wednesday 12-7

Saturday 9:30-12:30



Meet The Board of Trustees

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commodore@lfyc.org

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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 8, 2026 at 8PM

TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE LAKE FOREST YACHT CLUB:

Notice is hereby given that the semi-annual meeting of the Lake Forest Yacht Club is scheduled for **Friday, May 8, 2026 at 8:00 PM** at the Lake Forest Yacht Club, Jefferson Township, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey.

Order of Business:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Fiscal Report
3. Reports of Officers and Board of Trustees
4. New Business:
 - By-Law Changes
 - Proposed expanded use of clubhouse.
5. Question and answer period

A QUORUM MUST BE MET BY 8: 15 PM TO HOLD THIS REGULAR MEETING. ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON **MAY 8th, 2026** MAY ATTEND THE MEETING.

Proposed Bylaw changes for Semi Annual Meeting, May 8, 2026

Present Verbiage	Proposed Verbiage	Reason
The name of this organization shall be the Lake Forest Yacht Club; hereinafter referred to as the Club in these by-laws. Its principal office and mailing address shall be Lake Forest Yacht Club, R.D. #1, PO Box 217, Lake Forest Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849	The name of this organization shall be the Lake Forest Yacht Club; hereinafter referred to as the Club in these by-laws. Its principal office address is 35 Yacht Club Drive, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849 and mailing address shall be PO BOX 217 Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849.	Updating Address
NONE	Addition of the following: C. The primary purpose is to support social activities amongst our member and their guests.	Clarification, i.e. we are not a marina, etc.
A. Purchase- Owners of real property in the Lake Forest Reservation may purchase a Lake Forest Yacht Club non-interest bearing bond. Purchase of the Bond may be made from the Board of Trustees upon application thereto. Bonds shall be issued in names of not more than two (2) natural persons. A Bond may be purchased by a single payment of FOUR HUNDRED and no/100 (\$400.00) DOLLARS or five (5) annual payments of ninety-two and no/100 (\$92.00) DOLLARS each. (\$12.00 of the \$92.00 is apportioned as a non-refundable service charge). B. Refund- Bondholders requesting refunds must submit such requests to the Trustees in writing. The Board of Trustees will, upon receipt of such request, take one or more of the following steps; 1. Refund the \$400.00 cost of the Bond.	A. Purchase- Owners of real property in the Lake Forest Reservation must purchase a Lake Forest Yacht Club non-interest bearing bond. Purchase of the Bond may be made from the Board of Trustees upon application thereto. Bonds shall be issued in names of not more than two (2) natural persons. A Bond may be purchased by a single payment of the amount of the maximum dues amount for that year. B. Refund- Bondholders requesting refunds must submit such requests to the Trustees in writing. The Board of Trustees will, upon receipt of such request, take one or more of the following steps; 1. Refund the original deposited amount of the Bond.	Removes the option of making 4 payments with interest. Increases amount from \$400 to the current maximum year's dues.
1. Nonpayment of financial obligations to the Club where those obligations are in default for a period of sixty(60) days. Said obligations include but are not limited to dues, bond payments, assessments, and master lease payments. Notice of said suspension shall be forwarded to the defaulting parties at their residence address and shall be effective upon the date set forth in the notice and privileges shall not be restored until provision is made to bring all obligations current.	1. Nonpayment of financial obligations to the Club where those obligations are in default for a period of sixty(60) days. Said obligations include but are not limited to dues, bond payments, assessments, and master lease payments. Notice of said suspension shall be forwarded to the defaulting parties at their residence address and shall be effective upon the date set forth in the notice and privileges shall not be restored until provision is made to bring all obligations current.	Removal of reference to "bond payments" - refer to Change above:
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The Board of Trustees may levy a special assessment, which in its opinion is for the mutual benefit of the Club members. Any assessment may not exceed TWENTY FIVE and no/100 (\$25.00) DOLLARS per membership household in any one calendar year.	The Board of Trustees may levy a special assessment, which in its opinion is for the mutual benefit of the Club members. Any assessment may not exceed FIVE HUNDRED and no/100 (\$500) DOLLARS per membership household in any one calendar year. The usage of this assessment will be upon the approval of the membership. This amount may be increased when/if required upon the Master Lease increase schedule at the discretion of the board.	Provides an alternative option for the Club to increase revenue for capital improvements. In addition, allows for a COLA increase ongoing.
B. The Commodore, with the Secretary and/or Treasurer shall sign all written contracts and written obligations of the Club. 1. Commodore has singular signatory privileges of Checks written by the Club.	Struck - 1. Commodore has singular signatory privileges of Checks written by the Club.	The club now utilized electronic banking and most checks required physical signatures.
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NOTICE OF VOTE ON NEW CLUBHOUSE USE

