

Lake Forest Yacht Club
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April 2026



Commodore's Message

Hello Lake Forest,

Happy Spring! We have a very busy month ahead, filled with important club updates and a full calendar of social events.

We're starting the season with some bittersweet news: our Co-Office Manager, Laura, is officially retiring. We are incredibly grateful for the years of experience and the helpful spirit she brought to the club, and we wish her the very best in her next chapter. Jim will continue as our primary Office Manager while we explore hiring additional part-time support.



As we look to keep the community better connected, we are also launching an official Lake Forest Yacht Club members only Facebook Group . This will be a place for official communications, event notices, and member engagement. You can search for the group on Facebook now or keep an eye on the Lake Forest Community Page for an announcement. Please note that the office will verify all requests to join.

Regarding use of club facilities, the Board of Trustees is proposing non-rental use of the clubhouse for all members. Given the scale of this change, we will be bringing the proposal to a membership vote at the semi-annual meeting in May. You can find the full details of this proposal later in this newsletter.

In addition to these updates, we have a fantastic lineup of activities coming up this month. Please see the included flyers for details on the Boating Safety Course, Swim Team Registration, Vision Board + Sound Bath, Red Cross Blood Drive, and our Fishing Derby.

Finally, be sure to mark your calendars for Beach Clean-up Day on May 9th and our annual Opening Day BBQ on May 23rd. This we will be celebrating America's 250th, so get your most patriotic summer gear ready. Tickets are on sale now, and we can't wait to see you there!

See you at the club,

Dan

Contacts Page

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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

commodore@lfyc.org

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secretary@lfyc.org

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Kristen Brown

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Desirae Nigro



NOW HIRING: PART-TIME OFFICE MANAGER

JOIN OUR TEAM AT LAKE HOPATCONG!

THE POSITION

The Lake Forest Yacht Club (LFYC) is looking for an dynamic and organized individual to fill the role of Part-time Office Manager for approximately 10 hours a week. This is an excellent opportunity to support our active club community.

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- GREAT PLANNING AND ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS
- ABILITY TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY
- COMPUTER LITERATE
- PRIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPERIENCE
- PRIOR BOOKKEEPING & QUICKBOOKS EXPERIENCE PREFERRED

SCHEDULE & COMPENSATION

- EXACT HOURS ARE FLEXIBLE, BUT MUST BE CONSISTENT FROM WEEK TO WEEK.
- REGULAR HOURS ON A SATURDAY ARE PREFERRED.
- SALARY IS BASED ON EXPERIENCE, WITH A RANGE OF \$21.00 – \$27.00 PER HOUR.

HOW TO APPLY

Resumes can be submitted via email to:
secretary@lfyc.org with a cc to **commodore@lfyc.org**

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



Boating Safety Course & Exam

- **Date:** Saturday, April 11, 2026
- **Time:** 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Check-in at 7:30 AM)



Swim Team Registration

- **Date:** Sunday, April 12, 2026
- **Time:** 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM



Vision Board + Sound Bath Experience

- **Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



Community Blood Drive

- **Date:** Thursday, April 23, 2026
- **Time:** 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM



2nd Annual LFYC Fishing Derby

- **Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Opening Day BBQ

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

See Full Details on Individual Flyers



Boating Safety Course & Exam 04/11/2026

Date:	April 11, 2025
Location:	Lake Forest Yacht Club 35 Yacht Club Drive Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849
Time:	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, with check in at 7:30 am
Course Details:	The course includes both instruction and exam to obtain the NJ Boating Safety Certificate (NJ BSC) for operating a Power Boat/PWC (Jet Ski) legally in NJ inland waterways.
Course Fee:	Student fee is \$100. Lunch is included.
You Receive:	Students will receive a temporary NJ BSC upon completion of the course and passing the exam. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The permanent NJ BSC will be mailed to students later.
Enrollment:	Enroll via email: f.federico@att.net . Include your name, home address, and cell phone number.
Web site:	Home boatingsafetyfirst for more courses. boatingsafetyfirst.com



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

INTERESTED IN SWIMMING?

