

Lake Forest Yacht Club
The Porthole
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Lake Hopatcong, NJ

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July 2026



Commodore's Message

Hello LFYC,

It's been such a fun and busy summer that August snuck up on us! Thank you again to everyone who came out for our July events and made the season what it's been so far. Our last Band on the Beach was a great time with perfect weather, and Wakeoff was a blast as well. It was exciting to see so many pros participate.



This month's Porthole includes a **Lifeguard Spotlight**, and it's well worth the read. Our beach team keeps things running all summer from CPR and rescue training to running the galley and prepping the beach every morning. Take a moment to say hello or offer a word of thanks next time you're out there.

We're also kicking off the **Hidden Anchor Hunt**. Full details are in the enclosed flyer, so keep an eye out and happy hunting!

Plenty more to look forward to as summer winds down. On **Saturday, 8/22**, join us for our last **Band on the Beach**, featuring the Tropical Storm Band, plus a Pig Roast. We are roasting a 100 lb. pig, so bring a side or dessert to share. And save the date for our **Closing Day Picnic on Saturday, September 5th**, celebrating another great summer at Lake Forest, with food catered by Noches de Colombia, cornhole tournament, an inflatable slide, and DJ Earl all afternoon. Check the enclosed flyers for full details on both.

Lastly, we're soliciting volunteers to run for the next **Board of Trustees**. This is a great way to have a direct say in the club, from the beach and docks to social events, membership, and more. More info is in this newsletter, or reach out to a current Board member or the office to learn more.

It's shaping up to be a great close to the summer.

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

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

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trustee3@lfyc.org

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Lake Forest Swim

President

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Frank Gutowski

Social Chair

Desirae Nigro



Lifeguard Spotlight



Meet the Team Behind the Beach

For many Lake Forest Yacht Club members, summer means relaxing on the beach, enjoying the water, or stopping by the galley for a snack. By the time we arrive, everything is in place, the beach is clean, and trained lifeguards are already watching over the water. What many members may not realize is how much work goes on behind the scenes to make each day safe and enjoyable.



Our beach is staffed by a dedicated team of approximately 20 lifeguards, most of whom are high school and college students spending their summers serving the Lake Forest community. Under the direction of Beach Director Scott Davis, with Head Lifeguard Cayla Babitz and Assistant Head Lifeguard Ryan Moran, these young men and women receive training in water rescue, CPR, first aid, emergency response, and the many responsibilities that come with protecting our members and guests. Their job requires constant attention, sound judgment, and the ability to respond quickly when every second counts.

While keeping a watchful eye on swimmers is their most visible responsibility, it's only one part of the job. Lifeguards also operate the galley,

check member badges, keep the beach and surrounding grounds clean, empty trash, help families with questions, and prepare the beach each morning before members arrive. They work together as a team to ensure that everyone can enjoy a safe, clean, and welcoming environment throughout the summer.

For many of these young people, this is their first job, and it's one that teaches valuable life skills. They learn responsibility, teamwork, leadership, communication, and the importance of serving others. The experience they gain at Lake Forest Yacht Club will stay with them long after the summer season ends, helping prepare them for college, careers, and future leadership roles.

The next time you're enjoying a day at the beach, take a moment to say hello or offer a word of thanks to one of our lifeguards. Their dedication, professionalism, and hard work often go unnoticed, but they play an important role in making Lake Forest Yacht Club a safe, enjoyable place for all of us. We are fortunate to have such an outstanding team watching over our beach each summer.



Anchors Away

At Lake Forest Yacht Club

Hidden Anchor Hunt

The Commodore has hidden a brass anchor somewhere on our Yacht Club property. As a symbol of community spirit and belonging, the anchor is hidden at the heart of our community club.

The hunt for the hidden anchor is on now!
Open to all club members.

INSTRUCTIONS

First to find the anchor will capture a picture of the anchor in place then return the hidden anchor to the Commodore or Main Office.

PRIZE

Anchor Finder will receive a choice prize of:
Snack Shack credit or LFYC gear
Plus a feature in the next Porthole!

