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THE PORTHOLE NEWS

*The monthly newsletter of
the Lake Forest Yacht Club*



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Vanessa Luke, Commodore

As I'm sure you can already see, we're trying something new with our Porthole newsletter this month! We've been talking for some time now about how to modernize the format and improve the quality and detail of the information we share here each month. After you read through this month's issue, reach out and give us feedback on the changes!

Thanks to all who came out on 4/23 for cleanup day. Our crew accomplished a lot in the hours that were spent that morning. We had a great turnout! Having our membership pitch in to help with upkeep of our facilities helps keep our costs under control, which is something we are very conscious of given the rising prices of almost everything that we are all experiencing these days. We do have some projects that we still need help with – read about it in the upcoming pages and let us know if you have the skill and a little time to contribute.

Our Easter Egg Hunt was once again a resounding success this year. We had over 200 members and guests in attendance and it has become one of our biggest events over the last few years. Big thanks to our Social Committee and all of the folks who volunteered their time to pull this off. The kids (and adults) enjoyed it as always!

Hope to see you all at Semiannual Meeting on 5/6, and then later this month for our Opening Day Picnic on 5/28. Until then, be well!



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Semiannual Meeting

The Semiannual Meeting will be held on Friday, May 6th, at 8 p.m. in the Clubhouse. 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!

**We apologize for any confusion due to the typo in the notice that was sent with master lease invoices, which stated May 3rd as the date for the meeting.

Membership Badges – Car Tags – Gate Keys

Please stop by the office, if you have not already done so, to obtain your 2022 stickers for membership badges and car tags. To help with a smooth process, please bring all badges and car tags into the office with you. Stickers will not be issued without them.

It's important to have the hang tag in your car and your badge with you and visible while on the property. Lifeguards and security will be checking daily and it makes things easier for them (and less intrusive for all of us!) when they don't have to stop and ask for them.

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!



Let's Talk About Kayaks!

Kayak rack space has been in high demand over the last few years. Now that cleanup day is complete and the racks have been repaired and stained, feel free to go ahead and store your kayak for the season.

This year, we are limiting to no more than TWO kayaks per household being stored so that more members can find a space, and please please please – put your name on it and secure it using a bungee cord or something similar! Any kayaks stored that are not

following these requirements are going to be subject to removal.

We have had a number of incidents of the racks tipping over and/or breaking due to improper storage of kayaks or the kayaks not being removed at the end of the season and these racks are costly (and getting costlier!) to replace. We're asking for everyone's cooperation this year so that we can keep management of this area simple.

Join our 2022 Lifeguard Team

We're continuing to accept applications for 2022 lifeguard positions! Both new and returning lifeguards must complete the application and submit to the office. 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 on June 4-5 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The cost for this course is \$375.00 and you must be at least 16 years of age. Contact Scott Davis at 973-534-6778 to sign up for the course.

Social Committee Needs You!!

Our Social Committee is seeking volunteers to help with organizing our upcoming events. Without help from all of you, it would not be possible for these events to run!

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- May 10th
- June 1st
- July 6th

Meetings are at 7 p.m. and the May meeting will be virtual. Please click the link below to join:

[Zoom Meeting Access](#)

Meeting ID: 463 456 6061

Passcode: U6gR0e

If you cannot make it to a meeting, or simply have questions, reach out to Trustee and Social Director Kristen Brown and she will be happy to help! See page 2 for contact information.

Club Rental Fee Increase

Clubhouse rental fees have been increased to align with increases in operating costs.

- One Day Rental: \$425.00
- Two Day Rental: \$670.00
- Three Day 'Wedding Special': \$830.00

Rentals already secured are not subject to price change.

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!

Summer Swim Lessons

Swim lessons are being planned for this summer for our members, to begin sometime during the month of July. Registration forms can be found on the website at <https://www.lfyc.org/beach> or can be obtained in the office. Please reach out to the office with any questions.

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.

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.

Boat Registrations

If you have not yet provided your boat registration to the office, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks!

Opening Day Picnic – Saturday 5/28

Join us to welcome our summer season! Opening Day Picnic will be held on Saturday 5/28 starting at 2 p.m. All members are invited to attend along with their non-resident guests. Prices are listed below and include food catered by the American BBQ Company, beer, wine, seltzers, soda, and water.

Please bring a homemade dessert to share for this year's picnic! Everyone in attendance will vote on their favorite desserts. A prize will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place desserts.

Schedule of Events:

2 p.m. – DJ Earl kicks off our entertainment

3 p.m. – Horseshoe Tournament

3 p.m. – Children's Entertainment – Steve the Magician!

