



March 2024

THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Lake Forest Yacht Club



**** Club Office is Closed March 9th through March 16th. Will reopen on Monday, March 18th ****

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



Frank Gutowski, Commodore

We kicked off March with a rocking good time at our Lake Forest Night Club event on Friday March 1st. We had a great turnout of members and guests listening and dancing to the music from the 10-piece band, Treble, for about 4 hours that evening. Check out the photos from that event in this Porthole. Our next event is our annual Texas Hold'em / LRC Tournament on Saturday March 9th coordinated by Glenn DeSantis. It's always a great time for poker players to get into the tournament or for those who prefer the dice game, Left Right Center (LRC), we have tables set up for that tournament as well.

For those who enjoy Yoga, we have Yoga classes every Thursday evening starting on March 7th through April 25th at the clubhouse. Contact Lauren Jelinek for further details in regard. If you are a new boater, you'll need a NJ Boating Safety Certificate in order to boat on Lake Hopatcong. On Saturday March 16th, you can take the course at our club and attain the Boating Safety Certificate required. We finish up the month of March with our annual Easter Egg Hunt taking place on Saturday March 23rd. Details on all these events are on pages 6 and 7.

The 2024 LFYC Scholarship application period is now open through April 15th. All applications need to be typed and submitted via email by the deadline of April 15th. More details on page 3. For members wanting a dock slip for the 2024 season, the renewal deadline is March 15th. Please make sure to renew your slip by the 15th as I have a number of new member requests for dock slips which I will begin to assign after the 15th. 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.

The project to replace the damaged Spiral Slide in the playground has started. The team being led by Trustee Dmitry Bohdan has already removed the damaged slide and is preparing for the excavation work to remove the old concrete footings. The playground will be closed this month with orange fencing for the excavation work and new Slide installation. We expect this project to be completed by the end of March and reopened with our new Spiral Slide by April 1st.

Planning is already being done for April projects. We have our Beach Clean-up Day on Saturday April 13th with Keith Moran coordinating all the volunteer activities to prepare our beach and galley for the upcoming season. On April 20th, we will be installing Shade Sails on the 2nd Island of picnic tables. I will be leading that team on this project and will be looking for several additional members to join the team of members who helped me on our Shade Sail installation last year.

We still have some "Lake Hopatcong 365" books donated by Brian Klutch at the club office. If you would like a copy, see Linda in the office. Also, a reminder that the club office is closed March 9th to the 16th and will reopen on Monday March 18th.

Club Contact Information

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NEW Office Hours :

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

Board of Trustees (officers and responsibilities)

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The \$2,500.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

Applications now being accepted!



Members may now apply for the 2024 LFYC Scholarship, which we will be awarding to one of our members who is a 2024 graduating high school senior. Applications are available on our website: www.lfyc.org. The deadline for submission for this scholarship is April 15th 2024.

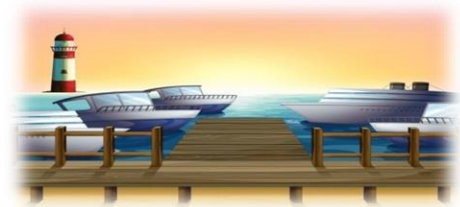
Of note for the 2024 Scholarship Submission:

1. The online application is in 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.
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 2024. 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.

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 2024 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 April 15th, 2024. The five members of the 2024 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, 2024.

2024 Season Dock Rental Renewal Deadline: March 15th, 2024



As we get closer to the start of the boating season, we want to remind all members who rented slips in 2023 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 2024 dock rental fee for members is \$700.00. 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 2024. 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 2024 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.



2024 Kayak Rack Slip Rentals

Members who would like to renew their Kayak Rack Slip for the 2024 Season has until April 1st to renew the slip. Cost is \$25 for the season. \$35 if members want to store 2 Kayaks or SUP in the rack slip. 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 the end of the season.



Only Kayaks, Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP) and Canoes may be stored on the racks. None may be stored on the ground. New member Kayak Slip requests will be assigned after renewal deadline on April 1st. Renewals and New member rentals both require a signed rental agreement. New renters will receive a Kayak Storage Permit sticker to attach to their vessel for identification. Kayak Rental Agreement may be found on our website.

