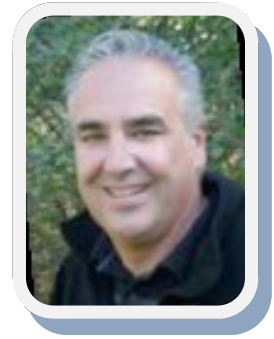




The Porthole News

April 2012 Issue

Commodore's Message



April showers, is a term that denotes spring rains in part of the northern hemisphere during the month of April. This is how I started my Aprils message last year, and this year I begin the same way for a very different reason. This year we will be looking for large depressions to bring rain in from the Atlantic. I look out at our dive platform and B and C docks and it congers up memories of the spring of 2009, the year of the lake draw down combined with the lack of precipitation which caused our boating season to start late. I

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still have a mental picture of Pat Brennan, our Commodore at the time, shrugging his shoulders while looking out at our beach. Unfortunately 12 cubic feet of water per second still flows from the dam, which feeds the stream that connects Lake Hopatcong and Lake Musconetcong. The level of the lake is not as bad as it was in 2009 and our hope at this time should be that the DEP and the Lake Commission considers the lack of snow and rain we have had this winter and early spring and re-evaluate the amount of water that is being taken from our lake. In the mean time, we hope for April showers to bring May boaters!

For Your Calendar:

Boat Safety Course	April 28
Semi-Annual Meeting	May 4
Opening Day Picnic	May 26
Band on the Beach	May 28

Rain or shine we are preparing our beach and our docks for the upcoming season. We have installed a new pump and fountains at our dive platform and have started working on our catwalks, fixing and replacing some of the floats that were failing. We will also in the next couple of weeks be doing some improvements to our landscape as well as fixing some of the damage caused by last Augusts hurricane. Our goal is as always to improve our members experience while visiting the club and add value to our community.

The Board had decided last month to consolidate the positions of bookkeeper and office manager. At which time Diane Hyland was promoted and will add the responsibilities of bookkeeper as well as other responsibilities here at the club. Diane has been in our office for almost two years now and we are confident that she will continue to help the club grow. Thank you Diane and congratulations.

On Friday May 4th at 8PM we will have our semi annual meeting for members to be updated on our club operations. I look forward to seeing you all that evening.

Boat slips are now available and are opened now to non- members sponsored by members. Please contact Frank Gutowski, Dock Master, for availability.

For those applying for the Lake Forest Scholarship Grant, registration ends on April 16th. You are able to pick up an application at our office or you can print one out on line. Again, good luck to all!

I recently met a few members down the club that showed interest in our Social Committee. Both decided to help out by volunteering .The Social Committee is always looking for help with new ideas. We are

The Lake Forest Bulletin Board Happy Birthday to.....

- Rebecca D'Alauro on April 2nd
- Joshua Spirodiglozzi who turns 8 on April 4th
- Stephen Bandura on April 5th
- Jim Brown on April 6th
- Brian Slusark who turns 17 on April 8th
- Karen Slusark on April 14th
- Mike Attanasio on April 17th
- Cassidy Espinoza who turns 10 on April 24th
- Jonathan Schiedlo who turns 8 on April 29th
- Debbie SeSantis on April 30th

Happy Anniversary to.....

Jay & Sharon Karamanol on April 21st



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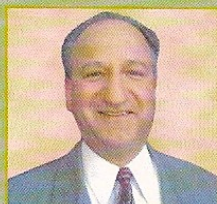
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The non member rental fee for this season is \$1,225. Only non-members referred by a current club member may rent a slip for the season. We also have several select dock slips available at a discounted price if \$400 and \$1,025 for non-members.

If you would like to refer a non-member for a dock slip rental, please contact the LFYC Dock-master: Frank Gutowski at 973-663-2059.



The \$1000.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship Application

Deadline is April 16th, 2012!

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 2012 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, 2012. The five members of the 2012 LFYC Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications and make a decision on who will be the recipient of the 2012 LFYC Scholarship. The recipient will be notified on or before May 31st, 2012.

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Trustee Meeting Minutes March 8, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:08 by Ray Calogero

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:40 by Ray Calogero

Trustees Present: Ray Calogero, Keith Beaudoin, Jeff Dowd, Rich L'Altrelle, Phil Schiff, Andy Egan

Trustee Absent: BJ Caraccioli

For a full review of the minutes, please come down to the office.

