

Lake Hopatcong, NJ

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August 2025



Hello Lake Forest,

This month unfortunately I come to you with a different tone in my message. I have some updates that I am not happy about due to a String of vandalism that we have had at our club and basketball court.

As a reminder all members are responsible for their guest at our club.

The first event was a little boy and girl were walking around C dock around the 4th of July and decided to kick down one of the new No Fishing signs. We could see on camera that they thought twice about what they did after



the fact and tried to put the sign back up but when they tried and failed the sign got tossed under the kayak rack to try and hide it. We are still trying to investigate who the little kids are in the video, but the sign is back up and can't be removed now.

Second events, we have had a few instances at our basketball court due to teens hanging out there until 2 or 3 in the morning. Thank you to the parents/kids that removed the beer pong table from the baseball field. Impressive work on the building and painting of that table but a poor choice of location to use it! We have also had fireworks being set off on the court late at night and most recently a group of teens tampered with the electrical boxes that control the lights at the basketball court. A new timer has been installed, and the lights will no longer come on after 11pm. You will have full control to turn the lights on until 11pm. New locks also have been installed so no one can get into the electrical boxes to tamper with them.

The most serious event happened at the galley. One morning when the lifeguards went to clean the bathrooms, they found graffiti in the men's bathroom on the mirror, some tiles and on one of the bathroom stall walls. We have clear footage of that area and the time we believe it happened so all the information and images have been given to the Police for investigation. Once the police report is finalized the Board will review and discuss this matter in more detail and decide on any repercussions to be taken.

Should you witness any vandalism to our club please notify the office, security or any member of the board. Lets keep our club looking beautiful and place that we are all proud of. Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay safe.

Thank you, Peter



Become a Board Member

Dear Lake Forest Members,

We're reaching out to invite you to play a bigger role in our wonderful Lake Forest Yacht Club community. We are currently looking for trustee candidates for the upcoming year and would love to see some new faces step up to help guide and support our neighborhood.

Becoming a trustee is a great way to:

- Give back to your community
- Have a say in how the club is run
- Help with events, maintenance, and improvements
- Meet and connect with other members and neighbors

You don't need prior experience — just a willingness to pitch in and work together to make Lake Forest the best it can be.

If you're interested in volunteering or just want to learn more about what being a trustee involves, please reach out to us or stop by the clubhouse. We'd be happy to chat.

Let's keep Lake Forest strong, welcoming, and neighborly — together.

Bios will be due by October so the candidates can be announced in November. Final vote is in December at the Annual Board Meeting.

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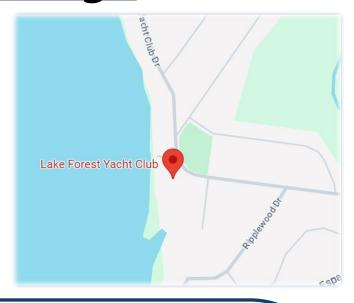
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 9-2

Wednesday 12-7

Saturday 9:30-12:30



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Reminders



2025 Member Badge Stickers are in!

Only members whose 2025 dues are paid in full may pick up the 2025 season badge sticker.



Paperless Invoices & Payments

If you're interested in receiving your invoices via e-mail with options to pay online, please contact the office.



Membership Fees Reminder

Master lease is due in full 15 days from invoice date. Beach Membership dues 2nd installments are due by 3/30/2025

If you are age 65, please contact the office to change your beach membership status and fees to senior. Proof of age is required.



Safety on the streets

E-bikes - please tell your families that no electric or gas vehicles are allowed on the club grounds. This includes the field, around the Galley or Clubhouse sidewalks, and on the grass or beach areas. Also, please be careful on the roads, and watch for people walking and walking their dogs.



Some Kayak Slips are still available!

The club office has mailed out the 2025 Kayak slip rental agreements to all members who rented Kayak slips in 2024. If you plan on renewing for the

Kayak Storage
Permit
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upcoming season, please return the completed and signed rental agreement along with payment.

