



The Porthole News

January 2014 Issue

Commodore's Message



As I am putting this message together on a -2 degree morning, early January, my thoughts start off with the use of our property. Unlike years past, our members accessing the lake for winter activities has been few, which I am thinking is partially due to this year's draw down. One situation that has been brought to our attention and we have received complaints of, are trespassers parking on our property. This is not a situation new to Lake Forest but it is a situation which raises our liability threat greatly. As members, and property owners, each of us are tied to the club through the Master Lease, which means the club is protected from liability, should a member hurt themselves on club property. Unfortunately this would not be the case should a trespasser injure themselves on our property. The board will be taking a stance against trespassers to insure that our risk is minimized to the club and it's membership. Please continue to display your parking pass when utilizing club property. Vehicles without proper identification will be warned and documented.

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It should be recognized that the success we have as a Club is attributed to each one of our members who has volunteered their time for our community. I would like to again extend a thank you to all of those members who have volunteered for this upcoming year on committees. Every members input is at all times welcomed and greatly appreciated. Our job as board members is to enforce rules and policies of the club but our two main priorities are the enjoyment of the club by our members and their safety. We are always looking to improve for the good of all of the community and I believe that our board is not only looking forward to working together, but also to working closely with our members to accomplish this. Becoming active in the community is a great way to meet your neighbors and develop new friendships. We are excited about this upcoming year and developing lasting relationships.

The next event the social will committee be hosting is Winterfest, on Sunday, the 23th of February . It is a great day for the

For Your Calendar:

Community Meeting	January 13 7pm
Comedy/Beefsteak Night	January 18 6:30
Winterfest/Daytona 500	February 23
Boat Safety Course	Date TBD
LFNS Registration Day	March day/time TBA
LF Swim Team Registration	April 27 time TBA
Semi-Annual Meeting	May 2 8PM
Opening Day Picnic	May 24th

kids as well as the adults and I hope to see you all come out to enjoy this event. Guests are welcome and there is no charge. We will again be holding our famous Chili Contest with the winner receiving free admission for their whole family to our annual Opening Day Picnic. Also that day we will be having the Daytona 500 racing party in the Clubhouse. Join us for a chance to win a prize with our annual pool. Snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring something you enjoy. Please log onto our website, there is a variety of information at you finger tips about the club. Also sign up for our email notifications. These notifications will inform you of an event that may not be printed in our porthole. Feel free to use the trustee directory we are always interested in your concerns. As always I look forward to seeing all of our members enjoying our facility. Happy 2014.

Ray Calogero, Commodore

Please see page 3 for information about receiving Current Membership Year Stickers for your Parking Hang Tags and ID Badges!

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 973-663-0601 Email: LFNursery@lfyc.org
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 973-663-4814 Email: jjbrown@optonline.net

Babysitter List - *Red Cross Certified

Samantha Costigan (14) 973-663-5080
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 Kristie Thompson (12)* 973-663-2027
Experienced Dog Watcher Brandon Cohen (15) 973-663-0207
 (adult supervision available if req.)
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On Sunday, December 22nd about 20 children/tweens joined us at the club to build a Gingerbread House; make ornaments and watch Polar Express with popcorn and S'mores. Santa Ray stopped by and the kids enjoyed a game of sharks and minnow tag. We hope the parents enjoyed the time to wrap things up for the holidays!

New Change!
 Club Rentals as of January 1, 2014 will be lowered to \$285 for a single event and \$570 for a double-day event. Security Deposit will remain at \$150.

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**MEMBER ID BADGE AND HANG TAG****STICKERS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP YEAR (2013-2014)**

Stickers for the new membership year will be available for pick up in the office after January 1, 2014. A member list form has been mailed out with the January quarterly billing. In order to receive your renewal sticker for each ID badge, we will require this form. There will be extra's in the office as well. Also, there will be a sticker for your vehicle hang tags but we will need a **copy of the current vehicle registrations for each car in the household** that would require a hang tag with a sticker. You may email these to the office or drop them off at any time.

Committee Members Needed for LFYC Grant

We are looking for 5 members to evaluate the applications for the LFYC Grant. Responsibilities: Confidentially review applications; evaluate and discuss only with committee members; only 2 meetings - one in March and one in April. Dates TBD by committee; and present award at semi-annual meeting. If interested email Kimgood@optonline.net or call 201-919-0371.

