

THE PORT HOLE

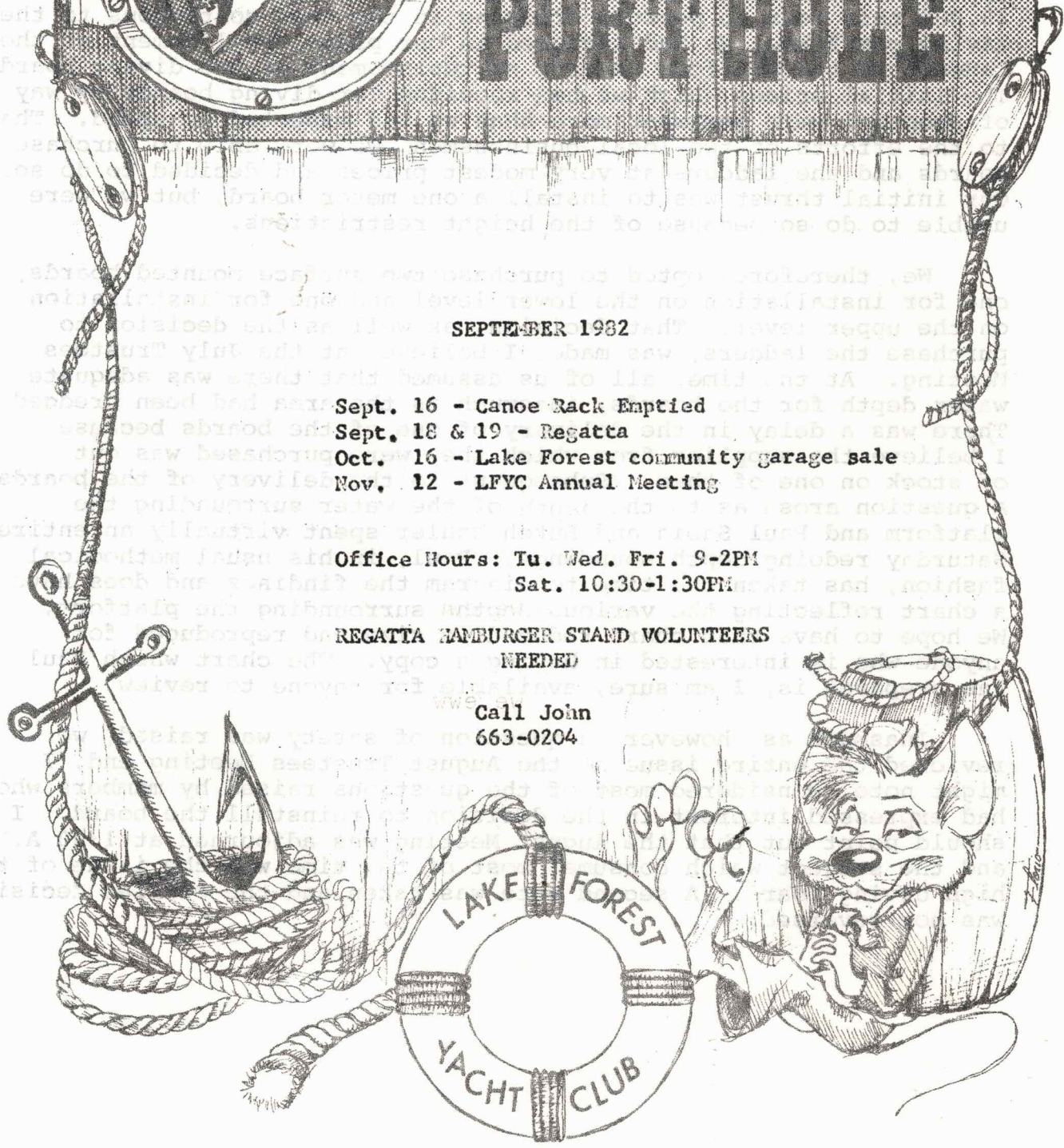
SEPTEMBER 1982

- Sept. 16 - Canoe Rack Emptied
- Sept. 18 & 19 - Regatta
- Oct. 16 - Lake Forest community garage sale
- Nov. 12 - LFYC Annual Meeting

Office Hours: Tu. Wed. Fri. 9-2PM
 Sat. 10:30-1:30PM

REGATTA HAMBURGER STAND VOLUNTEERS
 NEEDED

Call Join
 663-0204



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

There are a number of subjects which I would like to touch upon in this message, some of which are moot and some of which are timelier. I should first like to address the issue of the high diving board and keep all of you apprised of the facts which surround that issue.

Most of you will recall that the high diving board was removed several years ago because of a determination of inadequate water depth. Most of you will also recall that we expended approximately \$3,000 this year to perform dredging in the area contiguous to the diving platform. We had included in our plans, replacement of the ladders to the platform as well as replacement of the diving boards. The initial prices which we had received for diving boards by way of proposal were somewhat more than we had expected to spend. Thanks to the efforts of two local businessmen, we were able to purchase both boards and the ladders at very modest prices and decided to do so. Our initial thrust was to install a one meter board, but we were unable to do so because of the height restrictions.