Club Updates



In past years, volunteers were requested to help run the Weedoo so that the weeds can be removed more often. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to the office. We need 4 people to volunteer to make this happen. The Weedoo is a 2-person job.



New parking lot lights have arrived and will get installed the week of August 4th.



T Dock Cleats are not permitted on any of our docks. They are a tripping hazard due to the limitations we have for space on the Fingers, and if you have any, you will be requested to remove them. If they are not removed, we will remove and place them in the office until we discard them. There are approved Dock Rings in the office if you need them.



Please also make sure to tie your boats up properly and help us protect the docks and your boats. We see a lot boats that are ramming into the front and sides of the wood planks breaking them. It's the renter's responsibility to pay for any damages caused by this. Here is an example of a bumper you can add to the dock to prevent this from happening.

Roads to be paved

Lake Forest is about to get paved!

I've spoken to the mayor and our neighborhood is going to get paved very soon.

Once I have the final timing and schedule, I'll have it emailed out and placed here in the next porthole so everyone can plan accordingly.



8/2 Band on the beach

• 3:00 - 7:00pm - Wind Up Monkey



8/4 Craft on the beach

• 1:00pm



8/9 2025 Wakeoff



8/10 Band on the beach

- 2:00 5:00pm The Harrisons
- Beer truck with FREE beer will be there.



8/15 Ice Cream Social

• 6:30pm



8/30 Closing Day BBQ Event

2:00pm – Tickets at office for purchase



9/5 Back to School Campout

Start at 5pm, Tent set up at 6pm



9/6 Breakfast on the beach

• 8:30am



9/19 - 21 Lake Hopatcong Grand Prix

• Home | Lake Hopatcong Grand Prix

September

LAKE FOREST SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS

MIND UP MONKEY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2nd



3-7 pm

Enjoy live music from Wind Up Monkey at the beach!
Gills will be out, so bring your own food to cook or order dinner and relax by the water.

2025 Wakeoff



August 9th bring your badges and enjoy the 18th year of WakeOff, the largest longest running wakeboard competition in the Northeast!

The competition divisions range from kids to semi pro and there will be music, vendors and food trucks on the beach providing family fun for all ages.

Members have free admission with their current badges.

Nonmembers will be \$5 at the gate. Start time 9am.



LAKE FOREST SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th



2-5 pm

Join us for live music from The Harrisons at the beach!
Enjoy leftover beer from the Wakeoff and best of all IT'S FREE!
Don't miss this fun by the water.

Closing Day BBQ

MEMBERS:

Adults: \$40

Kids Aged 13 -17: \$25

Kids Aged 5 -12: \$20

Under Age 5 are free!

NON-MEMBERS:

Adults: \$50

Kids Aged 13 -17: \$30

Kids Aged 5 -12: \$25

SATURDAY AUGUST 30th

Food catered by The BBQ Pit & Catering

4 - 7pm

1/3 Lb. Hamburgers and Cheeseburgers, All beef Hotdogs, Roasted Corn on the Cob with Parm and Roasted Garlic, BBQ Ribs, Slow Roasted Pulled Pork, Macaroni, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad and Sliced Watermelon

DJ Earl Starting at 2pm Giant Inflatable slide at 2pm Caricaturist from 3 - 7pm





Contact the office for tickets **DEADLINE** to buy tickets is Saturday August 23rd A surcharged will be added after the 17th per ticket.

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.



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Show some Lake Forest Pride with some great apparel!

Order forms are on the website or in the office.







