



# The Porthole News

April 2014 Issue

## Commodore's Message



April showers, is how I have started my Aprils messages in previous years, but this year I am thinking hoping for rain may not be as much on our wish list as it has been in the recent past. I look out at our dive platform and B and C docks and each spring it congers up memories of the spring of 2009, the year of the lakes last draw down and the lack of precipitation that winter and spring causing our boating season to start late. Fortunately this year we do not have that issue and it seems as if we are where we should be this time of year with our lakes level. With this past year's hard winter behind us I am sure each of us are looking forward to nice weather and everything we typically enjoy about living here on the lake!

Rain or shine we are preparing our beach and our docks for the upcoming season. We will also in the next couple of weeks be doing some improvements to our landscape as well as fixing some minor damage around the club caused by this past years winter season. Our goal is as always to improve our members experience while visiting the club and add value to our community. The weekend of April 26th we will be looking for our members to volunteer a few hours at beach cleanup day. There will be food and refreshments throughout the day for those who participate. I have always found these days enjoyable as well as rewarding knowing that in some small way I was able to help our community. On Saturday May 10th the boat safety course will be offered again at our clubhouse.

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This year registering for the course will be done online. More information on the course is found on page 4 of this publication.

On Friday May 2nd 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 still available and are opened now to non- members sponsored by members. Please contact Frank Gutowski, Dock Master, for availability.

| For Your Calendar:                |                                       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Neighborhood Mature Friends Group | April 11th 2pm                        |
| Easter Egg Hunt                   | April 12th 11am - 1pm                 |
| Beach Clean Up Day                | April 26th 9am<br>Raindate April 27th |
| LF Swim Team Registration         | April 27 1 - 3 PM                     |
| Semi-Annual Meeting               | May 2 8PM                             |
| Boat Safety Course                | May 10th 8AM - 4PM                    |
| Opening Day Picnic                | May 24th                              |

For those interested in the boat races this year, the races will take place on May 3rd and 4th . There is a website you can go to lakehopatcongrace.com or Oparacing.org for more information. It will once again be an exciting weekend here at Lake Forest!

Our next big Social Event is the Opening Day Picnic, May 24th . Traditionally this is our largest attended event which includes great food, game and competitions for the kids, a horseshoe tournament for the adults, continuous music from the DJ and a bonfire to close out the day. It is ALWAYS a great time for all! Sometimes we can overlook efforts of individuals that volunteer their time to help our community , the Social Committee is always looking for new members to express their interests. Those interested please contact Kim Good for more information. As always I look forward to all of our members enjoying our facility.

Sincerely,

Ray Calogero, Commodore





### Lake Forest Yacht Club Office

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**Operations Manager:** Diane Hyland

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**Nominating, LFYC Grant, Office, Tennis, Clubhouse  
 Financials/Budget, LFNS, Communications  
 Office, Clubhouse, Tennis, Welcome/Membership, LFNS  
 ByLaws, Security, Expansion/Improvement Committee  
 Communications, Boat Course, Legal/Insurance, Social  
 Beach/Galley, Docks, LFST, Maintenance/Grounds  
 Maintenance/Grounds, LFST, By-Laws, Security, Expansion Committee  
 Sign Ups, Assignments, etc.**

### Lake Forest Yacht Club Directory

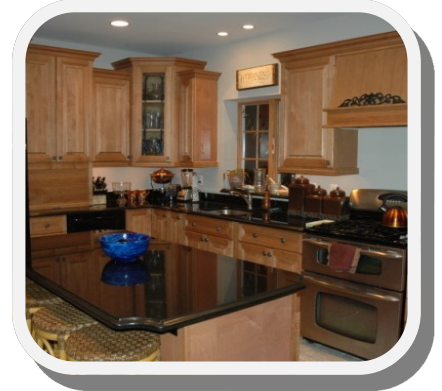
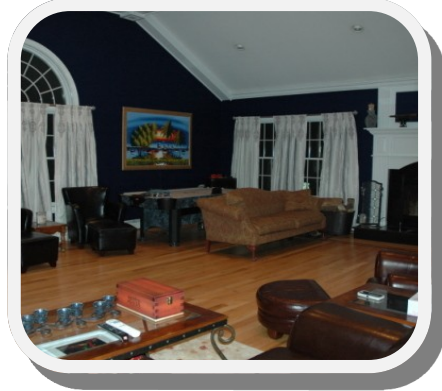
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| Lake Forest Swim Team President:       | Josephine Kahwaty              |
| 973-601-7332                           | Email: jokahwaty@optonline.net |

