

Porthole Name



February 2007

Commodore's Message

Over the past 50 years, there have been many club members who have filled the responsibility of Commodore and helped steer our club through the good times and bad. Having been part of the Board of Trustees the past two years under Fred Stewart's leadership, I feel that we have accomplished many great things for our club.



As I assume the role of Commodore for 2007, I plan to continue those initiatives to improve our club, just as Fred and many previous Commodores have done. I want to express thanks to the new Board of Trustees for electing me Commodore, for together we will continue to improve our club for membership.

Along with Pat Brennan and Chuck Emery, who served with me in 2006, we have three new trustees with plenty of energy and desire to continue the growth of our club. Welcome to the board: Jim Brown, Chris DeRobertis and Tony Maciorski.

We also have one additional change pending in regard to the Board of Trustees. Peter Maniscalco resigned his trustee position on January 11th. The LFYC would like to thank Pete for his 3 years of service on the board. With Pete's resignation, the current board has been searching for the appropriate candidate to fill the remainder of his term. We expect to have that position filled in February.

Nice job by the Social Committee with our recent "Viva Italia Pasta Dinner". We had great Italian dishes, plenty of beer and wine and activities for the whole family. And you couldn't beat the price at \$20 per family. It sure beat cooking at home. Our Social Committee has been busy planning some exciting events the next several months. Check out the club activities page for the upcoming, Beefsteak / Comedy night, Community Garage Sale, Boat Safety Course and Texas Hold'em. I'm sure all will have big turnouts. I also want to welcome Diane Hyland, who is a new member of our Social Committee.

In late January, our office manager, Jennifer McFarquhar, returned from her leave of absence. We're very pleased to have Jennifer back and our club office is now back to regular office hours. I also want to recognize Karen Slusark, who filled in as our office manager during Jennifer's leave. Karen did an outstanding job running the office and keeping our operations running smoothly. Thank you Karen for stepping in and doing an excellent job.

The new board is already busy evaluating our operations and looking for areas of improvement. Membership will certainly see some positive changes in our facility and operations in the coming months. If you have any ideas or suggestions, we'd like to hear them, so please reach out to either myself or any board member. We all want to see our club continue to prosper. With your ideas and involvement, we will.

Frank Gutowski, Commodore

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Mark Your Calendars:

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Lake Forest Facilities Update by Frank Gutowski

Rainwater Drainage Improvements at the Clubhouse

The clubhouse had been experiencing moisture problems along the back wall in the kitchen as well as the wall near the storage room access. We believe the problem has been there for many years, and now that we have removed the old large HVAC unit, we have been able to address the problem. With the warm weather in January, we had Bill's Scenic come in and excavate along the outside rear wall of the Commodore Room. We had a French Drainage system installed with new gutters and downspouts tied into it which will channel the rainwater away from our foundation and eliminate the moisture problem we were experiencing inside the clubhouse.

Project:

With the replacement of our HVAC system last summer, the large air handler in the Commodore Room closet has been removed. This now gives us a more usable storage area in which we will better utilize the space. Our new Trustee, Jim Brown, came up with the project and will be going forward with having shelving installed to organize cleaning supplies needed for club rentals and maintenance. We expect to have this project completed in February.

2007 Dock Rentals and Re-

We already have members sending in their 2007 dock rental renewals and rental payments. The deadline for renewing your 2006 dock slip for the

Clubhouse Enhancement 2007 season is March 15th. Details for the 2007 Dock Rental are in this Porthole or available on line www.lfyc.org.

Parking Lot Renovation **Project:**

Our parking lot is certainly in need of some repairs and a fresh seal coat. This spring, we plan on having our parking lot patched and seal coated in advance of our upcoming summer season. We are currently soliciting bids for the parking lot renovation. If anyone in our community does this type of work or has someone to recommend, please contact the office or any board trustee.

Parking Permit Tags:

Even though we are in the offseason, please remember that you must display your parking

permit whenever parking at the club facility. We have signs posted that our facility is for members only and all vehicles must have a parking permit. In previous years, we had many non-residents park in our lot to go onto the ice for ice fishing and other activities. We gave out warnings and had the police issue summonses to repeat violators. This year we will not be issuing any warnings. We will have the police ticket vehicles without permit tags. So, please remember to display your parking tag whenever parking on our dub property.