TO ALL LAKE FOREST YACHT CLUB MEMBERS

THE PROPOSAL

The Board of Trustees is proposing a new, non-rental use for the clubhouse to be voted on by the membership at the upcoming Semi-Annual Meeting. This initiative aims to increase member value and access.

KEY GOALS

- This is a trial program subject to membership approval by vote.
- Make the clubhouse usable for LFYC members without formal rentals.
- Install an electronic card reader on a designated door (TBD) for entry.

This is a TRIAL program that will run until December 2027. At that time, a formal vote will be taken at the annual meeting to decide if access continues or reverts to rental-only.

ESTIMATE FOR ELECTRONIC DOOR LOCK & ACCESS CONTROL

- Approx. \$4000 for installation.
- Annual hosting fee: \$220.

PROPOSED CLUBHOUSE RULES FOR NEW USE

- No non-members allowed in the club for any reason.
- Keycards are for the exclusive use of you and your household.
- No children under 18 without adult supervision.
- Doors are to remain closed and locked at all times.
- DO NOT open the door for a member of another household. They must scan their own keycard.
- You must scan your card at the reader before entry.
- You are responsible for your mess; clean up after yourself and your children.
- You are responsible for any damage you or your family cause, with costs assessed to your account.
- No entry for anyone who is wet and/or covered in sand. Use the Galley restroom if on the beach/playground.
- No bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, or wheeled toys.
- Open daily from 8 AM to 11 PM. Access restricted during rentals.
- Family-friendly environment. No explicit material on TV; use age-appropriate content for all present.
- \$75 refundable deposit required. Breaking rules forfeits access and deposit.
- Buy-back option after a 2-month waiting period for 2x last deposit.
- After third offense, access requires Board meeting and approval.
- All clubhouse activities must adhere to club rules, and state and local laws.
- No use of club supplies, kegerator, or left-over club beverages.
- Access list of permitted families to be posted.
- If you see something, say something. Protect our property.
- Rules are subject to change and will be published on the website.



LAKE FOREST YACHT CLUB: UPCOMING EVENTS AGENDA



Semi-Annual Meeting

- **Date:** Friday, May 8, 2026
- **Time:** 8:00 PM



Beach Clean-up

- **Date:** Saturday, May 9, 2026
- **Time:** 9:00 AM



Opening Day BBQ ★

- **Date:** Saturday, May 23, 2026
- **Time:** Starting at 2:00 PM (Food served 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM)



Swim Team Pancake Breakfast

- **Date:** Sunday, June 14, 2026



Schools Out Celebration

- **Date:** Friday, June 19, 2026



Band on the Beach

- **Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2026

Celebrating 250 Years of America!

OPENING DAY BBQ

Starting at 2 PM!

Food Served 4:00–7:00 PM

Catered by Bearded Baby Que

THE MEATS

- Brisket • Pulled Pork
- Chicken Thighs

THE SIDES

- Mac & Cheese
- "Yummy" Slaw

Kids Only Menu

- Slider Cheeseburgers
- Grilled Hot Dogs
- Mac & Cheese



Activities

- Inflatable Slide – Starts at 2:00 PM
- Cornhole Tournament, Starts at 3:00 PM

Winning Team Gets: \$100

& Name on the Commodore Cup™

- DJ All Afternoon
- Live Caricature Artist (fun portraits!)
- 50/50 Raffle



DRINKS INCLUDED

Beer • Wine • Soda • Seltzer • Juice

Members

Adult Member \$30

Child Member (under 16) \$10

Non-Members

Adult Non-Member \$50

Child Non-Member (under 16) \$25

Tickets

Deadline: May 16th
(Contact the office
to purchase)

Dessert

Please bring a
small dessert
to share!