Happy hunting!



LOVE LFYC? HELP SHAPE ITS FUTURE.

Join the LFYC Board and help shape the club you love.

YOUR CLUB • YOUR VOICE • YOUR IMPACT

BE PART OF WHAT COMES NEXT.

LFYC is a community built by members who care.

Serving on the Board gives you a direct voice in how the club operates, where it improves, and what it looks like for the next generation.

01

HAVE A SAY

Help shape decisions that affect the club and its members.

02

MAKE AN IMPACT

Improve the areas you care about across LFYC.

03

SEE BEHIND THE SCENES

Understand what goes into making LFYC successful.

A MANAGEABLE COMMITMENT.

A chance to contribute without taking over your life.

1x

MONTHLY

Typically the 2nd
Wednesday

2

YEARS

Board term

1-2

HOURS / WEEK

Depending on
position

YOU

YOUR FIT

Use your skills,
interests & ideas

WHAT COULD YOU HELP SHAPE?

Beach & Docks

Clubhouse

Recreation

Social Events

Swim Team

Grounds

Membership

Communications

Finance

Scholarships

READY TO GET INVOLVED?

Bring your ideas. Share your perspective. Make a difference.

Talk with a current Board member or contact the LFYC office to learn more.

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LFYC BOARD

Your voice can
shape tomorrow.

LAKE FOREST YACHT CLUB: UPCOMING EVENTS AGENDA



Band on the Beach

- **Date:** Saturday, August 22, 2026



Mahjong Night

- **Date:** Monday, August 24, 2026
- **Time:** 6:30 PM



Mahjong Night

- **Date:** Monday, August 31, 2026
- **Time:** 6:30 PM



Closing Day

- **Date:** Saturday, September 5, 2026



Back to School Campout

- **Date:** Friday, September 11, 2026



Breakfast on the Beach

- **Date:** Saturday, September 12, 2026



Mahjong Night

- **Date:** Monday, September 14, 2026
- **Time:** 6:30 PM



Boat Races

- **Date:** September 17 – September 21, 2026



Mahjong Night

- **Date:** Monday, September 28, 2026
- **Time:** 6:30 PM

Lake Forest Yacht Club Presents

BAND ON THE BEACH

LIVE MUSIC | GOOD VIBES | SUMMER AFTERNOON



SATURDAY
AUGUST 22ND

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

POT LUCK!



WE'RE ROASTING UP A
100 LBS PIG!

PIG WILL BE SERVED ON A
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.
WHEN IT RUNS OUT, IT RUNS OUT.

★ WE'LL LOOK TO HAVE THE PIG
DONE AT **3PM** SO YOU CAN
GET SOME FOOD WHILE
LISTENING TO THE BAND!

MEMBERS:
PLEASE BRING A
SIDE AND/OR DESSERT!

*Show off those cooking skills
and bring a bit of homemade
magic to the event.*

OPEN TO LAKE FOREST YACHT CLUB MEMBERS AND GUESTS

★ Celebrating America's 250th! ★
CELEBRATING ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER
★ ★ AT LAKE FOREST ★ ★
CLOSING DAY
★ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH ★
STARTING AT 2 PM!

FOOD SERVED 4:00 – 7:00 PM
CATERED BY



★ MENU INCLUDES: ★

- Grilled Chicken Breast
- Skirt Steak
- White Rice
- Colombian Beans
- Sweet Plantains
- Fried Yuca
- Green Salad
- Pandebono
- Chicharrón
- Colombian Chorizo
- Mini Arepas



CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

STARTS AT 3:00 PM

WINNING TEAM GETS \$100

& THEIR NAME ON THE LAKE FOREST CUP!

★ Activities All Afternoon! ★



INFLATABLE SLIDE
STARTS AT 2:00 PM!



JOHIE THE CLOWN
BUBBLE SHOW
3:00 – 5:00 PM



DJ EARL
ALL AFTERNOON!