Summer Beach Operations:

Help wanted advertisements for new lifeguards have been placed in our Porthole and posted on our website. Our

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Lake Forest Yacht Club - Board of Trustees

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Lake Forest Yacht Club (Mailing Address: P.O. Box 217, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849)

973-663-0158 office@lfyc.org Website: Email: www.lfyc.org Hours: Tuesday, Thursday 5:30pm - 8:30pm & Saturday 9am - Ipm LFYC Office, Jennifer McFarquhar Clubhouse Rentals 973-663-0158 Email: office@lfyc.org Email: Donna Combos **Beach Director** 973-663-2784 beach@lfyc.org Laura Squier Porthole Publishing 973-663-4134 Email: porthole@lfyc.org Lake Forest Clubhouse Telephone 973-663-0843 (incoming and local calls only)

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Facilities Update

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plan is to hire additional lifeguards to improve the consistency of operations this summer. This will be the start of several improvements planned for our beach operations this summer.

Clubhouse Unavailable for Rentals in July:

I want to remind membership that we have blocked off the month of July for any clubhouse rentals due to the pending clubhouse renovation. The final details of the renovation plans will be presented and voted on at the Semi-Annual meeting on May 4th. As we get closer to the start of the project we'll release any dates that are not impacted by the project. We know this is a

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Trustee Meeting Minutes, January 2007

1/11/07: Meeting called to order, 7:15pm

Trustees present:

Patrick Brennan, Jim Brown, Chris DeRobertis, Chuck Emery, Frank Gutowski

<u>Trustees not present:</u>

Tony Maciorski

Trustee Updates

Announcement was made to all those present by Patrick Brennan that Trustee Peter Maniscalco has corresponded with the Secretary of the club and has formally retired from his position of Trustee, leaving a vacancy available.

Nomination of Officers

Commodore (includes Budget): Pat nominated Frank, seconded by Chuck, unanimous approval.

Secretary (includes Club-House, Welcoming/Membership, Budget) Chuck nominated Pat, seconded by Frank, unanimous approval.

Treasurer (includes Budget) Pat nominated Chuck, seconded by Chris, unanimous approval.

Committees/ Responsibilities Assignments

Beach/Galley

Primary: Jim Secondary: Chris Tertiary: Frank

Maintenance/Grounds

Primary: Tony Secondary: Frank Tertiary: Jim

By-Laws (Member of by-law com-

mittee and primary liaison)

Primary: Chuck Secondary: Pat

Communications (Porthole and Website)

Primary: Frank Secondary: Chuck

Social

(Member of social committee and primary liaison)

Primary: Chris Secondary: Tony

Swim Team

Primary: Frank Secondary: Jim

Budget

(Executive committee)

Primary: Chuck Secondary: Chris

Docks

Primary: Frank Secondary: Pat

Security

Primary: Chris Secondary: Tony

Boat Course

Primary: Frank Secondary: Pat

Tennis

Primary: Jim Secondary: Tony

Legal

Primary: Chuck Secondary: Frank

Insurance

Primary: Pat Secondary: Chuck

Nominating

(Member of nominating committee and primary liaison)

Primary: Frank Secondary: Jim

Nursery School

Primary: Frank Secondary: Jim Tertiary: Chris

Grant

(Member of grant committee and primary liaison)

Primary: Frank Secondary: Chris

Meeting date

Current Trustee meeting date is the second Thursday of the month. After discussion with the Trustees in attendance, the meeting date will stand as the second Thursday of the month.

Trustee Updates

Pat:

Panic door installation - Gave specs to Jim Thompson, he is to order doors and schedule work. Sliding Glass Door Repairs – Bob Luongo and Pete Floegel completed replacing all the rollers in sliding glass doors of the club and tracks were cleaned. Bob Luongo Update – Hole in corner of kitchen covered; Replacement fan installed in Ladies Room; Smoke ventilation fan in progress; Soffit over AC duct work completed. Welcoming: Arranging with Gigs to provide a \$25 arrangement to new home owners after being notified by lennifer at the office. Gig to deliver and bill the office. We will fill out LFYC card to be included with each bouquet. -Pat to ask Karen to arrange. Requested to email soft copy of latest by-laws to Trustees. Requested to email yacht club rental procedures and agreement to Trustees. Requested to email Beach Director job description to Chris and Jim.

Chuck:

Financials: Review of 2007 budget.

Frank:

Porthole update. Facilities update: New gate arm is still required for the gate. Augie was pursuing, given to Chris to pursue. Advertisement for new Life Guards began in the January Porthole. Discussion on hiring a Concession Stand Operator to "man" the stand during the hours from I Ia-3p daily. Advertisement to go out in the Porthole.

New Business

Discussion ensued about filling the recent vacancy. Trustees were going to speak to possible candidates and make recommendations at the next Trustee meeting in February.

Triathlon: Greg Good presented proposal by the Sussex

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Lake Forest Legacy

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Social Activities/Calendar



Saturday, March 24th, 7:00pm - Beefsteak/Comedy Combo (RSVP by Saturday, March 17th - **Reserve early...only 120 seats available**.

Two great events combined to provide an evening of food, friends, and fun. Doors open at 6:30pm and we'll start off with the Traditional Beefsteak at 7:00pm - Salad, "all you can eat" Filet Mignon on French Bread, French Fries, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. Beer and Wine are included, BYO premium spirits & wine. Entertainment will follow with (2) Comedians. Each Comedian will perform for @ I hour. Member and Member Guests welcome. Tables of (8) may be reserved.

Members: \$30 per person/ Member Guest: \$35 per person. To hold seats, prepaid RSVP required to the Lake Forest Yacht Club Office.



Saturday, March 31st, 1:00pm - Easter Egg Hunt

A fun event for the little ones. We'll need some help from the LFNS parents to make this happen, so if interested in volunteering, please contact Isabelle Brennan if you'd like to help, 973-663-3199.



Saturday, April 21st, 8:00 am - Beach Clean Up Day

Hold the date. Tasks needing completion in next month's issue.



Saturday, April 28th, 9am to 5pm - Lake Forest Community Garage Sale See page 11 in this issue for details.



Sunday, April 29th, 3:00pm - Lake Forest Swim Team Sign Ups Registration and Initial Meeting at the Lake Forest Yacht Club.



Friday, May 4th, 8:00pm - *LFYC Semi-Annual Meeting* Quorum needed by 8:15 pm. Babysitting provided.



Saturday, May 5th, 8:30am - Boating Safety Course See page 8 in this issue for details.



Saturday, May 5th, 7:00pm - *Texas Hold'em* Hold the date. Spring tournament hosted by Players Pub Poker.



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Lake Forest Bulletin Board

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Birthday Greetings

Happy 9th Birthday to Shane Kapusta, February 3rd.

Happy 6th Birthday to Joel Spiridigliozzi, February 7th.

Happy Birthday to Greg Good, February 12th.

Happy 19th Birthday to Amanda DeSantis, February 14th.

Happy Birthday to Tony Maciorski, February 21st.

Happy I Ith Birthday to Kelly Brown, February 23rd

Happy Birthday to Helen Gutowski, February 25th.



Congrats!

Congratulations to Lauren Gutowski on winning the Northwest Region Elks Club Hoop Shoot by making 18 of 25 Free Throws! Good luck at the NJ State Finals on February 11th.

2006-2007 LAKE FOREST RESIDENT FEES & DUES SCHEDULE

<u>ltem</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Master Lease	75.00	Property owners north & west of Espanong Rd. Payable quarterly
Master Lease	37.50	Property owners south & east of, and including Espanong Rd. Payable quarterly
Yacht Club Membership Dues		
- 2 Adult Family	355.00	10/01 through 09/30
- Single Household	268.00	10/01 through 09/30
- Seniors over age 65	Various	Dues are frozen at the rate applicable upon attaining age 65. Effective upon
_		member notification to the club. Not retroactive.
Membership registration fee	50.00	\$15.00 discount if membership is applied for within 3 months of residency
LFYC Membership Bond	400.00	Voting membership bond must be posted. Payable in one payment or five
		annual payments of \$92 (\$12 service charge included). Refundable upon
		termination of membership.
Dock Slip Rental	420.00	Available to members in good standing only.
Dock Slip Rental (Non-Member)	1,100.00	Available to non-members, with a member referral, after April 1st.
Club Rental	150.00	Available to members in good standing only. Subject to club rental rules.
		\$150 refundable deposit required.

