



## The Longbranch Improvement Club (the “LIC”) Nuts ‘n’ Bolts

This sheet sets out a few facts and tidbits of information you’ll want to know about the LIC and The Longbranch Foundation (“TLF”). The LIC marks its 100<sup>th</sup> year of legal existence in 2021 – for more detailed information beyond what’s set out here, visit [www.licweb.org](http://www.licweb.org). The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) was formed in 2016 and is the 501(c)3 charitable organization affiliated with the LIC. For more information, visit [www.longbranchfoundation.org](http://www.longbranchfoundation.org)

The clubhouse building (on the U. S. and Pierce County registers of historic places) and property, located at 4312 Key Peninsula Highway SW (across from the Longbranch Fire Station), is owned, managed and maintained by the LIC. It has had a number of upgrades over the past several years with grant assistance from The Longbranch Foundation and Pierce County.

The Longbranch Marina, located at 5213 Key Peninsula Highway SW, is also owned, managed and maintained by the LIC. In 2019, it received a major environmental and public safety upgrades with grant assistance from The Longbranch Foundation and the State of Washington.

The LIC and TLF both use the mailing address: PO Box 111, Lakebay WA 98349

**General membership meetings:** Held at the LIC clubhouse on the third Wednesday of each month. In odd numbered months, the dessert /appetizer potluck meetings start at 6:30 pm. In even numbered months, dinner potluck meetings start at 6:30 pm. LIC meetings are open to the public, and you’re encouraged to invite neighbors, especially for interesting programs, usually in odd months.

**Board of trustee meetings:** Held monthly at the LIC clubhouse on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.

**LIC Newsletter** is published during the last week of each month. It will be emailed to you (regular mail by request). The editor is always looking for interesting contributions.

**Online,** visit [www.licweb.org](http://www.licweb.org) To access the Member section, use the password LIC111. Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LongbranchImprovementClub](https://www.facebook.com/LongbranchImprovementClub).

**Longbranch Marina** provides permanent and temporary moorage for LIC Members plus guest moorage for visiting boaters from around Puget Sound and beyond It is an important and popular asset to the boating community and our community as it is open to the public. The Marina provides significant income to support the club and its activities. Please contact the Dockmaster for moorage information at (253) 202-2056 or [dockmaster@licweb.org](mailto:dockmaster@licweb.org)

**Privileges of membership:** Members in good standing receive substantial discounts on permanent and temporary moorage and rental of the building and grounds, with complimentary use of the building for member’s memorial services. For more details, contact the rental agent at (253) 200-0308 or [licclubhouserentals@gmail.com](mailto:licclubhouserentals@gmail.com).

**Meeting attendance:** In order to maintain “membership in good standing,” you’ll need to attend at least three meetings a year. Be sure to sign in at the meetings so we can track your participation. The meeting sign-in sheet shows recorded hours and meetings to date, making it easy to see where you are.

## **HOW TO VOLUNTEER (It's really easy)**

**Volunteer service:** The LIC and TLF are non-profit volunteer-run organizations. Everything we do depends on volunteers. In addition to a requirement to attend at least three membership meetings annually, "Membership in good standing" status requires fifteen hours of volunteer time each year, and you will be presented with many opportunities to help.

If you noted a special area of interest, ability or expertise on your membership application, you may be contacted by a chairperson for a task, project or event. Volunteering gives more than a feeling of satisfaction, it's a great way to meet other members and know that you are helping improve your community.

There are many ways to earn your good standing status by volunteering service time. Be sure to log in and out at the event and double-check your accumulated balance when you sign in at regular monthly meetings.

Here's a partial list of activities that qualify:

LIC Events (see the website for a complete listing with times and dates)

- Memorial Day, Labor Day dances
- Opening Day Marina Breakfast
- Super Sale (bi-annual, even years)
- TLF Gala & Auction (bi-annual, odd years)
- Member's BBQ
- Halloween "Trunk – or – Treat"
- Fiber Arts as part of the KP Farm Tour
- Holiday decorating and Kids n Christmas

Ongoing maintenance and service

- Volunteer for education initiatives, student programs or higher education support
- Clubhouse – always in need of electrical, carpentry and plumbing talents
- Landscaping – flower beds, nature trail, mowing and weeding
- Marina – a wooden structure floating in saltwater always needs work
- Cleaning, hauling, digging, trimming,
- Food and bar service experience always in need

Office help, meetings and leadership

- Filing, bookkeeping, paperwork and data entry
- Publicity - liaison with local press, posters, writing articles
- Committee membership, events and program leadership

As mentioned above, the LIC and TLF are volunteer-run organizations. That means you are a critical part of ensuring successful events, programs and operations. It all depends on member volunteers. Be the first.