April Events Memories



Kid Fishing Tournament



Blood Drive



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3" W x 3" H

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Placement: Full Back
11" W x 11" H

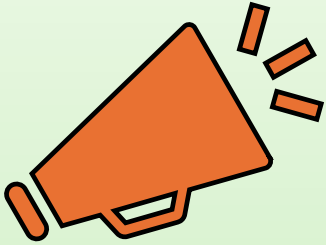
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Crew Sweatshirt - \$26	Hoodie - \$28	Unisex Tank - \$24	Ladies Tank - \$24
 Sweatpants - \$22			

Let us hear from you!



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 engagements, etc., 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.

Red Cross Certified Babysitter List



Aubrey Gilligan 973-461-3900

Maddie Luke 973-800-5541



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/11/2026 at 7:30 PM Ended 9:30 PM

Meeting Recorder: Cody Inglis

Attendees: Dan Vinson, Mark Fontanella, Jon Rudolph, Dan Vinson, Justin Bosi, Cody Inglis, Evan Kurzman, Tom DeSena

Business Items

- By-Law Presentation by Patrick Brennan
 - Vote on Proposed Changes to the By-Laws
 - Change 1: Changes the Address to the building
 - Change 2: Addition of language
 - Change 3: Suspension of Privileges
 - Change 4: Termination of Membership
 - Change 5: Bonds – A. Purchase and B. Refund
 - Change 6: Assessments
 - Change 7: The Commodore – Signatory Privileges
 - Change 8: The Secretary – Signatory Privileges
 - All changes were approved by the Board
- 5K voted on during the March Meeting
 - Need to change the date
 - Voted Yay Unanimously
- Facebook Group for Members only is live
- Race Committee
 - Needs to move forward soon

Trustee Reports

Dan Vinson – Commodore, Communications, By-Laws, Swim Team

- Presented business items above.

Cody Inglis – Secretary, Office, Grant & Scholarship

- Received the information and PIN to access the Optimum account
- Ran Payroll from Jan 1.
- Voted to give Jim in the office a raise.

Justin Bosi – Trustee, Boat Safety Course, Docks, Boat Races, Security

- Security
 - Emailed Bobby that we are not going to use his services
 - Trustees voted on whether or not to have security this year
 - Voted on 4-3 not to have security
 - Voted to have a gate installed to enter the parking lot past the office
 - Voted 5-2
- Boat Safety Course is happening this weekend



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

- Docks
 - Putting new pad eyes in so you can hang the catwalks

Jon Rudolph – Trustee, Grounds, Maintenance, Tennis, Social, Welcoming

- Grounds & Maintenance
 - Going to need to find a skid steer to put the catwalks in. Put a post out on the community page to see if anyone can lend one
 - Worked with Justin to get quotes on getting gates installed
 - Would need permits for electric and building
 - Police would receive gate passes
 - Put an outlet in the last poll by A dock for additional security cameras
- Tennis
 - No update
- Social
 - Spring Cleanup Day
 - May 9th
 - Looking to put the catwalks in before Cleanup Day.
- Welcoming
 - Need to update the new PDF and get it printed

Tom DeSena - Clubhouse

- Clubhouse Update
 - The clock
 - Continuing to do maintenance around the clubhouse

Evan Kurzman – Treasurer, Financials/Budget, Wakeoff

- Chase is officially working
- Review of P&L and a P&L Comparison

Mark Fontanella – Legal/Insurance, Beach, Nominating

- Weedoo was sold for \$5500
 - The purchaser needs the old registration
 - It was removed from the insurance, which comes with a \$352 return on the premium
- The piece for the yellow slide that needs to be welded is currently being worked on
- Lifeguard Meeting is happening on the May 18th
 - Lifeguard Course on May 30th
- Beach sand
 - Voted not to have sand added to the end of the beach