LAKE FOREST YACHT CLUB — INVOICE TERMS (updated 10/06)

	Inv Date	<u>Terms</u>	Due Date	Delinquency Date	Finance Charge
Master Lease	Ist Day Each	Due upon receipt	Ist Day Each	10th Day Each	6%
	Quarter		Quarter	Quarter	
Dues 10/1	10/1	May be paid in full or 1/2 may be paid by 11/30, the 2nd half by 3/31	11/30	12/01 1st Half	12%
			3/31	04/01 2nd Half	
Bonds	3/01	Due upon receipt	3/01	3/10	12%
Docks	1/10	60 days	3/10	3/15	N/A

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Trustee Meeting Minutes, January 2007

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Women's Forum requesting a weekend in July and/or August to host a Triathlon event (as they have in the past couple of years). Motion made by Pat to allow event, seconded by Jim, unanimous approval. Details of the event to be forthcoming.

Chris suggested hosting a Carnival at the Yacht Club. He to pursue feasibility and costing to present at a future meeting.

Quote received from Bills Scenic to trench a drain in the rear of the Yacht Club to drain water away from the exterior walls, hopefully to prevent the mold problem witnesses in the club. Also gutters will be installed in the rear of club and gutter guards on remaining gutters of the club. Motion by Chuck to move forward, seconded by Frank, unanimous approval.

Decision made that the Semiannual meeting will be on Friday 5/4/07.

Pat suggested raising the rates for club rentals. Chris offered to review rental rates for similar halls in the area and provide a report in a future Trustee meeting.

Chuck brought up a By-Law change that he presented to the By-Law committee, verbiage regarding absentee voting. The committee will take it under advisement.

Club is in receipt of a IRS audit request. Chuck to reach out to the IRS representative.

Our lawyer sent us a correspondence regarding the taxation of membership dues, Trenton has yet to make a firm stance on this change there is a possibility that we will be charged sales tax for membership dues. If true retroactive tax will be paid by the Club, afterwards tax will be collected from the membership.

Beach cleanup to be scheduled for 4/21/2007 with a rain date of 5/12/2007.

Discussion over making the Yacht Club properties a Wi-Fi Hot Spot. Pat Brennan to pursue pricing for implementation in the summer.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Meeting adjourned 10:50pm.

Next Trustees Meeting – February 8, 2007, 7:00pm, Commodores Room LFYC. Minutes provided by Patrick Brennan, Secretary.

Note: Minutes are condensed, for publishing in the Porthole. Please contact the LFYC Office to view a full set of minutes.



Boating Safety Course

offered by the Lake Forest Yacht Club

Upon completion of the course you will receive your Boating Safety Certificate issued by the Marine Division of the NJ State Police

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2006
Time: 8:30am - 4:30pm
Cost: \$50.00/LFYC member;

\$60.00/non-menber



Includes: Textbook, a Federal Regulations booklet, safety brochures, as well as lunch and soft drinks.

Students must bring: a ball point pen and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the course.

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Prepaid RSVP to Lake Forest Yacht Club by April 28th

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Registration and Initial Meeting Sunday, April 29th, 2007, 3:00pm

at

The Lake Forest Yacht Club Yacht Club Drive Lake Hopatcong, NJ

More details to come in next month's issue of The Porthole News.

2007 Lake Forest Swim Team Schedule

Wed., June 27, 6pm - Lake Forest at Park Lake Away: Sat., June 30, 9am - Lake Forest at Mendham Away: Thurs., July 5, 6pm - Shongum at Lake Forest Home: Home: Sat., July 7, 9am - Shore Hills at Lake Forest Home: Wed., July 11, 6pm - Denville at Lake Forest Home: Sat., July 14, 9am - Lake Shawnee at Lake Forest Away: Wed., July 18, 6pm - Lake Forest at Flanders Valley Wed., July 25, 6pm - Lake Forest at Cranberry Lake Away: Sat., July 28, 9am - Randolph Park at Lake Forest Home: Wed., Aug. 1, 6pm - Lake Forest at Roxbury Away:

Trials: Thurs., Aug. 9 - at Roxbury Finals: Sat., Aug. 11 - at Roxbury

End of Season Banquet: Sat., Aug. 11 - Lake Forest Yacht Club





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Cooperative Nursery School

Lake Forest Nursery School News

lanuary was a nice, quiet month to get us back in the swing after the holidays.

