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THE PORTHOLE NEWS

*The monthly newsletter of
the Lake Forest Yacht Club*



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Vanessa Luke, Commodore

Welcome to our summer season Lake Forest! I'm so happy to see our members out and about, enjoying the club and attending events! We had a great turnout for Opening Day Picnic with over 200 wristbands purchased. The weather that day may have started out rainy, but we carried on anyway and were fortunate to see the weather clear with lots of sunshine. I have to give major kudos, once again, to our Social Committee, for planning and pulling off an event of this size. The work to prepare everything and keep things running smoothly throughout these events – it's appreciated by many!! It would be great to see folks sign up to help with at least one event during the year, and for our newer members, this is a great way to get to know people! So, I encourage you to reach out to Kristen Brown or use the Sign Up Genius links provided for events to let us know you're available. Read ahead for our summer schedule of events!



Our Beach Director, Scott Davis, our lifeguards, and security staff are now on duty on the weekends until school ends, and then daily operations will begin. Please be sure to take a look on pages 4 and 7 to review important information about club operations, membership IDs, and beach rules to help ensure we're all having a great experience while using the Club.

And finally, thanks to all who attended the Semiannual Meeting in early May. We were happy to share updates with you and had some good discussion during the Q&A period of the meeting. Looking forward to a fantastic summer and to seeing you all soon!

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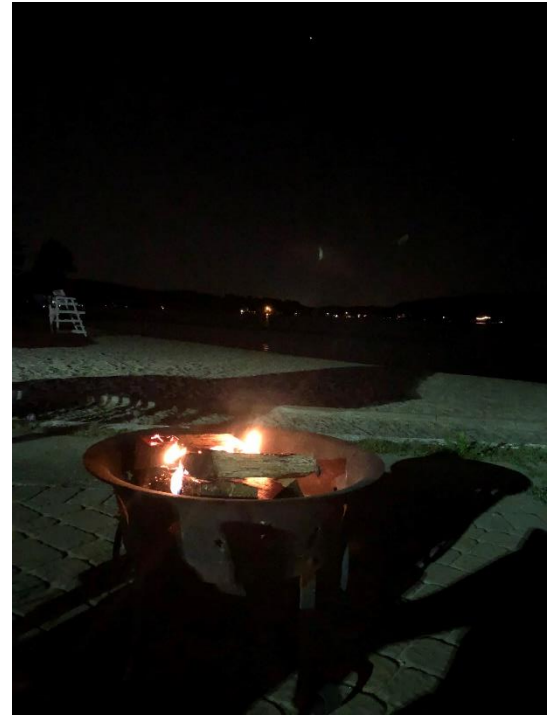
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Summer Event Schedule!!!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events!

- **June 24th – School’s Out Party** – help is needed to plan this event for the kids. Please click [here](#) to sign up to help.
- **July 3rd – 3-7 p.m. - Band on the Beach** – Krissie and Mike Acoustic with full Band
- **July 16th – 4-8 p.m. - Community Day & Band on the Beach** – Chris Barry
- **August 13th – Wakeoff**
- **August 14th – 2-6 p.m. – Band on the Beach** – Brian St. John Band
- **August 27th – 4-8 p.m. – Band on the Beach** – Supernova



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:

- July 5th
- August 3rd
- September 7th

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.

2022 LFYC Scholarship

A well-deserved congratulations and best wishes with all you pursue in your future, Shanna Leek!



2022 Graduate Dedications



Congratulations to my Grandson, Salvatore DeMarco!

Love you forever, Nana Lillian

Club Maintenance To-Do List

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

- Painting at the Galley (list date 5/22)
- Replace Timer for Lights in Galley Hallway (list date 5/22)

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.

Help Keep our Club Clean!

- Please remember our club operates with volunteers and everyone's help is needed to keep it maintained!
- Be sure your trash and recycling makes its way to the appropriate bins at the beach, playground, galley, restrooms, patio, and field while enjoying the property.
- Do not overfill the trash and recycling bins or leave any items next to or on top of the bins.
- Place pizza boxes directly in the recycling dumpster – do not stuff into recycling bins.
- If you see trash on the ground, please be kind and pick it up.
- If trash or recycling is full and you are able to take it to the dumpster, the help is much appreciated.
- Smoking is not permitted on the beach or near the galley or picnic tables. Cigarette butts are not to be left on the ground anywhere on the property, including the parking lots.
- Please refrain from moving adirondack chairs, picnic tables, benches. It causes unnecessary wear and tear on these items.
- Close umbrellas in high wind, if a storm is incoming, or when leaving.
- TVs in the galley are continuously being left on overnight. Remotes are provided on the counter for your use – they must be turned off before leaving.

Dart League

Calling all dart players!!!

A dart league is underway on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at the galley.



This is a co-ed league and teams are randomly selected each week. Each player is 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.

Not into playing darts? Come down and hang out!

If you have any questions, reach out to Jimmy Gilligan at 973-747-0000.



Kayak Storage

Kayak rack space is limited at this time.

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.

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.

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!