NEW Playground Spiral Slide Install Project UPDATE

Demolition of the damaged Spiral Slide has already taken place. The Installation Team, led by Trustee Dmitry Bohdan, is already preparing the site for the new slide.

Excavation work on the old concrete slide foundation structure is taking place soon and the playground will be temporarily closed as the installation team prepares the site for new Spiral Slide Install. Orange fencing will be put up closing the site as the work is being done.

We plan to have the playground reopened by April 1st.



“Lake Forest Night Club”

Great time at the "Lake Forest Night Club" on Friday March 1st. Many members and guests dancing and having a fun Friday night out at the club.

The Treble 10 piece band was rocking the club last evening with rock and dance music, playing for 4 hours. It was an extra special evening with their guest and our friend, Lenore Coyle, on lead vocals. We all had a great time and pleased we had such a great turnout for the Nightclub!



Upcoming Social Events

Saturday, March 9th LRC & Texas Hold'em



LRC & Texas Hold'em Tournament Night

March 9th, 2024

\$ 35.00 per person

Gift cards for top 3 finishers in each tournament

Entry to 3 rounds of LRC
or to
Texas Hold'em

Select which Tournament you want to play in at time of purchase
(Can't play in both events)

Sandwiches, beverages & pizza included.

This is a Lake Forest Community Event where
All Lake Forest residents, club members & their guest
are welcome to attend.

Deadline for tournament entry is March 1st

Event Agenda:

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

Thursdays, March 7 to April 25th Spring Yoga



*Spring
Yoga*

**OPEN FOR ALL AGES 15+
& YOGA LEVELS**

7:00 - 8:00 PM
THURSDAYS
MAR 7 - APR 25

FOR BOOKING CONTACT LAUREN
862-266-1673

MEMBER PRE-PAY 8 SESSION FOR \$70
-OR-
\$10 DROP IN MEMBERS
\$15 NON-MEMBERS
VENMO @LAUREN-JELINEK

INSIDE LAKE FOREST CLUB HOUSE

Saturday, March 16th Boating Safety Course

Boating Safety First is offering a course and exam on Saturday March 16th 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. LFYC address is: 35 Yacht Club Drive, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849.

Course hours are 8 am to 5 pm with check-in at 7:30 am.

LFYC members' student fee is \$80. All other students \$90.

Lunch of pizza, soft drinks and water is included. Students may also bring their lunch.

Students will receive a temporary NJ BSC at the completion of the course and passing the exam. The permanent NJ BSC will be mailed to students later.

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 Federico at 973-610-1121, with any questions.



Saturday, March 23rd Easter Egg Hunt



Hop on over to Lake Forest Yacht Club to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 23rd from 2:00-4:00.

Egg Hunt starts around 2:10

Easter Bunny comes around 2:30

Please bring a dessert to share

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-48367231-lfyc>

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.

Saturday, May 25th Opening Day Picnic

Save the date! Saturday May 25th

Details to follow soon!



Social Committee Needs You!!

Hi Lake Forest! We have a lot of events planned for the remainder of the year; however, without volunteers they are not possible. We need someone to run each event and several people to help with the planning of the events. If you are interested in running one, but the date doesn't work, we cannot choose another date. Please reach out to Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958 or Desirae Nigro at 908-892-3679 if you have any questions. Please take a look at the sign-up genius and sign up where you can.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-48367363-upcoming>

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

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Saturday, April 13th

Beach Spring Clean-up

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

Date: Saturday April 13th. We will need volunteers to get the list of important beach clean-up and start-up tasks for the season completed. We also have a new Blackstone Grill that needs to be built, We need two volunteers to build it for us. Any questions please reach out to Keith Moran.



Looking for Lifeguards

Certification class June 1st & 2nd

Recertification cost \$200. Full certification \$400

Contact Scott 973-534-6778



Beach Concessions Committee

Last year our Concessions Committee did an excellent job in managing inventory at our concession stand. This year we need some new volunteers to help 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:

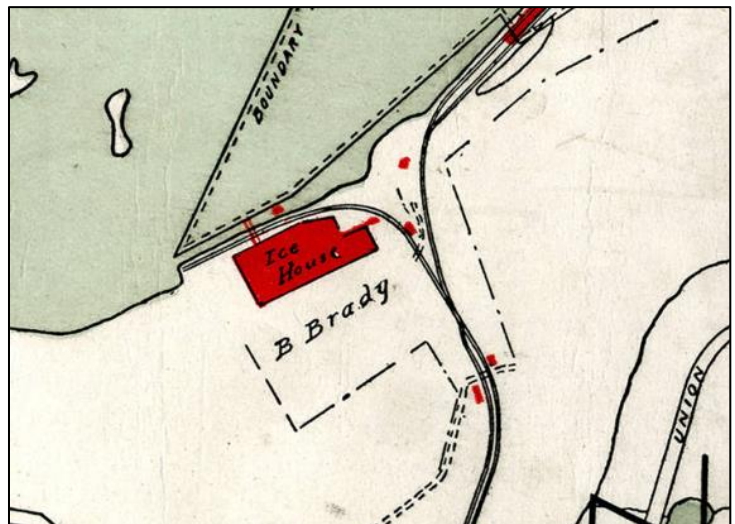
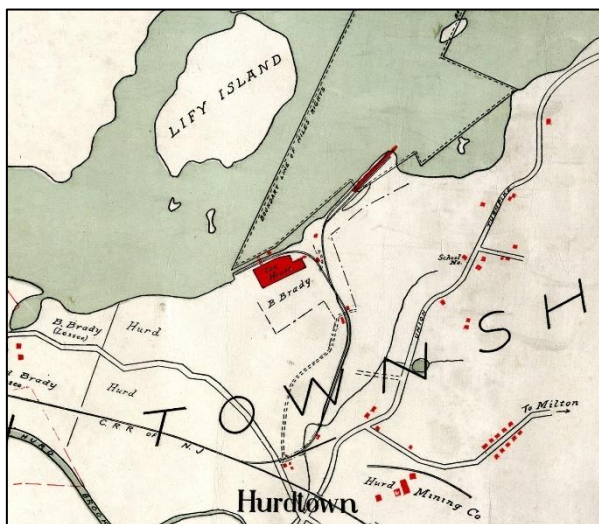
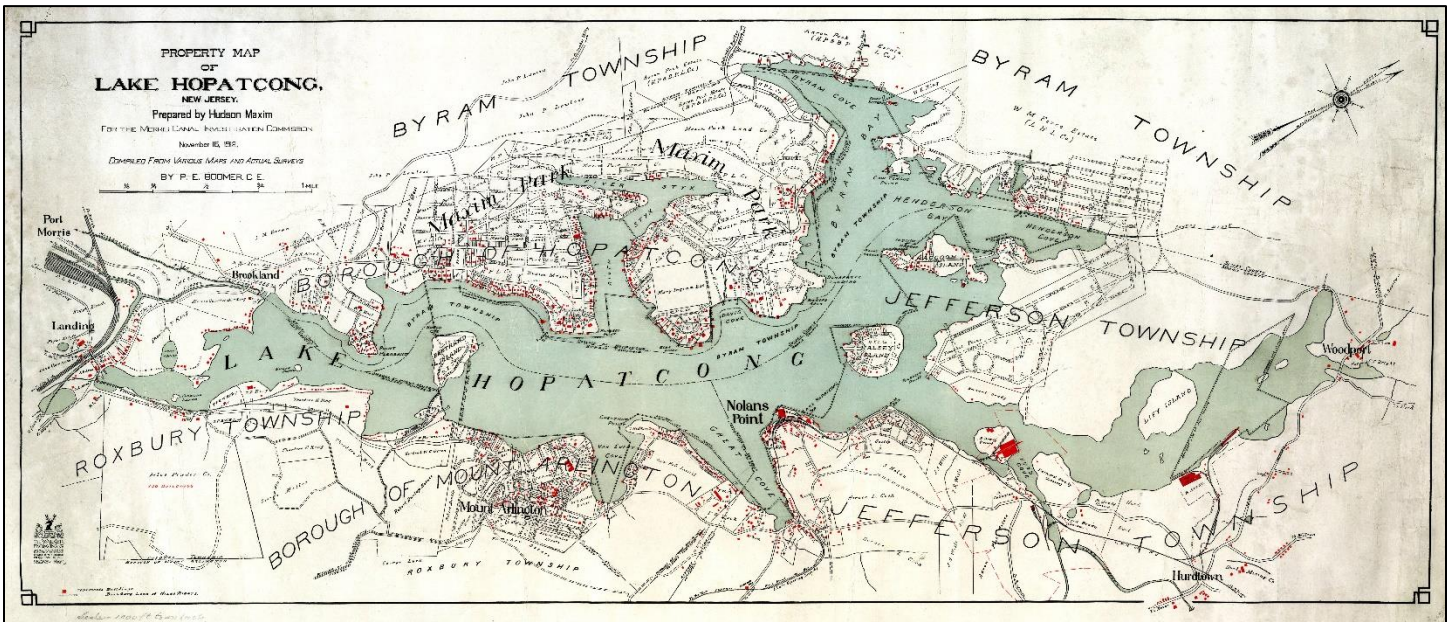
1. Set menu of concessions to be sold. Drinks, Snacks, Candy, Ice Cream, etc....
2. Set affordable concession pricing for our members based on inventory cost.
3. Source the concession items for startup and weekly inventory maintenance. Shopping at the Wholesale stores like Costco and our local grocery 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.