We, therefore, opted to purchase two surface mounted boards, one for installation on the lower level and one for installation on the upper level. That decision, as well as the decision to purchase the ladders, was made, I believe, at the July Trustees Meeting. At the time, all of us assumed that there was adequate water depth for the boards, inasmuch as the area had been dredged. There was a delay in the delivery of one of the boards because I believe the supplier from which they were purchased was out of stock on one of them. Subsequent to the delivery of the boards, a question arose as to the depth of the water surrounding the platform and Paul Sabia and Butch Mahler spent virtually an entire Saturday redoing depth soundings. Paul, in his usual methodical fashion, has taken the time to diagram the findings and does have a chart reflecting the various depths surrounding the platform. We hope to have that chart reduced in size and reproduced for anyone who is interested in having a copy. The chart which Paul has prepared is, I am sure, available for anyone to review.

Inasmuch as, however, a question of safety was raised, we reviewed the entire issue at the August Trustees Meeting and, I might note, considered most of the questions raised by members who had expressed interest in the decision to reinstall the board. I should point out that the August Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 A.M. and the subject which consumed most of the time was the issue of the high diving board. A second vote was taken and the earlier decision was not reversed.

From a factual point let me note that our research has not yet disclosed any legal or administrative regulation with respect to water depth. Our research has disclosed recommendations as to water depths by various sources, including recommendations used by Federal facilities, YMCAs, and intercollegiate associations. It should come as no surprise that there are differences of opinions with respect to those recommended levels. It should also be noted that most of the recommendations that we have seen deal with pools with hard surface bottoms rather than with the situation with which we are confronted. Based upon a review of the sources considered and our own experiences, including our own common sense feelings respecting safety and relative danger, we concluded that we were not only in substantial conformity with the various recommendations, but in most instances exceeded those recommended levels. We also considered that the level of the lake varies from time to time and that the bottom surface is one of mud and not concrete.

On the issue of dredging, we have little or no experience. Our historians tell us that the high board has been in place for several years and that no one has documented any significant changes in the bottom level. There is, we believe, likely to be some shoaling effect in the area which has been dredged and only recorded experience will provide some input in that respect. Therefore, it was recommended that on some fairly regular basis we confirm the water depth in the area of the boards.

Having considered in depth the issues and questions posed, we decided that the basic issue respecting the installation of the high board was one of control and further believe that that issue was capable of supervision.

Thereafter, each of us on the Board received a great deal of comment from many of our members. I must confess that there seemed to be as much in favor as against the decision to install the board. The interest expressed was refreshing. A petition was circulated requesting that the decision be deferred until the Annual Meeting and, indeed, there was a request to hold a special membership meeting. Prior to that request, however, it was brought to our attention that the handrails surrounding the upper level of the platform ought to be replaced. It was further suggested that we consider altering the direction of the upper board. Because those two items require the expenditure of monies which we did not have and because we were concerned about duplicating expenses, we decided to defer the installation until the appropriate repairs could be made. At a subsequent special meeting of the Board, the Board decided to review the entire decision with the membership at the annual meeting. You are all, therefore, cordially invited to express your opinions and ask any questions at the November meeting.

The next subject I would like to touch upon is the subject of wildlife. Apparently, the local water fowl population has found our facility as attractive as the rest of us find it. I have been asked to attempt to discourage anyone from feeding the ducks and geese in order that they may not become further attracted to the area. Their presence has not yet created any inordinate problems, but there is the very real potential for increasing the fecal coliform count to beyond tolerable levels. If there are any among you who know of any methods of ridding the area of this wildlife or who would volunteer to serve on a committee to investigate methods of reducing this potential hazard, please volunteer by calling and leaving your name and phone number with Barbara Lentz.

I might point out that we all owe Betty Price a note of thanks for having tested and checked our water at the lake at regular intervals throughout the summer.

Everyone, I expect, is aware that the Regatta is scheduled for this coming weekend. We do need volunteers to assist in making this event successful. If you wish to cook, collect tickets, clean, or do any of the chores required, please contact us promptly.

There has been considerable notoriety recently regarding the lowering of the lake this year. I have endeavored to communicate with the DEP in an effort to determine their plans and after spending two days on the telephone, finally reached someone who appeared to know what the plans were. The facts which I determined last week have, according to recent newspaper reports, been superseded. In any event, the most recent rumor is that the lake is to be lowered at the rate of two inches per day starting September 13th until such time as it has been lowered a total of five feet. Boat owners should, therefore, exercise care in their plans to remove their boats.

By way of request to boat owners seeking to use their boats during the Regatta, we would ask that they be removed from the docks before the start of the events of the weekend. Access to the docks during the racing events will again be prohibited. The insurance company insuring the event is insistent upon the execution of a release by all those persons involved in the race with access to the pits before the issuance of pit passes.