Lake Forest Vikings Swim Team

NJRL 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 NJRL for ages 5-18. Swimmers living outside of Lake Forest are welcome!!

Use the link above to register your swimmer! Dan Schultz is also available at 973-876-8974 or at dschultz6216@gmail.com anytime for questions. Looking

forward to a great 2022 season!

Lake Forest Vikings Swim Team
Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Come out and support the Lake Forest Vikings Swim Team and enjoy a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, June 5th!



June 5, 2022

9:00-11:30am

Lake Forest Yacht Club

Adults \$8.00 Kids \$5.00

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Coffee and Juice

Thank you for your support!



BASIC FIRST AID CPR & AED TRAINING *"Education for Life"*

learn the above training at the basic rescuer level

Location: LFYC

Date: Tuesday, July 12th

Time: 6:00PM EST

RSVP: By: Friday, July 8th

Please mark your calendars and join us to learn these lifesaving skills. Participants should be at least 9 years old. Cost of this program is \$50 per student and the certification is good for 2 years.

First Aid/CPR/AED Course

We are please to once again offer this course to our membership on July 12th at 6 p.m. Come out and learn these important skills! Contact the office if you are interested in signing up.

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!



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.

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.

Beach Rules (continued)

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.

BEACH (continued):

- 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: 5/11/22

Attendees: Vanessa, Keith, Peter, Kristen

Called to Order: 7:00pm

Adjourned: 7:50pm

Swim Team - Banquet event date to be scheduled. Section for swim meets will be roped off when swim meets going on to keep beach separate from meets.

Beach- 12 Lifeguards for season, 10 returning and 2 new. Safety equipment and AED battery life to be checked. Afternoon sun glare problem from 4-7pm every day for lifeguards. Options being looked into here. Lifeguards to put umbrellas away each night and will need to purchase a few new umbrellas to start season. Weed curtains installed somewhere between May 22-24th

Social to give donation out of social budget toward fire department as they always come for opening and closing day events.

Lightbulbs to be replaced at B&C docks but need to eventually replace poles and light fixtures.

Security scheduled for Senior prom night June 9th

Weedoo insurance – to be paid and renewed. Repairs to be addressed and completed.

Tennis court cracks- Company contacted again for repairs

Social- Still looking into new member event options.

Natural gas - finalizing cost details and installation details

Septic - Companies being contacted for inspection and repair

LFYC Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 5-6-22

Called to order: 8:08pm

Meeting adjourned: 9:18pm

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Trustees: All present except James Davitt due to travel

Attendees: 32

Vanessa started meeting with welcome message to community and voiced appreciation to the board members and all work.

Minutes from last year to be read- motioned to waive reading of minutes by Glenn DeSantis, motion seconded by Dan Schultz.

Scholarship Presentation: Frank Gutowski

\$1000 after first semester, \$500 per year thereafter with GPA above 3.0.

Thanks to the committee

This year's recipient - Shanna Leek. Frank provided an overview of Shanna's academic accomplishments, afterschool work, volunteerism, and future plans. Congratulations to Shanna

Vanessa Luke- Commodore's report:

Last December Mike Mali message was on volunteerism, and we have seen an increase which is great, but still need to continue to increase.

Vanessa Luke - Beach /Galley/Lifeguards-

Work is being completed on swim team point. New platform has been constructed – partnership between Swim Team and LFYC.

Scott Davis, new Beach Director, in contact with Vanessa and he is excited to execute plan for this year. 10 guards coming back and 2 new and 2 new by mid-summer. Scott and Nicole Kahwaty will oversee lifeguards and snack shack.

Beach patio umbrellas- issue with too many being damaged, simple request to please crank down after use to prevent weather damage.

Vanessa Luke - Nominating-

Looking for new trustees or returning trustees for next year. Jeff Lawrence and Dan Schultz heading up nominating committee again.

Jaime Evans - Treasurer report

Fiscal year Oct 1st to Sept 31st. This year budget tough to create due to rising costs/inflation and we have had to adjust budget accordingly for this year to reflect this. Also had two septic pumps, swim dock repair, natural gas installation, and additional septic issue has had to come into budget this year. Currently have over \$300,000 and collections expected to be received from two former members.

Jaime Evans - Wakeoff

Wake off event scheduled for Sat Aug 14th.

Jaime Evans – Insurance/Legal/Bylaws

Nothing to report for bylaws and all insurances up to date.

Chrissy Gilligan - Office/Scholarship/ Communications-

Vanessa revamped the Porthole for a more modern look and feel and better content.

Linda doing a great job in the office.

Vanessa Luke (on behalf of James Davitt) – Grounds & Clubhouse

Winter snow removal went well. Got a quote from potential new landscaping company, but it didn't include snow removal at the same price we pay that does include it. Staying with current company.

Basketball court repairs- estimates coming in around \$12,000 to fix. Possible micro paving as a less expensive option.

Kayak racks have been repaired and thank you to all that helped. New racks run about \$1000 but new racks we will build will hold 12 kayaks per rack and will be much more affordable. Weekend will be set in place to build new racks and volunteers will be needed.