The Lake Forest Viking's Team is a summer swim team that competes in NJRLI.
It is open to all swimmers age 5 to 18 year of age.

**Everyone is welcome on the Lake Forest Swim Team
You do not have to live in Lake Forest**

**Join us at Lake Forest Yacht Club
for
Open Registration on April 12, 2026
from 3pm - 5pm**

**Meet our coaches & mingle with our parents
Ask questions and learn about the team - order team apparel
bathing suit fitting - Pizza will be served while supplies last!**

You do not have to live in Lake Forest to be part of the team.

*Have questions and don't want to wait?
Contact Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958 or kristenbrown34@gmail.com*

We look forward to seeing you!





Vision Board + Sound Bath Experience

JOIN US!

for a powerful evening of intention, clarity, and energetic reset under the New Moon in Aries.

Friday, April 17th

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Lake Forest Yacht Club, Lake Hopatcong, NJ

New Moon in Aries Energy

This is a time of bold beginnings, self-leadership and taking aligned action. Aries energy invites you to reconnect with your desires, trust your instincts, and step forward with courage into what you truly want to create.

The Experience

6:00 – 7:45 PM

Vision Boarding Workshop

This is more than just creating a board. Vision boarding is about direction-setting, taking intentional time to slow down, reflect and get clear on what you truly want to create or begin in your life.

You'll be guided to connect with your desires, set meaningful intentions and bring them into form in a way that feels aligned and expansive.

Light snacks and refreshments provided

8:00 – 9:00 PM

Sound Bath

Relax, reset and integrate your intentions through a deeply calming sound bath experience designed to ground your body and align your energy.

Investment

Full Experience (Vision Board + Sound Bath): \$55

Sound Bath Only: \$40

Vision Board Only: \$20

Come as you are. Leave clear, grounded and aligned with your next chapter.
Spots are limited. Reserve yours now.

TO RSVP

Georgiana | LYTE VYBE

LYTEVYBELYFE@GMAIL.COM

973.945.4413

Lake Forest Yacht Club

Community Blood Drive

Dear Lake Forest Yacht Club Members,

We are proud to host another blood drive in partnership with the **American Red Cross** to support our community. Members have **early access** to schedule appointments before public registration opens March 17.

■ Location	Lake Forest Yacht Club
■ Date	Thursday, April 23, 2026
■ Time	2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Scan to Reserve Your Appointment



Donor Thank You Gift:

All presenting donors receive a **\$15 e-gift card** to a merchant of choice.

Spots are limited, so reserve your appointment soon.
One blood donation can help save up to three lives.

Donate Blood • Save Lives • Support Your Community



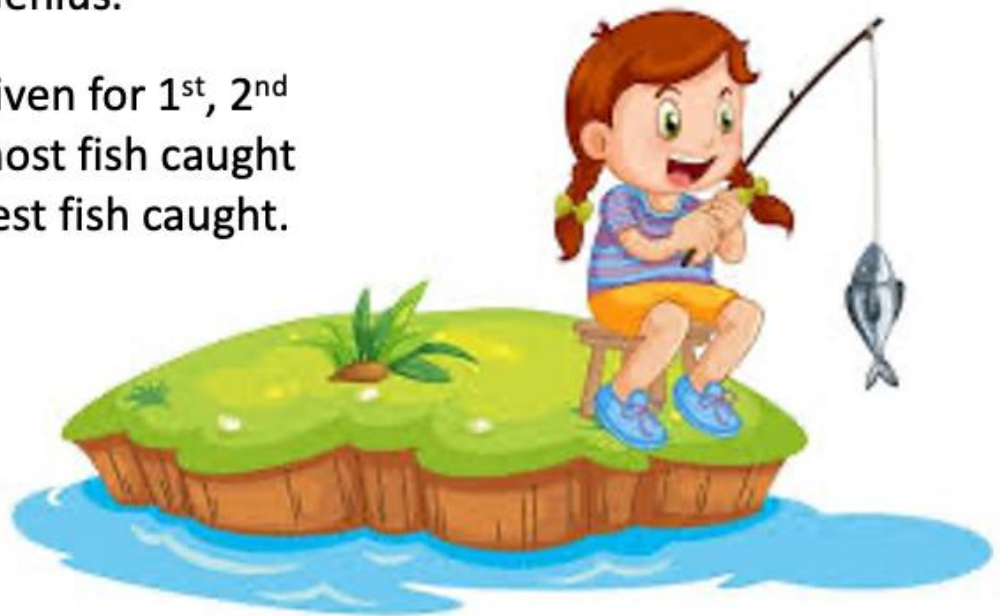
Join us for our 2nd
annual LFYC Fishing
Derby
for kids up to age 15