Lake Forest Legacy

This month's photo is a 1912 map of Lake Hopatcong. The close up photo is of our community with the map showing an ice house located at the approximate location of our clubhouse. Ice harvesting was big business in early 20th century with multiple Ice Houses on the lake. One of which was here before development of Lake Forest.



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.

NEW:

We can now set up automatic payment withdrawn from CC/Debit card. Automatic Payment Form is available on our website under "Forms"

2024 Member Badge Stickers Are In!

2024 Member Badge Stickers are in and can be picked up at the club office. Only members whose 2024 dues are paid in full may pick up 2024 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.

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!

- Elise Gilligan* - 973-440-7166
- Maddie Luke* - 973-800-5541

**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.

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



LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2/8 /24

Attendees: Frank, Pat, Joe, Keith, Peter Moreland

Called to Order: 7:02pm

Adjourned: 8:18pm

Frank:

- Review of Club Rentals. All approved.
- Dock Repairs: Should be done on or before April 1. Reviewed 2 additional fingers to be replaced.
- Dock Rental 7 renewed and 1 not returning so far.
- Club House front door damaged during a rental. The Renter is paying for the repair. Door will be replaced with etched glass vs the former sticker on the glass. Club to pay \$150 for the upgraded glass etching.
- Dmitry working on repairing the ramp access gate and lock
- Kitchen Cabinet reorganization to take place this weekend as well as the storage closet.
- Communications: Working on getting the original Lake Forest Facebook page back for our use.
- Shade Sales will be done in April. Team of volunteers needed to help install.
- Dive Tower and Slide Repair no update.
- Neal and I are planning on the new Lighthouse lighting.
- Social Events coming up: Italian Cuisine/Comedy Night, LFYC Night Club, Texas hold'em and LRC

Pat:

- Review of budget report
- Next month capital line item break down.
- Dredge project completed no bill yet for the work.
- Scraping and painting estimates for external clubhouse and beach galley coming in. (to be completed April/May)
- We added verbiage at the bottom of the swim team contract about the funds they owe us for the swim team platform repairs.
- Dredge Project: Landscaper placed dredge muck at south end of beach to help cover stones in water.

Large void at end of boat ramp filled with rocks and dredge to eliminate hole. Some large rocks removed from dock slips at B and C docks. We will need extra sand this year.

Joe O'Donnell

- Thanks to Keith for the monitor repair. Issue was a bad computer port
- The computer is old and should be replaced. Peter Malenda taking lead on this to source a suitable replacement.
- Change in office hours. Monday hours added. Friday hours cancelled.
- Frank and Joe went to the bank to change the required check signatures for 2024.

Keith

- Boating safety course scheduled for March 16 and is posted in Porthole.
- Boat Races are not returning this year
- Aerator: Frank to provide Keith with info for sourcing replacement
- New Weed Curtains. We will determine what we need when we pull them out

Peter Malenda Written Report:

- Spoke to Casey about the sound system. Work in process.
- Security: Peter has reached out to last year's vendor

Peter Moreland

- Social: Great night at Comedy night social budget impact \$1,000
- Super Bowl help need this Saturday at 3PM for set up.
- Winterfest canceled due to lack of volunteers.
- Other events and dates TBD

Other Business:

- Gally: When we turn the water on in the spring make sure no leaks
- Needs a new Refrigerator we may take the club one and move to the gally and get a new one for the club. Motion by Pat to purchase new one, 2nd by Joe, all in favor. Budget not to exceed \$750.