4 p.m. – Food will be served from American BBQ Company

Wristbands:

Please sign up with the office to obtain your wristbands – required for all attendees – no later than Saturday, May 21st. After the deadline, ticket prices will increase by \$5 per person. Wristbands must be purchased in advance.

Members

- Adults - \$25
- Children:
 - o Ages 11-17 - \$10
 - o Ages 6-10 - \$5
 - o Ages 5 and under – FREE

Non-resident Guests

- Adults - \$40
- Children:
 - o Ages 11-17 - \$15
 - o Ages 6-10 - \$10
 - o Ages 5 and under – FREE

Volunteering:

Please consider volunteering some time for this event! Our events are successful only with the help of our members! Click on this [Sign Up Genius link](#) to sign up to help.

Congratulations to Sarah Davitt who was the winner of our Volunteer's Raffle for free Opening Day Picnic admission!!





Lake Forest Vikings Meet & Greet on 5/20!

NJRLR Small Division Champs 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019!!

INTERESTED IN SUMMER SWIMMING?

The [Lake Forest Vikings Team](#) is a summer swim team that competes in NJRLR for ages 5-18. Swimmers living outside of Lake Forest are welcome!!

Join us for a Meet and Greet on Friday, May 20th from 6-8 p.m. at the Lake Forest Beach. Come out and talk to our coaches and mingle with our parents!

This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn about the team! Dan Schultz is also available at 973-876-8974 or at dschultz6216@gmail.com anytime for questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Dart League

Calling all dart players!!!

A dart league will be starting on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. The first date will be May 17th.

This will be a co-ed league and teams will be randomly selected each week. Each player will be awarded points weekly. You do not need to attend every week, points will be accumulated throughout the season and added up at the end.



Playoffs will be held at the end of the season where 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be awarded a prize. If you have any questions, reach out to Jimmy Gilligan at 973-747-0000.

Club Maintenance To-Do List

The Board of Trustees is currently looking for volunteers to help with the following jobs:

- Painting at the Galley
- Replace Timer for Lights in Galley Hallway

If you can volunteer your skills and some time, or would like more information, please reach out to the office to be included in planning! We will update this list on an ongoing basis.



Beach Rules

Please review the following beach rules to help with smooth operations for our 2022 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.

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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.

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

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LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 4/13

Attendees: Vanessa Luke, Chrissy Gilligan, Jaime Evans, Kristen Brown, James Davitt, Peter Malenda, Keith Moran

Called to Order: 6:45 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

- Lifeguard recruiting –Returning lifeguards will need to fill out an application again for this year.
- Club house rental- Rental fee will increase to \$425 to better align with operating cost increases.
- Beach Sand- 2 truckloads will be ordered. Holes on the point will need to be fixed with fill before sand is laid.
- Galley to be de-winterized for 4/22.
- Water slide- Quotes being obtained to evaluate problem with water slide and cost to repair it.
- Scholarship –applications due 4/19. Scholarship committee to meet following deadline to determine potential recipient.
- Boating Safety Course – 28 people attended, good turnout.
- Spring clean-up – Supplies will be purchased prior to date. Machine rental all set for moving floating docks. Facebook and e-blast will be sent to community for volunteers.
- Kayak racks- Members need to put their name on their kayaks or kayaks are subject to removal and there will be a limit 2 kayaks per family with first come first serve. Will be included in May Porthole.
- Docks- Currently all docks are now sold out by members.
- Timer for lights in galley hallway needs to be replaced as they are no longer working.
- Tennis courts – Member offered to fix the cracks on the courts with sealer.
- Basketball courts- Repairs to the courts are needed. Quotes for these repairs are being obtained.
- Septic- Septic backup after torrential rain came through the clubhouse toilets and onto clubhouse floor. Professional cleaning service was hired to address the wastewater and disinfect the area. Septic company is scheduled to come, inspect the septic tanks and pipes, and we will need to repair any issues found with the system.

- Recycling- Recycling sign stickers will be put on recycling dumpster. Garbage has been put into recycling dumpster a number of times and the garbage company charges extra to remove it.
 - Wakeoff planning has started and contract has been signed.
 - Social Events- Opening day picnic details are underway. There will be catered food and beverages, entertainment for the kids, etc. We are asking families to each bring a dessert for a dessert competition.
 - Egg hunt –Record turnout again for this event. Over 200 attendees at the event.
 - Natural gas conversion - Board is continuing to plan the project to convert to natural gas at the club this summer.
- Meeting Adjourned.