### Babysitter List - \*Red Cross Certified

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Liam Brennan* (15)                                | 973-663-3199 |
| Emma Brennan* (13)                                | 973-663-3199 |
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\*Denotes a Lake Forest Resident

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



Rebecca D'Alauro on April 2nd  
Joshua Spirodiglozzi who turns 10 on April 4th  
Stephen Bandura on April 5th  
Jim Brown on April April 6th  
Brian Slusark who turns 19 on April 8th  
Jaimie DeSena on April 14th  
Karen Slusark on April 14th  
Tommy DeSena on April April 20th  
Mike Attanasio on April 17th  
Cassidy Espinoza who turns 12 on April 24th  
Patrick Mekongo on April 26th  
Shanna Leek who turns 10 on April 26

*Happy Anniversary to...*

Jason & Sharon Karamanol on April 21st

Jonathan Schiedlo, Jr. who turns 10 on April

**2014 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 2014 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.

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

**Application deadline is April 16th, 2014!**

*UPDATE*

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 2014 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, 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, 2013.



## Grounds/Beach Clean Up Day April 26, 2014 9am - 2pm (raindate 4/27)

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

- ◆ Paint where needed chains throughout grounds, bike rack, handball wall, and benches.
- ◆ Nail down all raised nails along all docks areas.
- ◆ Clean galley, galley bathrooms and ERR
- ◆ Clean Playground Area
- ◆ Clean BBQ Grills
- ◆ Plant Flowers
- ◆ Clear cobb webs under overhangs
- ◆ Clean out Clubhouse Storage Closet



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



Please have children 12 and under accompanied by a parent.



### Open Registration for the Lake Forest Swim Team April 27th from 1pm to 3pm with a Parent/Swimmer Meeting at 2:30

**Please visit the LFYC Website and click on the swim team tab. There you will find an article about Coach Scott and a link to an article written about him in the**

**Ultimate Athlete Magazine**



Stop down at the club on April 27th to meet the coaches, register and get updates or to simply find out more about us! Also on the website you will find the 2014 NJRLL Calendar, Swim Team Flyer, Registration forms and our handbook that provides detailed information about the swim team. If you would like to speak to someone or have questions about us, please feel free to contact us: Josephine Kahwaty, President, at [jokahwaty@optonline.net](mailto:jokahwaty@optonline.net) or Diane Hyland, Treasurer, [hyland4@optonline.net](mailto:hyland4@optonline.net).



The LFNS will be running the Easter Fun day on April 12th from 11am to 1pm. Please see info above for more details. Any LFNS alumni interested in helping the school by being on our board should contact Nicole Malakuskie at 201-874-5510. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated! We are currently registering

students for next year 2014 - 2015. Please visit our website for more details.



### Boating Safety Course by USCG

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Upon completion of the course, you will receive your Boating Safety Certificate.

**Date:** Saturday, May 10, 2014 **Time:** 8:00am **Cost:** \$60 LFYC Member / \$70 Guest

Includes information needed to take the course as well as lunch and beverages are provided. RSVP directly to the USCG. Visit their website at <http://cgauxiliarylakehopatcong.com/boating2014.html> or information about the course. Payment is being collected at the door by the USCG Boat Safety Instructors.

## Opening Day Picnic May 24, 2014

Mark your calendars for our annual Opening Day Picnic and the start of our 2014 Season! We are looking to have the Fire Truck here in the am for the kiddies, DJ Earl will begin in the PM with activities for the kids, Horse-shoe and Bocce Ball Tournaments, Food/Beverages, and more! Complete details will be sent via Email shortly and in the May issue.



## Graduates Wanted

For the June Porthole we wanted to celebrate all of our 2014 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](mailto:office@lfyc.org) by May 20th





### Trustee Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2014

Trustees Present: Ray Calogero, Jeff Dowd, Mike Kahwaty, Kim Good, Dan Schultz and Greg Struble

**Grant:** As of March 1st applicants may complete and file for the scholarship. Discussion ensued with regard to deciding on a time limit when to turn in the transcript in order to receive the scholarship check if an situation arises when the student cannot provide this information after the first semester (illness, injury, etc. preventing them to complete the semester).

**Audit:** Still waiting for the auditor to give us her results. Accountant has reached out to her to follow up.

#### Presentation by the Lake Hopatcong

**Foundation:** The board discussed this and advised that they can present at the start of the meeting which would be 8:15 and they will ask if they can limit their time to 20 mins.