I would also, by way of request, ask those boat owners who have rented slips on the north side of "C" Dock to consider moving their boats to another open slip during the course of the racing event. That would serve two purposes: one, there would be less likelihood of damage to the boats while the race boats are being launched and retrieved; and two, it would provide an area in which the race boats may be moored between races. Should you wish to move your boat over the weekend, please contact either Doug Hartmann or myself, to arrange for a temporary, alternate slip.

By now most of you have noticed that the floating docks which supported the swim curtain and the raft have been removed to the canal. Please ask all of your family to refrain from walking on the docks while they are tied in the canal in order to reduce the possibility of damage to the brass clips secured to the docks on which the curtain is hung.

We look forward to seeing you over the weekend.

Manny Fanarjian

READY REFERENCE

Trustees

Commodore	Manny Fanarjian	3333
Secretary	Ray Reinlagen	1722
Treasurer	Ken Leach	4392
	Mary Rainey	0469
	Butch Mahler	3540
	Paul Sabia	1014
	Ed Ross	0941

Porthole People

Marlene	4649
Penny	4178
Barbara	1051

Chairman and Numbers

House	Barbara Leach	4392
Social/Special Events	George Mills	4516
Nominating	Doug Hartman	3087
Security	Jim Leach	-
Galley	Priscilla Moran	0791
Teenage/Youth	Vince Hermanns	0712
Nursery	Sara Sinclair	1346
Safety/Beach	Sharon Broughton	1445
Block Captains	John LeRose	0204
Grounds/Maintenance	Bob Trafford	3707
Regatta	Ed Ross	0941
	Pete Garland	1661
Docks	Doug Hartman	3087
Budget/Fiscal	Ken Leach	4392
	Manny Fanarjian	3333
	Butch Mahler	3540
By Laws/Rules	Bernie Rainey	0469
	Ray Reinlagen	1722
Sports	-	-
Publicity.Newsletter	Marlene Genaud	4649
Sunshine	Joyce Fernandez	0173
Planning Committee	Jack Liker	1554
Membership/Welcoming	Vince Hermanns	0712
Clubhouse Redecoration	Frank Sullivan	0660
Grounds Beautification	Penny Mariano	4178
Sailing	Bob Fortsch	1311

Babysitters

Tricia Hermanns-12	Ripplewood	0712	Cindy Buda-14	Harbor Dr.	0101
Kristine Hermanns-15	Ripplewood	0712	Marcia Morgan-14	Woodlawn	0579
Christine Lynch-14	Yacht Club	1324	Darian Schiff-13	Ripplewood	3327
Kerry Lynch-13	Yacht Club	1324	Sue Sweeney-15	Woodlawn	0295
Kate Lynch-12	Yacht Club	1324	Wendy Wunder-14	Ripplewood	1685
Danielle Fanarjian-16	Crescent	3333	John Wunder-12	Ripplewood	1685
Nicole Fanarjian-14	Crescent	3333	Missy Moran-14	Venetian	0791
Geralyn Sullivan-13	Yacht Club	0660	Janine Essig-13	Yacht Club	2218
			Elaine Nasiuta-14	Harbor Dr.	0747

REGATTA NOTES

LFYC Members please be reminded

1. Boats in the LFYC docks may not be used for spectator seating during the races
2. Boats docked at LFYC must be out of the docks by 10 A.M. Saturday & Sunday
3. Boats docked at LFYC may come back in to the docks only after the finish of the final race each day

People working the stands - see Kal for chits.

CANOE RACK USERS

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SAILBOATS, CANOES, ETC. HAVE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CANOE RACK BY THURSDAY, SEPT. 16 TO ACCOMODATE REGATTA EQUIPMENT.

Canoes and other craft may not be stored on the racks during the winter so please take this opportunity to make space for this seasonal storage at home.

A nominal fee of \$10.00/season will be charged for canoe rack use in 1983.

TIDBITS

The event you have all been waiting for! A COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - OCT. 16, 10-4P.M. Sponsored by the Lake Forest Nursery School, tables will be rented to members only for \$10.00. Table sites may be reserved with full payment prior to Oct. 12. The sale will be well advertised and open to the general public. In addition a SKI and SKATE SWAP will be run. Bring down your outgrown ice and roller skates and ski equipment with the price you would like to sell them for, your name and telephone number taped to the side and pairs firmly attached together. Nursery school mothers and fathers will try to sell your equipment. If your ski equipment or skates sell Nursery School will keep 10% as commission, while you receive the remaining 90%. If your items don't sell--there's always next year!

Questions? Table Reservations
Call Nancy -0641 or Penny 4178

Winners ribbons from the 1982 LFYC Family Picnic may be picked up at the office during regular hours.

NEW MEMBERS

Ron and Diana Bailey of 103 Venetian Drive welcome to the Lake Forest Yacht Club.

NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Leondi purchased Hoekman's house at 6 Crescent Drive.

Mr. & Mrs. August Wistner have moved into Pinneo's former home at 20 Harbor Drive.

WANT - ADS

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Available - licensed speech therapist for private speech therapy.
Call Donna Kelley -3427 after 4:30 PM

For Sale - SONY reel-to-reel tape recorder, \$25.00 or best offer.
Call Gary or Sharon -1445

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