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

LFYC Semi-Annual Meeting

Date: 7/16/2025 at 7:00PM Ended 9:09PM

Meeting Recorder: Office,

Attendees Justin Bosi, Joe O'Donnell, Dmitry Bohdan, Peter Moreland

Tom DeSena,

Minutes/Actions



Peter Moreland - Commodore: Communications, Website, Porthole, Docks

- Parking Lot lights
 - Receiving and install update
 - Has all lights, has electrician. Cost will be rental of lift. From home depot. \$250 for 4 hours, comes with lift and trailer.
- Signs for field No Motorized vehicles or bikes on field.
 - One fishing sign missing already.
 - (put up) 4 signs for no fishing, 2 end of docks 2 in beginning. 1 was stolen or something, maybe a storm?? Do we have a camera for the area? Trying to keep people from fishing in those areas
- Septic Update
 - Update on appointment to empty Galley Septic
 - Keith from Windriver send email and is willing to come by tomorrow around 10am
- Shade Sail repairs
 - Status
 - Went really well. Came down yesterday, with Frank and Tom, thank you very much. Tom Sorensen also helped. Poles worked out great. Poles on the outside with 10 ft of rebar. Do we refill each pole a little till it gets really solid? Frank is buying more shades. Front poles on other side are lasting. Not sure why. Other side of beach curves slightly??
- Weedoo
 - Volunteer Update
 - No email was sent out. Maybe try the porthole first. People are really liking the
 porthole and are reading it. No volunteers for the weedoo. Dan and Pete are on
 insurance policy this year. Never took the boat out last year. Not too much weeds
 coming back this year. Would like to take the boat out to run it for a bit. To show how
 it work etc.
- Docks:
 - Dock rentals update
 - 1 -Open dock available, B3, still available. The person who took it, his boat was too big to fit in it. We refunded him. 3 people bailed out on that slip.
 - Broken picnic tables around beach area.
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Joe O'Donnell - Secretary: Office, Beach, Legal & Insurance & Swim Team

- Office Update
 - Auto draft promoting for Master Lease
 - Jim says we don't promote this enough. Cuts down on mailing out statements.
- Review Clubhouse Rentals
 - Current rental requests for review
 - Talked about the rental this Saturday. Another one in here for Lisa Runne for October, will not approve or sign until payment is given. Call them to let them know this will not be approved till the payment is given.
 - Must let the renters know that they will not be approved until the payment is given to the office. Have the office reach out to the board on all renters that come in. So they can preapprove them. And make sure there is not a conflict. Need to add it into the contract somewhere.
- Legal / Insurance
 - Pending getting legal contact Dolan and Dolan in Newton?
- Gates on dive tower
 - Dave will get on this.
- Joe to start the process for review of Master Lease at Termination
- Keep forgetting to send out. Thinks there must be a committee on this.
- Broken Adirondack chair out there. Keep for parts. Get new ones next summer.
- Purchase mats for the men's room. To keep it cleaner in there. Try it out first there, and see how it goes.
- Sink in galley is slow. Put a whole thing of draino down there. No one has removed the trap. Still running slow. Found a plumber. Give Dmitry a week.
- Foozball table is shot and gone. Would not do another. People shove it. Personally would say no to getting another one.
- Joe will purchase matts for gally restrooms. Will start with the mens room and see how they work.

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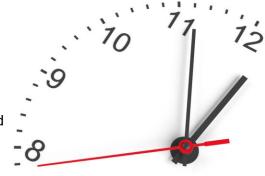
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Evan Kurzman - Treasurer: Financials, Budget, Grant and Scholarship & Wakeoff

- WAKE OFF Update
- Permits, planning, what's left to do
 - John Rudolph came in to propose them parking in the baseball field. He says there will be
 more people this year and there will only be parking on one side of the street. If its raining
 or the ground is wet they would say no. If there is any damage to the field John would pay
 for that. Need the basketball court roped off. All in favor its ok, but if its raining or wet they
 can not park there. Everything is going fine for Wakeoff. Beer truck is good.
- Monthly Budget report
 - Printouts for all
- Bank of America Accounts / Zelle / New Credit Card update
 - Need Articles of Organization.
- Evan to review electronic payment
- Research on Moving CDs to other investment opportunity
 - Any By-Law restrictions

Dmitry Bohdan - Grounds, Maintenance, Tennis Courts & Nominating Committee

- Grounds
 - Electronic Gate update
 - Gate is a thorn in his side, need the gate company and electronic company to actually fix the gate.
 - Bee / Insect Remediation
 - We have a bee issue, in the beach area. ½ dozen burrowing in the sand. Have to talk to Dan from the pest control company about this.
- Clubhouse Patio Drainage Project to eliminate erosion.
 - To revisit end of season. Revisit in the off season.
- Electrical issue- October date to replace
 - Haws Electrical approved