Ray Calogero began the meeting and his first topic was the Grant. He informed the board that applications for the scholarship are still being accepted so there is nothing to report yet at this time. The deadline is April 16th. He went on to discuss the Lake Forest Nursery School. He let the board know that the school will be making arrangements to weed through their items to make more storage room in the big closet. After a few meetings between LFYC and the LFNS board members, there will be a utilities assessment in addition to their rent as per their contract. An amount has been determined. An inspection done by the Bureau of Fire Prevention for the LFNS has failed due to the stove in the clubhouse. The hood system has been determined to be insufficient and therefore may need to be replaced with a suppression system. Many discussions are taking place between LFNS, LFYC, The Fire Prevention Bureau and the Township Building Dept. The board would like to assess the school for part of the cost for this system. The board's concern is whether or not this gets resolved before the contract is up. Andy made a motion to the extent that if LFYC is required to incur expenses or obligations related to the school because the school occupies the building then any and all expenses will be incurred solely by the school. Jeff seconded the motion. Ray, Rich and Keith were in favor. Phil was not in favor. Ray talked about social and stated that he & Phil will be meeting with Frank Gutowski to discuss Social and that Phil will present at his turn.

Bj could not attend the meeting but did let the board know that he is reaching out to Al Rossy to discuss a starting date for the

season and confirm the details for security this year. The last of the security cameras have been placed and just the wiring needs to be done. This will be done shortly. Next on the agenda was the office. The board decided that the office did not have enough work for 2 people and therefore wanted to consolidate the positions. Jennifer Whritnour is no longer employed through the LFYC and the position has been filled by Diane Hyland. Jeff spoke for BJ and gave his congratulations to Diane.

Jeff followed Bj to give his report on financials. Discussion ensued on a few areas of the club their budget numbers, where we are at and how we proceed going forward.

Next to speak was Keith Beaudoin about maintenance & docks. Some work needs to be done on the docks from normal annual maintenance to damage from the hurricane last year. Our new maintenance contractor will be taking care of these tasks. Andy will talk more about Communications when he presents his reports. As for maintenance of the club, the board decided on keeping the landscaper on for another year. There will be other repairs in the parking lot due to hurricane damage. Discussion ensued as to the importance of the jobs to be done.

As it was now Phil's turn to speak, he began with the Social Committee. Phil stated that one of the goals is to find more members for the committee. He and Ray have a meeting scheduled this month with Frank to go over several topics of concern. Applications for lifeguarding this summer are being received in the office. They have been reviewed by Phil and interviews will be arranged shortly. Discussion on the beach rules, procedures, job descriptions/duties will be discussed with all hired employees before the start of the season. These are currently being worked on. Discussion ensued

regarding the galley and it's maintenance and concession stand.

We've now come to Rich who will present any legal and insurance matters to the board. Insurance policies are in the process of renewal. Coverage for Employers Practice Liability Insurance has been added to the Directors and Officers Liability Policy. Rich is currently working on finishing up both the LFNS and the LFST contracts for the new year.

The final member to present his report was Andy. He informed the board that he is working on the structuring of the Port-hole News. He will have more to report on that at the next meeting. He spoke to the LFST president and informed him that a rough draft of the contract has been designed with Andy's assistance. Andy formatted it so it is easier to read. This has been passed on to Rich for review. The boat course is set for April 28th and there are people signing up for this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request from a member was received to consider using the grounds on off season to allow for storage of boats so that they are not kept on members property. Discussion ensued. There was also a complaint about commercial vehicles being parked on a property in the reservation. Discussion ensued. The board decided to call in the complaint about parking commercial vehicles.

BEACH BADGES WILL BE READY ON APRIL 20th

Please remember to show copies of vehicle registrations for any cars in the household to which you will need a parking sticker for.

NEW BEACH RULE

There will be designated areas where signs are posted for smoking



APRIL 28th - Boat Safety Course 8:30 AM at the Clubhouse. See details in this issue.



APRIL 29th - Lake Forest Swim Team Registration Day 3pm -5pm at the clubhouse.

MAY 4th - Semi-Annual Meeting 8:00 PM at the clubhouse. A quorum must be met by 8:15.



MAY 26th - Opening Day Picnic at the clubhouse. Details to follow. Save the date!

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