50/50 RAFFLE



KIDS MENU (UNDER 16)

- Chicken Strips
- Cheese Quesadilla
- French Fries



DESSERT

Please show off those cooking skills and bring a dessert to share!



DRINKS INCLUDED

Beer • Wine • Soda
Seltzer • Juice



TICKETS

MEMBERS
ADULT (16+) \$30
KIDS (UNDER 16) \$10

★ **NON-MEMBERS** ★
ADULT (16+) \$50
KIDS (UNDER 16) \$25

TICKETS INCREASE BY \$10
★ AFTER AUGUST 30TH ★

CONTACT THE OFFICE TO PURCHASE.

It's been another amazing season!
THANK YOU, LAKE FOREST! ★ ★ ★

Advertise with us!

Get your advertisement in the monthly
Lake Forest Yacht Club Porthole News

- Please contact the office for any inquiries and submissions.
- Business Card size ad for \$20 a month.
- Our site averages 14 hits a day.



Regina Ashworth

Sales Representative

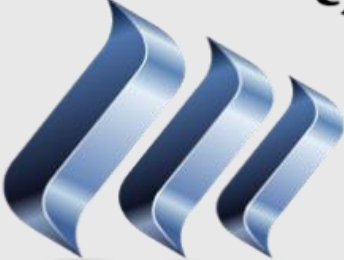
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Daniel Schultz 862-219-1697

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Show some Lake Forest Pride with some great apparel!

Order forms are on the website or in the office.



Red/ Lt Blue/ White ink on Navy T-Shirts
Placement: Left Chest
3" W x 3" H



Gray and Navy

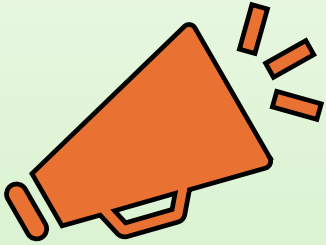
Red/ Lt Blue/ White ink on Navy T-Shirts
Placement: Full Back
11" W x 11" H

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

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: 7/8/26 at 7:30PM

Meeting Recorder: Cody Inglis

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

Business Items

- Discussion regarding an issue with a non-resident boat slip renter
 - Need the co-owners' information
- Discussion regarding switching from Mirror Tags to Stickers
- Discussion regarding the installation of a gate
 - Want to make sure the aesthetic of the club is kept
 - Need to ensure that the town fire marshal okays the plans
 - Dan will talk to the town to ensure we meet all requirements
- Clubhouse Rentals
- Reimbursement approvals

Trustee Reports

Dan Vinson – Commodore (Communications, By-Laws, and Swim Team)

- Discussion regarding nominations for next year's board. Need to start thinking about this now.
- Porthole will be going out in the very near future
- By-Laws
 - Have been working on getting together information
- Will be putting up signs for the beach opening
 - Also, need to get a used phone as required
- Still need to get the emergency exit light fixed

Cody Inglis – Secretary (Office and Scholarship)

- Put the Electrical Closet and Maximum Occupancy Signs
- Need to go get a Debit Card still

Justin Bosi – Docks, Boat Safety, Boat Races

- Docks
 - If you don't have your registration in, this is their final warning
 - One of the heads on a light is out and needs to be replaced
- Boat Races
 - Sent Jay an email with the new contract, multiple texts, and multiple phone calls with no response

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

- Working on the gate plan
- Still looking for volunteers to put up the Tennis Court Curtains

Tom DeSena – Clubhouse



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

- We need a circuit breaker for the stage and the outlets to the right of the stage
- The rubber mats are currently on hold. Going to go to a tractor supply to try and find them

Mark Fontanella – Legal/Insurance, Beach, Nominating

- Legal/Insurance
- Beach
 - Going to purchase a new volleyball net
 - A question regarding new members joining with the membership fee prorated
 - Trustees voted to allow the first-time members' fee to be prorated even if they are outside of the one-year grace period as long as it is their first time joining the membership.
- Nominating
 - Anyone interested in running for a Trustee position this year, please contact me.