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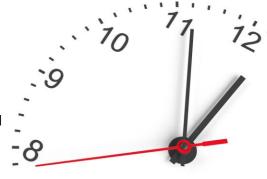
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<u>Dmitry Bohdan - Grounds, Maintenance, Tennis Courts & Nominating Committee</u>

- Repair and Painting inside the Clubhouse
 - Estimate approval from HD Painting, price is \$2200 to paint the entire clubhouse, 2 colors and fix the giant cracks, painting will start after rentals have slowed down a bit, like October ish. Have to pick colors
 - Discuss pricing, colors, timing End of season/Jim asked Ppete if he can get a quote to wax the floors.
- Catwalks need repair asap
 - Come up with plan/
- Tennis courts to add carabiners to the wind curtains/haven't done anything with this.
- Eagle scout project for baseball field approved.
 - Progress update, timing,
 - Called them, for an update, asked when it will be done. Their response is majority of the work is done, still have to anchor the bases.
- Nominating Committee
 - email has gone out and more to follow, messages in Porthole as well.

• <u>Dan Vinson - Social, By-Laws, Clubhouse, Welcoming new membership</u>

- Clubhouse
 - Cleaning
 - Jim held off till he can get a hold of the current crew. He was here Sunday when the cleaning crew came in, they were only here a half hour and left. The cleaning crew had to work around the tables and chairs. Jim will approach the current cleaning crew to make sure they do a better job.
- Broken tables in storage area
 - Repair the broken tables.
- By-law meeting
 - Dan still working to get Pat to follow through on leading this.
- Social:
 - Opening day final numbers.
 - 196 adults, 46 kids. 4-5 people day of sales. Not too bad despite the weather. The food was great. No invoice from Chabon's. In the past they would text Linda.

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- Closing Day update / Vendors / Plans Finalized?
 - Bbq place said they would do the event like last year. Good price. We have DJ Earl again. Need to check on the slide.
- Bands on the beach Setup
 - There is a repass going on at the same time as the band on the beach and community day, must let the renter know that the parking will be at a minimum with everything else going on. They will have park legally on the streets.
- AV Closet lock
 - Update? Dan has nothing on this. Scratch this.
- Welcoming New Neighbors
 - To start next month with new names Jim put a list together, Dan plans to reach out to those people tomorrow. Will look to see if there are any other new members as well.

• <u>Justin Bosi: Security, Boat Races, Boat Safety Course</u>

- Boat races contract / full plans update.
 - No information on that yet. Still utilizing the club, racing on Saturday and on Sunday the bigger races are on the main lake. Lot more traffic this year.
- Replace rotted out poles around basketball area
 - Budget Plan for next year update
 - Planning on bringing up as many as he can. Budget cut off is 10/1. If he slows down
 he can possibly get a machine up.
- Septic Covers needed Justin to handle.
 - One of the vent holes is right at grade and is open, put spicket in there but lawn mower sucked it up. Do we also mark the septic? Specify to Will next year to not expose and manhole covers. Maybe have him remove some mulch next year.
 - To be done in the spring
 - Need a cover for the water shut off for gally

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- Security Update
 - LADD Security Update
 - Security Camera to be added to clubhouse storage room.
 - Need to provide dates for when we want Security
 - 4th of July there was an incident. Josh was here. Do we replace them? Are they good? First year we had this company, they were awesome. Loved what they were doing, but now not so much. Have to approach the guy working at times sitting in his car and watching movies. Had to tell him to get out and walk around. Need to stress with them to shut the slide off. Not being done.

• Tom DeSena:

NEW Business:

- Discussed cleaning out maintenance room.
- Improved Audio at Clubhouse and Beach Galley
 - Discuss possible companies to replace audio in Clubhouse first
 - Consider outside second
 - Pete wants to start something on the next budget for audio/visual, home theatre stuff. Get quotes.

NEW Projects:

