



August 2022

# THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of  
the Lake Forest Yacht Club



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

*Vanessa Luke, Commodore*

Hi Lake Forest! Hope this message finds you all well. It's been great seeing the club so busy and members enjoying everything it has to offer over the last month. August is lining up to be just as busy!

In addition to our July 4<sup>th</sup> bike parade and 2 Band on the Beach events in July, the club hosted a Baseball & Hot Dogs night at the galley featuring the Mets vs. Yankees game. This event was well attended and a great time was had by all! And as always – a big thank you to those that volunteered some time to make these happen! Coming up this month, we have our final 2 bands of the season, the Wakeoff event, and our annual Campout on the Beach. Don't miss out!! We need additional volunteers to help run all of these events and those further into the future. Our volunteers seem to be in short supply these days. Please consider offering a bit of your time to help – these events will not continue to run without you!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Closing Day Picnic on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. In addition to entertainment, food, and great company starting in the afternoon, we are looking forward to dedicating the new lighthouse on the swim team point at 7 p.m. The committee heading up this project is excited to get it completed and have it lit for the first time that night!

I wanted to be sure to mention that the time of year is here for candidates interested in one of the 4 open Trustee positions for 2023 – 2024 to reach out to a member of the Nominating Committee to discuss your intentions. The club continues to make great progress and we want to be sure we keep the momentum going into next year and beyond! Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions on what a Trustee position entails for more information. Hope you all have a great August, be well!



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**Office Hours (as of August 1st):**

Wednesday 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Meet the Board of Trustees

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## Updated Summer Event Schedule!!!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events!

- **August 5<sup>th</sup> – 1 p.m. - Kids Craft on the Beach** – Decorate a Fairy House!
- **August 6<sup>th</sup> – Beach Campout!** – One of our favorite annual events is coming up and we're looking forward to seeing you! Tent setup at the beach can begin at p.m. and a movie will be shown at dark. Bagels, donuts, and coffee will be served on Sunday morning, and we ask that cleanup be done by 9 a.m.
- **August 13<sup>th</sup> – Wakeoff** – please see details posted below
- **August 14<sup>th</sup> – 2-6 p.m. – Band on the Beach** – Brian St. John Band from 2-6 p.m. Beer, seltzers, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided while supplies last. This event is open to members and their non-resident guests.
- **August 27<sup>th</sup> – 4-8 p.m. – Band on the Beach** – Supernova from 4-8 p.m. Beer, seltzers, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided while supplies last. This event is open to members and their non-resident guests.
- **September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2 p.m. – Closing Day Picnic** – details and pricing will follow. Check upcoming emails for important details!
- **Beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>** – community Senior Get Togethers. Additional details will be communicated at a later date.



## Wakeoff 2022

Once again Jersey Wakeoff, the largest Wakeboarding competition in the Northeast will be held here at Lake Forest on Saturday 8/13 and we hope you can attend to witness the amazing stunts the athletes perform. Competitors from all over come to participate in this event. Concessions and beverages will be available to purchase. Vendors will be on site.

This event is **FREE** for Lake Forest members—**badges must be worn**. An entrance fee of \$5 for non-members will be collected at the gate.

More details can be found on the Wakeoff event website at <https://www.wakeoff.com/>



## Interested in Becoming a Trustee?

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee for 2023-2024, please be sure to reach out to a member of the Nominating Committee to let them know! We have 4 Trustee terms up at the end of this year. Our Nominating Committee members for this year are: Dan Schultz, Jeff Lawrence, Phil Schiff, Glenn DeSantis, Joe O'Donnell, and Vinny Gowers. Any member of the committee can help to answer any questions you might have.

## 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:

- August 3<sup>rd</sup>
- September 7<sup>th</sup>

Meetings are at 7 p.m. at the club – held outdoors weather permitting

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.

## Lifeguard and Snack Shack Hours

Lifeguards are on duty (weather permitting) Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Friday – Sunday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The Snack Shack is now open daily from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

**\*\*\*Please note that hours for lifeguards and snack shack may be adjusted from time to time beginning in mid-August as some of our lifeguards start heading back to school and college.**

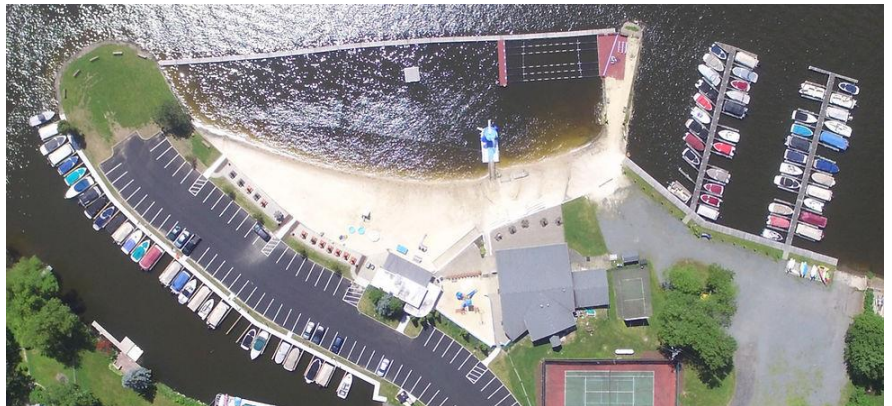
## New Office Hours Start 8/1

Beginning on **Monday 8/1**, the Club's office hours will be as follows:

Wednesday 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



## \*\*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.



**PLEASE don't do this!!!!**

## Lighthouse Project Update

The Lake Forest Yacht Club will soon have a new structure added to our beautiful property. Work is now underway at the swim team peninsula preparing for the placement of a 12' stone lighthouse. This beautiful



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ornamental structure will illuminate from dusk to dawn to provide added guidance to our member boaters as well as add ambiance to our club. This nice addition to the club property will be known to all as "The Lake Forest Lighthouse"

The "Jim Brown Memorial Fund" is funding a substantial portion of this project. Jim Brown was a LFYC Member for over 20 years having been very involved in club activities as well as having served on the LFYC Trustee Board and as president of the Lake Forest Swim Team. Jim's involvement in club and swim team activities was well known as he wanted to make Lake Forest an enjoyable safe place for his daughters, Kelly and Katie, and all member families. Jim passed away in 2017 and this project is being done in his memory.

Many LFYC members, friends, family, and the Lake Forest Yacht Club Trustee Board contributed funds during the month of July, allowing this project to be fully realized. Please plan to attend the dedication ceremony during our Closing Day Picnic on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at 7 p.m.

The Lake Forest Lighthouse Committee: Frank Gutowski, Kelly Brown, Katie Brown, Dan Schultz

## Cardio Kickboxing is Back!!

Cardio Kickboxing is returning to the LFYC!!!

Instructor Sarah is returning for another season of Cardio Kickboxing every Thursday at 9 a.m.

Classes started on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held outdoors, and all levels are welcome!!

Older children will be available to watch your children while you work out.

The cost will be \$20 for 5 sessions. Please call or text Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958 to sign up or if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you!!

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be awarded a prize.

Not into playing darts? Come down and hang out!

If you have any questions, reach out to Vinny Gowers at 973-464-4083.



## 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!

## 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](mailto:office@lfyc.org) to have your message included by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## Order Forms

Click [here](#) to print a Lake Forest Apparel order form.

Click [here](#) to print a Personalized Patio Stone form.

## 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.

### 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.
- Trailers are not permitted in the beach parking area.
- Do not litter. Put all debris in the provided, marked containers.
- NO GLASS ALLOWED.

### **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

*\*Indicates Red Cross Certification*



## Community Advertising

Would you like to advertise in our monthly newsletter? Please contact the office for pricing which begins at \$20 per month. Our website averages 14 hits per day



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# LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 7/18/22

**Attendees:** Vanessa, Keith, Peter, Jaime, Kristen, Chrissy

**Called to Order:** 6:35pm

**Adjourned:** 8:08pm

## Beach, Galley, Lifeguards, Nominating – Vanessa

### **Actions/New Business:**

- Beach- Operational issues have been noted and addressed.
- Club and beach rules have been posted in galley as a reminder for members of our policies along with signage to please close bathroom doors, and to not move Adirondack chairs from the patio.
- Trash on the grounds- Members responsible for disposing of their own trash and are encouraged to pick up any trash on grounds they see. Lifeguards responsibility includes any trash on beach, beach patio, galley. They are responsible for emptying all cans property-wide during summer season.
- One additional teen from the community will be helping with further trash pick up around grounds.
- Princeton Hydro – Issue with the aeration unit has been fixed

## Secretary/Office/Communications Grants and Scholarships– Chrissy

### **Actions/New Business:**

- Board Nominating Committee has posted on Facebook information about running for a Board position for 2023. Four positions will be up.
- Porthole- Copies of the Porthole will be available at the office for those members that are unable to receive the Porthole by email.
- Office hours change – Office will no longer be open on Mondays starting Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>

## Treasurer, Financials/Budget/By-

## laws/Legal/Insurance/Facebook/Wakeoff– Jaime

### **Actions/New Business:**

- Wakeoff – permit paid and scheduling to work beer truck will be done. Dana Ferguson will manage sign up for a time to work this event. We will need volunteers to rope off beer garden.
- Financials- Our current CD's will be renewed end of July.
- Budget – Next fiscal budget is currently being reviewed and worked through
- Boat slip fees – Board will review current boat slip fees to discuss adjustment.
- Membership fees – Board will review current membership fees to discuss adjustment
- Apparel orders- For members who recently purchased apparel, the orders are done and available for pick up at the office

## Boat Safety Course /Maintenance/Swim Team – Keith

### **Actions/New Business:**

- Broken down trailer – will be removed by this Wednesday
- Swim Team – has 3 home meets coming up. End of year celebration is scheduled.
- Suggestion made for potential gate to main parking lot – Board to review this suggestion in more detail to see if option.

## Security / Docks/ Tennis – Peter

- Tennis court cracks – still have not been fixed as of now. Any repair needs to be done while nighttime temps are above 60 degrees
- Natural gas contract signed. Natural gas company starting on Woodlawn Terrace
- Last finger on B dock has caution tape on it. AAA to fix in Spring.

## Clubhouse/Grounds - James

- Engraved Pavers – Members who paid for engraved pavers, these have been dropped off

to stone engraving company. They will be completed and installed as soon as possible.

- Club House- issue with AC has been fixed

### **Social/Welcome/Membership – Kristen**

#### **Actions/New Business:**

- New member event still to be scheduled.
- Craft on beach – to be executed by Social
- Possible Sunday breakfast or Taco Tuesday events, looking for members to run, will advertise in Porthole.
- Closing day – possible food truck options and kid’s entertainment. Still being looked into. Dedication to lighthouse 7pm.
- Camp out on beach and two more bands on the schedule