The children had a wonderful month! Both classes learned about the color blue, number 6, and the shape star. In continuing preparation for kindergarten, the afternoon class further focused on learning the alphabet N thru Q. With some hands on activities, the students also explored the winter season in helping birds with bird feeders and seeing how some animals hibernate in the cold weather.

We are starting to prepare for the 2007-2008 school year. We will be holding our Open House and Registration on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:00pm at the Lake Forest

Yacht Club. Our cooperative school is a great way to be a part of your child's early learning experience - rewarding for both the parents and children. If you are interested in finding out more about our school, please call 973-663-9553 or visit our website at www.lfyc.org and click on Nursery School.

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For more details, go to our website: www.lfyc.org

Any questions about the Lake Forest Community Garage Sale should be directed to Frank Gutowski, e-mail address; frank.gutowski@lfyc.org or call the club office at 973-663-0158.



Letters from Lake Forest Members

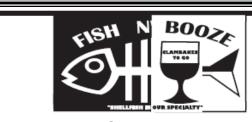
Editor's Note: This letter was omitted in error from the January Issue.

Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new members of the board of trustees and to wish them luck.

John F. Malone LFYC Member







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Announcement!

The \$1000.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

As I announced at the Annual Meeting, this year will be the inaugural year for our new Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship, formerly known as the LFYC Grant. The five member volunteers, who comprise the first LFYC Scholarship Committee, have already met twice and developed the foundation for this award. Besides the change in name to the LFYC Scholarship, they have consulted with area schools and private organizations to develop the criteria and procedures needed to make this program successful.

This 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 2007 graduating high school senior. Each applicant will write an essay explaining why they are the ideal candidate to be the recipient of the LFYC Scholarship as well as provide three (3) let-

ters of recommendation. Complete details of the application criteria will be found on the LFYC Scholarship Application available in March 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, 2007.

On behalf of the club membership, I want to thank Helene Emery, Chairperson of the 2007 LFYC Scholarship Committee, and committee members, Kristi Brown, Laura D'Uva, Janice Mishkin and Cindy Maniscalco for taking the time to research and develop the criteria for this program. Since this is the inaugural year for the award, their groundwork in developing the criteria and procedures will be the foundation for future scholarship committees to evaluate candidates. There efforts will assure this program is a success this year and for years to come.

Frank Gutowski Commodore



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2007 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 2007 season, the member rental fee for a dock slip will be \$420.00.

In early January, the club office will mail invoices and dock slip rental agreements to all members who rented dock slips in 2006 for the opportunity to renew their dock slip for the 2007 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 2007. Also, please indicate if there is any repair issue that you feel needs to be tended to regarding you slip.

If you have no intention to renew your dock slip for the 2007 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 renting for the first time, we will have at least twelve open dock slips for the 2007 season. If you'd like to rent a dock slip for the 2007 season please contact the club office at 663-0158. Dock Slip Rental Agreements are also available for download at our web-

site www.lfyc.org . 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 non-members, at a rental fee of \$1,100. Only non-members with a LFYC member referral may rent a slip in 2007.



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Summer Help Wanted LFYC Beach Lifeguards

The Lake Forest Yacht Club will be increasing our beach operations staff for the 2007

season and looking for lifeguards for the upcoming summer season. Weekend beach operations begin Memorial Day weekend and daily operations run July Ist through Labor Day weekend. Applicants must be available to work daily, 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Flexible scheduling, full time and part time positions are available. Lifeguard training and Red Cross Certification required. Pay will be based on experience, starting at \$7.25 an hour. Contact the LFYC office at 973-663-0158 or e-mail your resume to office@lfyc.org.



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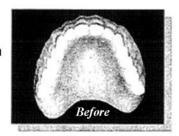
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