**Boat Races:** Ray reported that Jay Mueller met with Mayor Felter to go over the details of this event. He has gotten the okay from the State Marine Police to hold the event on the weekend of May 2 - 4, 2014. The marine police will be cordoning off the area for 2 days (Saturday and Sunday) of that weekend. Ray would like to meet with Jay to go over what we need from him and would like to do it next week sometime.

**Beach/Galley:** Dan informed the board that we have issued the first payment of \$400 with the signed proposal for this season. Dan asked if we could post something in the porthole about offering this service to all Lake Forest residents along the water. Dan informed the board that we are receiving applications from some of the returning guards as well as new guards. He will be reviewing them shortly as well as reaching out to others to see if they will be returning.

**Concession Stand:** Rebecca D'Alauro has offered to help run the stand this year. A request was made to post something in the Porthole about it and ask if anyone would be interested in helping her. A member has expressed interested in possibly helping.

**Office:** Meeting minutes and rentals were reviewed and approved.

**Social:** Discussion ensued with regard to who the current members of the committee are and reaching out to past members to see who will make up the committee. A request was made to put something in the Porthole to get the word out there about putting in requests to use the club for an event that an organization a member is involved with (charities, etc.) to be held in the fall.

**Swim Team:** Contract has been reviewed by both parties, signed and filed with the office.

**LFNS:** The school is still moving forward with registration. They are waiting to make a decision whether or not to keep the school open until they see how many registrations they can get. They have 5 registrations so far and a possible 10 in the waiting.

**Tennis:** Mike advised that shortly he will look to flip the wind fence over and tack it down so it stops lifting up with the wind.

**Parking Lot:** Mike informed the board that he is working with Fitzpatrick and Sons to get a bid for this project but he needs to wait for the snow to melt so he can see what the job will entail in order to bid it properly

**Expansion Committee:** Jeff advised that he will be getting the expansion committee together to put together a presentation for the Semi-Annual meeting including drawings, etc. He will speak to Jon about setting a budget for this project.

**Welcoming/Membership:** Packets will be printed soon. Working on the sponsorships for the packet.

**Legal & Insurance:** Discussion ensued with regard to replacing the Excess Liability insurance for the next renewal in February 2015. Contacts were made to several agencies to provide us with quotes.

Waiting for this information so the board can make a decision and budget for this extra expense.

**Maintenance/Grounds:** Discussion ensued with regard to the floors in the clubhouse. Greg advised that he had a contractor take a look at it. There are loose tiles in front of the doors. Sills need to be repaired/replaced as moisture has gotten in them. Discussion ensued about the possibility of installing a glass door in front where the entrance is located. They also talked about installing a card reader to enter into the club.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Senior Memberships:** Discussion ensued with regard to what age the senior membership would begin. This will be discussed at the semi-annual meeting to get members opinions regarding this change.

**Rental of Facilities for a National Kayak polo Tournament:** Member is Kathleen Lynch. - Discussion ensued and they would like to meet with Kathy to discuss further. Office Manager will respond to the email and ask if she can attend the next Workshop meeting on March 27th at 7pm.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Suggestion was made by a member to donate the use of the clubhouse 1x a year to various civil service organizations, ie Police Department; Fire Department; etc... as a token of our appreciation for their services. As we are grateful to all organizations we also must balance the needs of the members usage of the club. So any civil service organization or member involved with their favorite charity that wants to submit an entry prior to the May Semi-Annual meeting can contact the office and we will draw from a hat a winner. Availability may vary and may not meet the needs if the facility is already rented for the days requested. Cleaning service will still be applied

**Wakeboard Competition:** Ray advised that he spoke to Ryan Sorenson and Ryan wants to use the club again for this event. He would like to hold it on August 9th.



### Aquatic Weed Treatment

We would like to provide our Lake Forest residents with information about weed control services. Every year we treat the swim and dock areas for prevention of weed growth. If you would like to find out more about this service or may be interested in receiving the same service, please contact the office

*Thank you*

Duane Mapes and  
Rebecca D'Alauro!

Duane will be running the snack stand for us this season with the help of Rebecca. If anyone else is interested in helping out, please contact the office or Dan Schultz, our Beach Trustee.



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#### Trustee Meeting Minutes, Master Lease & Membership Payment Schedule

The trustees meet the second Thursday of each month and a full review of the minutes are available at the office for all members in good standing.

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

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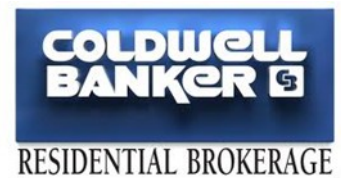


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