



The Porthole News

April 2015 Issue

Commodore's Message



Spring is here and winter went out with a friendly reminder of Mother Nature's potential. Hopefully the snow is finished for the season and the club and the community can resume desired intentions for the spring season. Not far into the distant future, most will be sporting t-shirts and shorts in light of the warmer climate. We will be firing up our grills, getting our fishing gear ready, inflating the tires on the bicycles and other preparations for our outdoor interests.

Recently, we held our International Pot Luck event at the club. Everyone who brought a dish would make Chef Ramsey proud. All of the food was unique and delicious and even the kids were impressed with all of the flavorful dishes. The club looked great and the gift baskets and prizes were prepared well. The entire night went smooth and everyone had a nice time and appeared relaxed. The social committee and volunteers did a fantastic job making this function happen. Without the commitment from these individuals and members, these events might not be possible.

Our semi-annual meeting will be taking place on May 1st. Any members interested in attending the meeting are encouraged to do so. It's a good way to find out what the board is planning and a way to voice your questions or concerns within the community. It's also an opportunity to get to know some of the people in your neighborhood. The meeting begins at 8pm and usually runs a few hours. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Beach clean-up is scheduled for April 18th (rain date 19th) Historically, we've gotten good participation from families around the neighborhood. Adults and kids help with the grounds and maintenance for the preparation of the summer season. We don't consider it a day of work, but a day of fun and rewarding accomplishments. Prior to our beach clean-up (dates above), on April 11th and 12th the assembly of the new cat-walks will continue. Not only are we assembling new docks, but we also need to demolish the old ones. If you would like to help out in any fashion, feel free to stop down and you might want to bring some basic tools. Parking decals and beach badges are now available during office hours. Be sure to pick them up if you intend to use the beach this summer. This will help avoid confusion when the security company or lifeguards conduct their checks.

For Your Calendar:

Boat Safety Course	April 11th 8am
Clean Up Day	April 18th 8am
Rain Date for Clean Up Day	April 19th 8am
Semi Annual Meeting	May 1, 2015 8pm
Boat Show	May 2nd & 3rd
Opening Day Picnic	May 23, 2015

Regular information updates are available through Anna's e-mail blasts. If you would like to receive information as it happens, simply leave an e-mail address at the office and it will get added to the mailing list. Members and non-members can receive this information. It's a great way to get a friendly reminder for upcoming events and useful information.

Best Regards,
Dan Schultz, Commodore

More Options to Obtain Photo Badges and pre-sent Vehicle Registrations for Stickers. See Page 4 for details



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Trustees'

Lake Forest Yacht Club Directory

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973-601-7332 Email: jokahwaty@optonline.net

Babysitter List - *Red Cross Certified

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973-663-0207



*Lake Forest wants to send a Happy Birthday Wish to
our residents with birthdays in April....*



Rebecca D'Alauro on April 2nd
Joshua Spiridigliozi who turns 11 on April 4th
Jim Brown on April 6th
Brian Slusark on April 8th
Jaimie DeSena on April 14th
Karen Slusark on April 14th
Mike Attanasio on April 17th
Tom DeSena on April 20th
Cassidy Espinoza who turns 13 on April 24th
Shanna Leek who turns 11 on April 26th
Jonathan Schiedlo, Jr. who turns 11 on April 29th
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The \$1000.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club
Scholarship

**Application deadline is
April 16, 2015!**

The deadline for LFYC Scholarship applications is fast approaching as the deadline is April 16th. If you are planning to apply for this scholarship, please make sure your application is postmarked by that date so that it may be considered by the LFYC Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship will award \$1,000 to help start off an applicant's higher education endeavor. This one time award may be used for tuition, books and other school related expenses. The candidate must be a Lake Forest Yacht Club member in good standing as well as a 2015 graduating high school senior. Complete details of the application criteria will be found on the LFYC Scholarship.

Scholarship applications should be addressed to the LFYC Scholarship Committee and be mailed to the LFYC with a postage date no later than April 16th, 2015. The five members of the 2015 LFYC Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications and make a decision on who will be the recipient of the 2015 LFYC Scholarship. The recipient will be notified on or before May 31st, 2015.

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April 11, 2015 from 8:00am to 5:00pm

Registration is Required \$65 Members/\$75 Non-Members

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This course is approved by NASBLA and the New Jersey State Police MSB and provides the necessary education for a recreational boater to obtain the mandatory New Jersey Boating Safety Certificate (NJ BSC) to legally operate a power boat or Personal Watercraft on New Jersey inland waters. Boat New Jersey is an 8 hour course, including the final exam. Pre-registration is encouraged to confirm enrollment and a seat. Boat New Jersey consists of six lessons ; Know Your Boat, Before You Get Underway, Operating Your Boat Safely, Legal Requirements of Boating, Boating Emergencies and Enjoying Water Sports. Each lesson is followed by review questions to reinforce the course information presented and enhance the students learning experience.

All of our courses are conducted by highly experienced Boat Instructors, who have undergone extensive training to become New Jersey State qualified instructors. All of our Instructors are New Jersey State Police certified Boat Instructors. These individuals are experienced boaters.

To register visit website: <http://www.boatingsafetyfirst.com>

Help Wanted!! Beach Director

This summer, the Lake Forest Yacht Club is seeking a Beach Director. Some of the responsibilities will include overseeing the lifeguard staff, service at the galley, coordinating functions at the beach, enforcing the beach rules and policies, oversight of grounds and maintenance at the beach, etc. Looking for a responsible, reliable person to begin May 2015.

Please contact Keith Moran, our Beach Trustee at 973-663-5180 or the office to inquire about applying or for further details. Email office at office@lfyc.org.



Grounds/Beach Clean Up Day in April 18th with a Rain Date of April 19th

We are looking for community help to get our beach and grounds ready for the spring and summer season. With a long winter getting on its way behind us, we are looking forward to the spring clean up. Here is a list of a few jobs/projects that we are looking for assistance with:

- ◆ Paint where needed chains throughout grounds, bike rack, handball wall, and benches.
- ◆ Complete the Cat Walk Project
- ◆ Clean galley, galley bathrooms and ERR
- ◆ Clean playground area
- ◆ Clean BBQ grills
- ◆ Plant flowers

Please have children 12 and under accompanied by a parent.



Coffee & Bagels will be served in the morning and lunch with beverages will be served at noon.



Members of Lake Forest, if you have a favorite Charity.....

that you would like to hold a fundraiser for, the club allows the use of the clubhouse for an Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser in the fall. We will be accepting entries into the lottery at this time so contact the office if you are interested in entering it. The winner will be pulled at the semi-annual meeting.





Membership Semi-Annual Meeting, May 1, 2015 8pm

Come down and learn what changes, projects, etc. the board is working on. A quorum must be met by 8:15. Without our members, we could not have a club and your input is important to us. Please come down and meet with us. We hope to see you there.

OOPS!
WE GOOFED!

The Lake Hopatcong Boat Show Coming to Lake Forest May 2nd & 3rd - Time TBA



The last issue provided you with the incorrect information on this event. The Lake Hopatcong Boat Show is organized by a group of local marinas to feature their products here at the Yacht Club for those boaters or prospective boaters interested in seeing what is available locally around Lake Hopatcong. If you have a love for boating and would like to see a display of various types and models, come on down that weekend to check it out! Our apologies for the misprint in the prior issue.



Opening Day Picnic, May 23, 2015

We are a little more than a month away from our Annual Opening Day Beach Operations and Memorial Day Weekend Festivities. We will have more details on this event including pricing so check your email for information from Anna Carrion or the website coming soon! If you want to help the committee and take on a particular task please contact the office or Anna Carrion, our Social Trustee. There will be great food, entertainment and games for adults and kids! Your help is greatly appreciated and without you we could not have such successful events! We look forward to seeing our friends and neighbors after this long winter!



LFYC Senior Resident Membership

Over the past few years we have heard residents' concerns about the price of senior membership and are implementing a test program for 2014 and 2015 to hopefully address those concerns and increase membership. All seniors will have a new rate available of only **\$200 per year for membership** for 2014 and 2015. (If your current lock in rate is lower, that will be honored. If the test program does not work, rates will revert to the existing senior pricing or to your prior locked in rate.)

We have begun a new Seniors Group that is coordinated by **Pat Carthage** and we are looking to expand the amount of gatherings and activities. Pat can be reached at patcarthage@optonline.net or 973-663-0399. We also have a list of vendors that are offering discounts to LFYC Members only. Now your LFYC Membership has additional financial benefits with savings from our preferred vendors. If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the trustees or contact the office at 973-663-0158. We look forward to having you join and enjoy time with friends and



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Open Registration Date Change for the Lake Forest Vikings Swim Team

Enjoy the sport of swimming? Then come down to the club on **April 19th** to find out what we're all about! Time to be announced. LFST is open to all children in Jefferson Twp. and surrounding areas between ages 5-18 years. Fun activities both in and out of the water for all swimmers! The LFST is a summer swim team that competed in the New Jersey Regional Lake League. Visit the website for more information www.lfyc.org or contact us by email: Josephine Kahwaty, President, jokahwaty@optonline.net.



LFYC Beach Lifeguard Positions Open for the 2015 Season

We would like to offer this opportunity to all the Lake Forest resident guards who worked for us in the past. If you are interested in working at the beach this summer, please contact the office to obtain the necessary paperwork to re-apply for the position. Please note that all lifeguard training certifications (First Aid, AED, CPR & waterfront, etc.) must be kept up-to-date so **any re-certifications will need to be done prior to May 15th or first day of employment.**

If you are applying for the first time, you must be of age 16 and have your certifications done prior to May 15th or first day of employment. Please contact the office to obtain an application to apply. Interviews will be conducted. Weekend beach operations will begin Memorial Day and daily operations will begin immediately following the last day of school. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 973-663-0158 or office@lfyc.org or Mr. Keith Moran, our Beach Trustee.

Help Wanted! Swim Instructor

We are looking for a *swim instructor for the 2015 Season*. Water Safety Instructor Course Required. Please inquire within about the details of the course. We are looking for a responsible, reliable person who likes to work with children. Please contact our Beach Trustee, Keith Moran at 973-663-5180 or the office for any questions or further detail.



**2015 Season Dock Rental Information
Dock Slips Now Available for
Member Guest Rentals**



Member dock rental renewals and new rentals are completed. We have open dock slips available for rental. Member rental fee for the season is \$450.00.

As of April 1st, we are accepting member guest dock slip rentals for the 2015 season. The member guest dock rental fee for this season is \$1,220. A \$25 security deposit will be required on gate keys issued to member guests. Only guests referred by a current club member may rent a slip for the season. If you would like to refer a non-member for a dock slip rental, please contact the LFYC Dockmaster: Frank Gutowski at 973-663-2059.



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Trustee Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2015

Trustees Present: Ray Calogero, Dan Schultz, Greg Struble, Jon Schiedlo Sr., Keith Moran, Anna Carrion and Mike Kahwaty

Beach/Galley: Keith let the board know that the ad for the open life-guard positions was placed in the Porthole News. He would like to put an ad in to find someone to hire as a beach director. A request was made to review the description or list of duties/responsibilities for this position.

By-Laws: Greg presented the board members with the changes he would like to present to the members for a vote. Discussion ensued.

Communications: Discussion ensued with regard to updating/changing the website. Anna let the board know that Tony recommended we use Go-Daddy to help us build our own site that is user friendly and one which the board can operate easily.

Docks: Ray let the board know he ordered the wood for the catwalk project. Walt from AAA Docks helped Ray with the ice eaters and he suggested that they be moved so they can cover more area. Walt has someone he can recommend to provide us with a proposal on the A Dock Project. The board decided to begin the catwalk project on March 28th, 29th and April 4th from 7am to 2pm.

Grounds/Maintenance: Ray let the board know that he spoke to the landscaper. He will work on a more formal contract to be reviewed and signed each year.

LFNS: Mike has made efforts to reach out to Laura to find out what the status is on the school restructuring and opening in the fall. She has responded to him letting him know that they are still proceeding with re-organizing the school.

LFST: Ray let the board know that he had a discussion with their president about the 2015 contract.

Office: A question arose with regard to the hourly rental contract. A correction will be made to state that the member who rented by the hour will have the right to pay for a full day rental if another member makes a request for a full day rental for the same day.

Security: Mike asked for a copy of the agreement from last year. He will review it and get one from Al Rossy for this upcoming season. Discussion ensued with regard to trespassers on the property.

Welcome/Membership: A request was made to provide the trustees with a list of new residents for them to introduce themselves, etc.



Updated Information Below to Obtain Membership Stickers and Badges

Stickers for the new membership year are available for pick up in the office. In order to receive your renewal sticker for each hang tag we will need:

- * A copy of the current vehicle registrations for each car in the household. **You may take a pic of it with your camera and email it to the office**
- * Each ID Badge is required to have a photo ID. **You may email a picture in jpg. format or stop by the office to have your photo taken.**

Please be advised that stickers can only be obtained once the membership is fully paid. Balance on Memberships are due by March 31, 2015. **If you email these items, I will email back to let you know when they are ready for pick up.**

Graduates Wanted

For the June Porthole we wanted to celebrate all of our 2015 graduates.

Whether your student is graduation nursery school, kindergarten, middle school, high school or college - we want to celebrate their accomplishments! Please email a photo and a congratulations blurb to the office at office@lfyc.org by May 20th



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