Clubhouse – Men's room fan replaced, all flushometers are replaced. It appears balls were being bounced off of ceiling in commodore room. Please don't let kids do this.

We have several septic issues in the last few months with 2 pump replacements, back up in clubhouse men's toilets. Had to hire special company to clean up septic waste water from the back up. Possible rain water

getting into septic after heavy rain. Inspection to come and we will follow up with extended issue

Keith Moran – Boating safety/Maintenance/ Swim team

Had boating course with 28 people turn out, successful event, will continue to do this annually.

Maintenance- Spring cleanup day had a good member turn out, utilized white board for tasks, catwalks installed, very well organized and got all tasks done and even extra ones. Thank you to all who volunteer.

Swim team – Dan Schultz provided update—new platform this year. Looking for more swim team members, upcoming meet and greet for new members. Looking to reach 50 swimmers, off to good start with sponsors, board approved June 5th pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Peter Malenda- Security/Docks/Tennis court/Natural gas –

Renewed contract for security, same schedule as last year Memorial Day to Labor Day, costs went up, saving one week due to school out later but still costing more. New cameras installed. Had to replace hard drives due to failure. New cameras to come in parking lot as budget permits.

Docks—all 85 dock spaces rented by all members. First time in 20 years without nonmembers. Thank you to Frank Gutowski for all his hard work. The income went down a bit with docks since all member income. Did off-season repairs early this year as well. Next year we will reevaluate repairs again. Next draw down, we are looking to fix boat ramp as it's damaged.

Weedoo - working with manufacturer to identify problem. Machine is discontinued and can't get parts. Discussed alternative fixes. Keith Kecheneff suggested electrical motor option. Peter to speak to Keith further on this.

Tennis court repairs – Reached out to company to get estimate to fix cracks, still waiting to have them come out. Tom Preston offered to fix cracks with sealer - 50 degrees temps needed for this.

Natural gas conversion - Cost to connect \$100 open road permit, enroll \$200 deposit, they come out to

install meter. 6 months to convert to gas or \$7k penalty, if we wait and do later it will cost \$7k to install plus all fees. Club house quotes to convert range \$6-10K, line to be run north of tennis courts, can't go through new parking lot. Will cost us less to do now, 3 furnaces will be converted.

Kristen Brown- Social /Welcoming Committee

Santa breakfast successful and thank you to Debbie Pfeiffer and Shawn Cooney for their help with this event.

Thank you to Frank Gutowski for successful Superbowl and Beefsteak comedy events

Thank you to Glenn DeSantis for successful Texas hold-um event

Easter Egg hunt over 200 in attendance, thank you to Shawn Cooney, Christina Morrow and Desirae Nigro.

Continuing to do raffle for volunteers. Sarah Davitt was the winner recebtkt, she received free admission to opening day picnic.

First aid course successful and thank you to Joe O'Donnell, 11 people turn out. Will run again.

Upcoming Events- Opening day, dart league starting May 17th, welcoming event being planned, and bunco tournament

New business: no new business to propose at this meeting. New business open to membership. Nothing from membership.

Nominating committee: Dan Schultz and Jeff Lawrence to run again Glenn DeSantis, Phil Schiff, Vinny and Joe O'Donnell to join committee. We need 6 voting members to have a committee, Jaime Evans checked bylaws on this. Forming the committee for scholarship is during December meeting

Question & Answer Period:

Phil Schiff – Current membership number? --230 members

Glenn DeSantis – Using last year as the comparison, what is cost saving to club to move forward with natural gas?

Last year 1000-gallon tank \$3000 a year to fill tank, propane should give 50% savings. Most expensive part of install is running the piping to club house furnaces. Can't open road for 5 years after they pave.

Glenn DeSantis - propose annual septic pump out if not what we currently do. Raise dock prices to align closer to market prices. Board is discussing this currently along with membership dues. Loan payment – how are we doing with prepaying. This year there will not be a prepayment on loan, last year there was a large prepayment. Brian Hyland stated loan was \$296, now \$241 , 15-year term and prepay.

Tony D'Alauro– tennis court - we are still within one year time, company should come back out to fix.

We were not eligible for a warranty because of condition of courts underneath.

B&C docks need better lighting. Keith Moran is working to try to see if they can be replaced. We know we have about 3-4 years before we need to do major fix B&C dock. Lights need to be included.

Chris Peters- What is wrong with the boat ramp? What's the plan? Peter explained ramp is cracked and uneven and this will need to be fixed. Second question, B&C docks, what is the fundamental need to repair these docks. Does it really need a big repair? AAA dock has said we keep doing repairs but this won't address long term issue.

Frank Gutowski – where can we put jet ski or tie ski when launching in lake? Need a pole near ramp to tie so ski doesn't go under walkway.

Phil Schiff – what is our income for docks – \$48,875. Asset to club if we raise dock prices.

Sam Chidiac – has anyone every looked into solar power for B&C? Put lamp post in front of every dock slip for solar lighting. Board to look into lighting at B&C docks.

Meeting adjourned.