April 25th
10:00 - 12:00

Please bring your own fishing gear, including a bobber and hook and we will supply the bait. All fishers will only be able to use the bait supplied to participate. This event is open to members and non member guests. We strongly encourage you to sign up on the Sign Up Genius.

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the most fish caught and for the longest fish caught.

SIGN UP HERE



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!



Advertise with us!

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

- Please contact the office for any inquires 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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Lake Hopatcong NJ 07849

Daniel Schultz 862-219-1697

cornerstonepestnj@yahoo.com
cornerstonepestnj.com

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

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

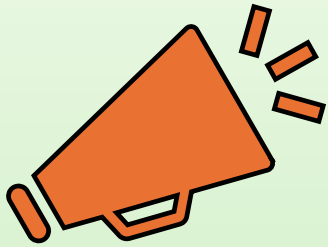
Gray and Navy

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
 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

Lake Forest Board Meeting Minutes

LFYC Trustee Meeting

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

Meeting Recorder: Cody Inglis

Attendees: Dan Vinson, Cody Inglis, Justin Bosi,

Jon Rudolph, Mark Fontanella



Business Items

- Need to update the website with the correct amounts for the rentals on the website
- Voted and Signed Rental Agreements
- Voted & Signed Expense Reports
- Voted and agreed on charity 5k in Fred Barden's name
 - October 24th
 - Same rental form and get a hold harmless or insurance
- Rental Rates for "Add-Ons."
 - Tabled for another meeting

Trustee Reports

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

- Will create a Facebook page and give control of it to another person
- No update on Bylaws
- No update on Swim Team
- Kicking off committees

Cody Inglis – Secretary, Office, Grant & Scholarship

- Laura is retiring from the office
- Does it make sense to bring on another person?
 - We should look to hire another part-time Office person
 - Put an ad out to hire for April
 - 10 hours a week
- Lifeguard job descriptions
- Going to call Optimum to negotiate the prices for phone and internet

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

- Security
- Still looking to install a few new cameras.
 - Had to wait for the snow to melt
- The B & C dock could use some extra cameras
- Spoke to the security company today
 - Rates are going up this year
 - Would likely be \$27-28 an hour
- Boat Race Committee – No update

Lake Forest Board Meeting Minutes

LFYC Trustee Meeting

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

Meeting Recorder: Cody Inglis

Attendees: Dan Vinson, Cody Inglis, Justin Bosi,

Jon Rudolph, Mark Fontanella



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

- Working on welcome packages
 - Ordered customized Lake Forest folders
 - Began editing the welcome folder
 - Pricing on a separate sheet
 - Dana is going to go around and ask the local eateries for coupons
 - Put in some information on the garbage and recycling schedule
 - Pulled all the houses in LF that have sold in the last year and cross-referenced with those households that have signed up
- Tennis
 - Still looking into a lock
- Proposal on Club Rules
 - Put together a draft of it and sent it to the rest of the trustees
 - Needs some more edits

Mark Fontanella – Trustee, Beach, Legal & Insurance, Security

- Insurance is good and was paid on time
- We haven't removed the weedoo yet
 - It is being put up for sale

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