**LFYC ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK/COMEDY NIGHT**

January 18, 2014 Doors Open 6:30 - Dinner 7:00

We'll start you off with our traditional beefsteak dinner. "All you can eat" Filet Mignon on French Bread with salad and French Fries. Following the meal will be Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Beer, Wine and Soda are complimentary. BYO premium spirits, etc. Be prepared for a great night of fun! Tables of (8) minimum (10) maximum of people may be reserved. Reservations are now being accepted. Member fee is \$40 and Non Resident Guest of Member is \$45 pp.

*Scholarships***The \$1000.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship**

This will be our eighth year awarding the Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship. In 2013, Jennifer Dowd was the recipient of the Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship. We look forward to awarding another scholarship this year to a 2014 graduating LFYC member.

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 2014 graduating high school senior. Complete details of the application criteria will be found on the LFYC Scholarship Application available starting on March 1st on our website or your high school guidance office.

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, 2014**. The five members of the 2014 LFYC Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications and make a decision on who will be the recipient of the 2014 LFYC Scholarship. The recipient will be notified on or before April 30, 2014.

Members Needed for the Social Committee

The Social Committee is planning a meeting for the end of this month. Look for date via email. We are going to have a planning session for the activities for the year. We will be assigning events by teams so the workload is split evenly and you can do the activities...but are also looking for NEW IDEAS. What is your passion? Do you want a monthly event? Maybe a card night? Movie night for kids? Bingo? Adult Dessert and a Movie? Wings & Football? Whatever it may be...we need you and your ideas. Come out and bring a friend. Let's plan for a fabulous 2014!





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2014 Season Dock Rental Information

Members of the Lake Forest Yacht Club have always valued the benefits we have in club membership, especially with the seventy-seven dock slips we operate at our facility. Our dock slips continue to be one of the greatest assets to our club as dock rentals at any of the local marinas cost anywhere from \$1,500 and up for the season. For the 2014 season, the member rental fee for a dock slip will once again be \$450.00.

In January, the club office will mail invoices and dock slip rental agreements to all members who rented dock slips in 2013 for the opportunity to renew their dock slip for the 2014 season. If you plan on renewing for the upcoming season, please return the completed and signed rental agreement along with a **copy of your boat registration** and payment by March 15th 2014. Also, please indicate if there is any repair issue that you feel needs to be tended to regarding your slip. If you have no intention to renew your dock slip for the 2014 season, please notify the club office.

Since we only have seventy-seven dock slips, we will limit dock rentals to one slip per member family until March 18th to accommodate as many members as possible. As is club policy, dock slips will only be rented to members whose: financial obligations to the club are current, have completed a signed rental agreement **and provide a copy of the boat registration indicating member ownership of the boat**. All of the above criteria will be required before LFYC approval of dock slip rental or renewal.

For new members or members who would like to rent for the first time, please contact the club office at 973-663-0158. Dock Slip Rental Agreements are also available for download at our website www.lfyc.org shortly. The open dock slips will be reserved on a first come first served basis for members who meet the above rental criteria. Actual slip assignments for new renters will be determined starting March 16th, after member dock renewals are confirmed.

Members who would like to rent a second dock slip may do so after March 18th. On April 1st, all remaining open dock slips will be made available to member guests, at a rental fee of \$1,225. A refundable \$25 deposit will be required for gate keys issued to member guests. Only guests with a LFYC member referral may rent a slip in 2014.

For the 2014 season, we have 7 select dock slips that we will be renting at a discounted price. Members may rent those select slips for \$400 or member guests may rent them for \$1,000. Please contact the dock master for details on those select slips.



Hi, I'm Andrew Egan and had SunPower high efficiency Solar panels installed by Sea Bright Solar on my house in August and I highly recommend them for their value and customer service. They also have many financing plans, some with \$0 down! If you are have interested in solar, give Frank Ficazzola @ 917-697-6943 a call & tell him I referred you. You may also call me @ 973-216-6221 if you want to check out my SunPower system.

Lake Forest wants to send a Happy Birthday Wish to:....

- Emily Costigan who turned 12 on January 1st
- Trina Thompson on January 1st
- Bryan Hyland on January 1st
- Jacob DeJesus who turned 10 on January 2nd
- Jason Runne on January 6th
- Helene Emery on January 15th
- Brooke Emery on January 25th
- Ron Mishkin on January 31st

Trustee Meeting Minutes, Master Lease & Membership Payment Schedule

The trustees meet the second Thursday of each month and the monthly meeting minutes are available at the office for all members in good standing. The minutes are too long to include in the Porthole but a copy can be obtain at the office.

The Membership Payment Schedule is posted on our website, www.LFYC.org. Please be advised the membership is continuous until a request to cancel is submitted in writing.

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